



# Onkwe'ta:ke

## For the People

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## A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Hosts Montreal Canadiens' Alumni Hockey Game

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Tehotiennawakon Department, Economic Development and A'nowara'ko:wa Arena have created a great partnership in hosting a game between the Montreal Canadiens' Alumni and the Akwesasne Selects hockey team before a full house on Friday, January 17, 2014. One of the all-time NHL greats Guy Lafleur coached the Habs team, which included Akwesasne's own Scott "Butter" Thompson of Butter's Quickstop, who purchased a "Thrill of a Lifetime" that enabled him to skate as part of the alumni team among hockey greats Steve Shutt, Guy Carbonneau, Pierre Dagenais and fan favorite Gilbert Delorme. Community member Charlotte McDonald was the trainer for the Habs.

Before the game the Akwesasne Tyke Wolves team was honored with a banner for their "Little NHL" title that they won last year in Mississauga, Ontario. The ceremonial puck drop was done by Chief Brian David and Habs-fan Chief Steve Thomas, with fifteen-year-old Kahnawake Native Kwahara:ni Jacobs singing the Canadian National anthem in both English and Mohawk. Dennis Chaussi did an exceptional job introducing the players and announcing the game.

The Akwesasne Novice Wolves youth hockey team were given opportunity to display their hockey skills as "Enforcers" in the last five minutes of the 2nd period.



MCA District Chief Brian David (center) did the ceremonial puck drop between Montreal Canadiens' Alumni Pierre Dagenais and Akwesasne Select Randy Conners, with District Chief Steve Thomas and an Akwesasne Junior "B" Wolves referee Stevie Ray Adams looking on. Dagenais formally played at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena in 2010 for the Akwesasne Warriors of the Federal Hockey League.

David Delorme had the spectators laughing as he fought with several Wolves players. Habs Jocelyn Lemieux grabbed Akwesasne skater Bleyton Hopps Thompson by the jersey and pulled him into their

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# Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

*It is my honor to extend greetings to you for this edition of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter Onkwe'ta:ke (For the People). Inside this issue you will find updates on community programs and several Council initiatives, such as our ongoing substance abuse strategy and efforts to address the border crossing needs of our people.*

*As the Public Safety Major Portfolio Holder, I have been working to voice our community's concerns with federal legislation that adversely impacts us. In the December 2013 edition of Onkwe'ta:ke, we reported on a presentation that Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David and myself gave to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights on Bill C-10, also known as the "Contraband Tobacco Act." This is a bill that imposes mandatory minimum sentences for transporting contraband tobacco. We noted in our presentation that harsher sentences is not the answer and urged that federal officials work with our alternative sentencing program Kanikonri:io, which was reiterated in a separate meeting with NDP Ministers of Parliament.*

*I am also the Tehontienawakon co-Major Portfolio Holder; which oversees Economic Development, Emergency Measures and Environment. It has been a very busy department since it was created in 2011 to be an Integrated Resource Management Department. As a result, Tehotienawakon (meaning "Working together") has been successful in pursuing economic development initiatives, responding to community emergencies and safeguarding our environment for the coming generations.*

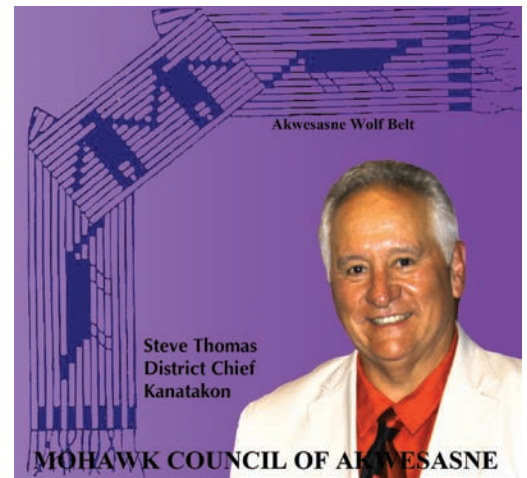
*Some recent economic initiatives that are empowering our community is ensuring that there is a Mohawk component in the MOU with the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited for construction of the new low-level bridge. This has resulted in employment and contracting opportunities for Akwesasne, which is the same approach we are taking in securing the contract for the demolition of the high-level bridge.*

*We have also been having discussions with Peace Hills Trust, which is a First Nations-owned bank that has expressed interest in opening a branch location in Akwesasne. They met with MCA in the fall and reached a tentative agreement to consider utilizing the bank's lending services while Peace Hills takes the necessary steps to open a bank in Tsi Snaihne.*

*Inside this issue, you will read about the Montreal Canadiens' Alumni Hockey Game versus our local players at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. It was a successful event that attracted a full house to help raise money for our minor hockey program and the arena. There is discussion about hosting another fundraiser event this summer that will showcase mixed martial arts, as well as the possibility of hosting a hockey game again next year—maybe with the Boston Bruins.*

*In closing, every community member is important, so please exercise caution around dangerous ice conditions and enjoy the coming warm months. ❖*

Chief Steve Thomas



# Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

## EDUCATION

On December 4, 2013 the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) held its annual science fair at AMS. Congratulations are wished to the winning students of this year's fair for a job well done. It is unfortunate that our winning students will not be attending the annual National Science Fair which was hosted by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) in the past. We recently learned that this national event has been cancelled indefinitely due to funding restraints. The Akwesasne Science Fair Committee is now considering other options for a trip for the winners of the science fair.

On December 10, 2013 Dr. Rose-Alma J. "Dolly" McDonald presented the preliminary findings of a recent study, along with Dr. Ian Pike and Dr. Alison Macpherson from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) team for children and youth injury prevention. The subject of the study was the rate of reported injuries over the past two years at the three schools overseen by the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education. The opportunity to have this study completed resulted from a community tour and a meeting that took place in January of 2013 with these three doctors present. They expressed interest in working with Akwesasne to conduct such a study. Since that meeting I have been working with Dr. McDonald to finalize the research protocol which was required in order for the study to take place.

The initial analysis of the data collected indicates that a very small number of reported injuries during the two year period actually required medical attention (3 injuries out of 598). Some of the other data that was highlighted in the study includes the following:

Injury considered unintentional:	81.53%
Injury caused by aggressive behavior:	12.6%
Injury that occurred in the gym:	19.7%
Injury that occurred during recess:	31.4%
Injury not involving another student:	89.5%

As part of the data collection and analysis process, a new database was created and the information collected during the two year period was entered

into the database which resulted in the initial analysis. The creation of this database will enable information from any new injury reports to be entered into it on an ongoing basis which will allow analysis to be easily generated in the future.

The next phase will be to develop strategies and or programs in order to prevent further injuries in our schools. The strategies to prevent further injuries may require development and/or revisions of policies and procedures. The results of this important study will be used to support a proposal that will eventually be submitted to apply for funding of a three to five year study.

## EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hired BizXcel as a consultant to conduct an Employee Climate Survey throughout the summer months. Throughout this period the survey was completed by 514 employees, which is an astounding number. The results of the survey have since been compiled and senior management and Chiefs met with the consultant on December 13, 2013 to review the results and discuss how the results will best be communicated to the organization. Common issues within the survey results were discussed and future planning sessions will be scheduled in order to develop a plan to address the concerns raised through the survey results.

## ONTARIO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION

On December 18, 2013 I attended the signing ceremony between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). The voluntary recognition agreement will allow OPSEU to represent the sixty-five (65) employees at Tsiionkwanonhso:te. Earlier this year, the employees at Tsiionkwanonhso:te decided to hold a vote which resulted in eighty-five percent (85%) of those employees voting in favor of being represented by OPSEU. This newly formed union is now one of three unions currently operating under the jurisdiction of the MCA. In June of 2009 the MCA signed a collective agreement with the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), which continues to represent the teaching staff of AMBE. ❖



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bench, with the crowd enjoying it immensely.

Scott Thompson had a goal for the Canadiens. Pierre Dagenais wowed the audience with several nice plays throughout the entire game. Habs funnyman Delorme brought a humorous element to the night, play fighting with any Selects player that he came in contact with. Chubby Delormier made several spectacular saves for Akwesasne, who lost the contest 8-5, in a fun and action packed game.

After the game, there was a "Meet and Greet" at the Kawehno:ke Community Center where fans were able to meet the Montreal Canadien Alumni team and the Akwesasne Selects team for signing autographs on their memorabilia and to take photos.

Spectators were overheard expressing how much of an amazing time they were having and how they could not wait for the next Alumni game, which could feature the Boston Bruins Alumni team.

The event benefited Akwesasne Minor Hockey, the Akwesasne Wolves hockey team and the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. MCA would like to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success. A big thank you goes out to the staff at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, Akwesasne Minor Hockey, the Akwesasne Wolves, CKON, Kelsey's, Rack Em Up, Uniglass, and everyone who lent a hand. ❖



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*Canadiens' Alumni Gilbert Delorme taunts the crowd after scoring against Akwesasne Novice Wolves goalie Louie Diabo.*



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*Akwesasne Selects Craig Cree passes the puck to #16 Dan "Sokwen" Bero, as Larry King skates to get in scoring position.*





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Scott "Butter" Thompson (top left) watches as Jocelyn Lemieux pulls two Akwesasne Novice Wolves players over the boards.

Akwesasne Selects Owen Swamp and Ace Loran play defense on Montreal Canadiens' Alumni Jocelyn Lemieux.



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Akwesasne Selects Coach Bobby Delormier shares a laugh with Canadiens-great Guy Lafluer, as Nathan Sunday looks on.

(left) Akwesasne Selects Coaches Bobby Delormier, Head Coach Tyler Sunday, Chief William Sunday and Gaylord "Mac" Thomas.





# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 2014

## **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 7, 2014**

2013/2014 - #284 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated August 20, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #285 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated August 27, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #286 - MCA Organizational Review Project Advisory Committee

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #287 - Lot 4A Right of Way Request

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

2013/2014 - #288 - PAT Recommendation Regarding Property

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 3 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #289 - PAT Recommendation Regarding Property

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

2013/2014 - #290 - PAT Recommendation Regarding Property

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

2013/2014 - #291 - Housing – Upgrade Program Application

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

2013/2014 - #292 - The Whole of Lot 126 B & 127 St. Regis Village

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

2013/2014 - #293 - Permit – Portion of Drummond Island

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

2013/2014 - #294 - Reappointment For Five Year Term For Akwesasne Mohawk Court Justices

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

2013/2014 - #295 - The Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Strategy 2013 - 2014

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

2013/2014 - #296 - Approval of Akwesasne Tobacco Governance Study Part 2

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

## **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 16, 2014**

2013/2014 - #296A - Revision to Law Enactment Regulation

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #297 – Akwesasne Tekaiat'orehtha:ke Kaianerenhsara – Presentation to Council

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #298 – Tsi Snaihne 13,500 Square Foot Administration Building

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #299 – AANDC Enhanced Women's Shelter Funding 2013 - 2014

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #300 – Approval of Audit of CMHC

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #301 – Approval of Draft Audit of Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #302 – Approval of 2012/2013 Audits of Tsikaristisere (Dundee) and The Easterbrook Specific Claims

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #303 – Approval of 2012/2013 Audit of Financial Statements

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

## **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 21, 2014**

2013/2014 - #304 – Housing Upgrade Application

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #305 – Relinquishment of Lease – Lot 9 St. Francis Island

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*

2013/2014 - #306 – Property Offer to Purchase Amendment

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

## **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 28, 2014**

2013/2014 - #307 – To Approve Schedule of Revenue & Expenses For The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Health Access Nurse Practitioner Program

*Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED*



# Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

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

## **TSIOTHOHRHA/DECEMBER 2, 2013**

### **Kana:takon Chief Larry King**

- Attended Housing Portfolio meeting.
- Attended NYS land claim meetings, preparing for community consultation.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday**

- Attended Executive Committee meeting. Discussed Respect in the Workplace Policy and other policies regarding Quebec doctors and professional service providers.
- Attended PAT Team meeting.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran**

- Attended Leadership meeting
- Attended meeting with new port director at Customs. Discussed protocol for funeral processions.
- Had conference call with the Trilateral First Nations Senior Official Committee. Discussed evaluations, reporting, and usefulness of committee.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore**

- Attended Conservation Task Group meeting. In the process of preparing draft.
- Attended Leadership meeting. We have to consult the people on the land claims.
- Attended meeting with new port director. Brought up issue of bringing our medicines across the border.
- Assisted community members having Social Assistance issues. We need more community education on the policies that are in place.

### **Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson**

- Worked on a personal social assistance issue with Chief Joe Lazore.
- Attended Leadership meeting on land claims. Also attended meetings with Mohawk Nation on the same issues.
- There was a report released by Corrections Services Canada. It has a lot of recommendations

concerning Native people. Hopefully there will be a push for the recommendations to be implemented.

- Attended water legislation meeting. Reviewed by-law and considered how or when we will implement this law.

### **Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas**

- Attended Leadership meeting with SRMT, MNCC to discuss NYS Land Claim offer from the Governor's office, Three Nations Bridge opening, Border ID cards
- Attended meeting with new Port Director at US Customs. Discussed community events, funerals, traditional ceremonies and objects. They are willing to have someone from the Longhouse come in and explain the significance of the items discussed, so they can be better prepared to handle these situations as they arise.
- Attended emergency special meeting, to discuss the land claim referendum and pass an MCR to engage the process.

## **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 7, 2014**

### **Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips**

- Attended Housing Portfolio meeting. Discussed Landlord/Tenant Law, Land Allotment Policy and Zoning
- Attended Health Portfolio meeting. Discussed director's presentation of health's involvement in Council's strategic plan.
- Attended Finance meeting. Discussed employees on paid committees and that they can't attend committee meetings during paid work hours. Discussed winter carnival donation which is \$5,000.
- Attended DTS Portfolio meeting. Went over their sections of Council's strategic plan.

### **Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs**

- Attended AMBE meeting
- Attended Finance meeting

- Dealt with issues with the fuel allotment and clients on Social Assistance. They are not allowed to receive both, as Social Assistance already includes a fuel allotment.
- January 7th - AMS was closed due to the amount of ice on the roof and the drainage being blocked which caused the ceiling to leak. DTS dealt with the situation.

#### **Kana:takon Chief Larry King**

- Attended meeting with contracted individual to review Dundee land purchases and land assembly. There is a \$30,000 grant we received for this.
- CBSA sign update. I've had to frequent the sign for various issues. There's been vandalism, and the sign doesn't handle the weather well. Snow drains the battery. There was also a glitch in the transferring of information to the sign and that's been fixed.

#### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore**

- Deer reduction program on Hill Island didn't go as well as hoped, so they are going to try another in January.
- Conservation Law draft is almost finalized.
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Restoration Program – they are looking to hire 4 masters, 16 apprentices, plus a language specialist.
- Dealt with a few emergency Social Services issues over the holidays.

#### **Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday**

- Attended meeting with the Mayor of Cornwall and his council members. They were seeking support to stop the construction of storage tanks on the North Shore.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting. Discussed deficit.

#### **Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas**

- Spoke to Cornwall mayor before Christmas to provide him with information.
- In contact with Crane companies for follow up meeting.
- Attended Tobacco Technical Table meeting.

#### **Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson**

- Emergency shelters – need to provide community members with information on what their actions should be if there is extreme

cold or a power outage.

- Fuel tax settlement – We are in the appeal process period. People who received refusal letters are asking why they have to provide further documentation. Some didn't provide a proof of residency, and if they didn't respond to Collectiva's requests then they were sent a refusal letter. Now that they have been denied, they still have 60 days from the date of the letter to appeal, and to provide the missing information.
- A Customs agent said the new bridge would be opening in two weeks.
- I haven't received any update regarding the pharmacy but I have received questions about whether or not it's staying open.
- There is a Residential School Settlement Surplus and I'm looking into it because it there could be a second application process for survivors.

#### **Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell**

- Emergency Measures – During Kawehno:ke power outage we were about to declare a state of emergency when the power went back on. We will look into the procedures and look at improving them.
- Attended National Chiefs meeting. A resolution was passed rejecting the First Nations Education Act. It was not simply a rejection, but everyone stood up and unanimously rejected it.
- Discussions with CBSA – they have received letter from the tribe asking to put concerns back on the table. We sent a letter to Prime Minister Harper stating similar concerns.
- Attended meeting with Nation at US Customs. Nation was making a declaration that they are connected to other communities and do not recognize the border. I anticipate further discussion.
- There is a broadband line close to the former Port of Entry on Kawehno:ke. The canopy is also available. Public Works (who owns the building) has been cooperating with discussions and now that we are clear that the health concerns regarding the building are not as severe as originally relayed to MCA by FBCL, the door is open if we want to pursue using the building for a Native alternative



reporting area. We do agree that the building should come down in the next couple of years, so whatever we do will be in the form of a pilot project.

#### **TSIOTHORHKO:WA/JANUARY 16, 2014**

##### **Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips**

- Attended Department of Technical Services Portfolio meeting to discuss the Snye Waterline Project's financing and capping remaining wells.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting on January 9th.
- Attended Space Needs meeting. Need to look at alternative funding sources for new administration building.
- Attended Alternative Reporting Mechanism meeting with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Public Safety and Canada Border Services Agency.
- Attended Housing Authority meeting. There are some late mortgage/house payments that are attributed to holidays. Looking at updating housing policies.

##### **Kana:takon Chief Larry King**

- Attended Government Secretariat Portfolio meeting.
- Attended Housing Authority meeting. Commended Acting-Director for Housing on her performance.
- Attended Alternative Reporting Mechanism meeting with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Public Safety and Canada Border Services Agency. Follow-up meeting planned for January 27th.
- Had conference call with Harry Sachse, MCA lawyer for New York State Land Claim. Commended Council for holding informational sessions to ensure transparency and accountability is provided to the community.
- Will attend January 17th meeting in Ottawa with Transport Canada to discuss land issues for the chemical storage tanks on Cornwall Waterfront.

##### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore**

- Attended Finance Committee meeting.
- Attended Space Needs meeting. There are lingering questions about the organization's

deficit and putting non-funded programs in new administration building being considered. Need to develop lobbying strategy to secure financing.

- Akwesasne-Quebec Political Protocol Agreement: Proposed establishing a task group to work on the proposed bridge between Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne.
- Attended Emergency Measures meeting. Akwesasne Ambulance Unit is not satisfied with being treated differently at the Cornwall Port-of-Entry. They prefer same treatment as Cornwall Ambulance to travel directly through POE, not do 3-point turn.

##### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Bill Sunday**

- Attended Finance Committee meeting. There was a mention of trying to recover some of the expenditures from the Casino Rama Funds.
- Attended Emergency Measures meeting.
- Attended meeting with officials from different departments to deal with a variety of issues, such as CBSA and alternative reporting.

##### **Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas**

- Attended Tehotiiennawakon Monthly Portfolio meeting.
- Business Lunch with Entrepreneur
- Attended Tobacco Working Task Group meeting on development of resolution that will be submitted for Council's consideration.
- Financial Administration Law Working Task group held its initial meeting on January 13th.
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission issued an advisory about the dangers of thin ice. There is concern about non-Natives not stopping fully at the crossroads on Kawehno:ke. Compromising the safety of our community members. Need to look at alternative signage for international corridor.
- Attended Pre- Planning meeting for the Federal Departments.
- Attended Alternative Reporting Mechanism meeting with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Public Safety and Canada Border Services Agency.
- News: Alcoa has announced the closure of the Alcoa East (Reynolds) plant in two years
- Public Safety Portfolio meeting moved to January 20th.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran**

- Attended Tehotiiennawakon Portfolio meeting. Heard updates from Environment and Economic Development.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting. Heard updates on audit review, local suppliers, arena, business budget plans, 5-year financial plans, and Finance Administrative Law.
- Attended meeting with ARRO on cultural sensitivity training.
- Attended Health meeting. Heard updates regarding pharmacy and Non-Insured Health Benefits.

### **Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs**

- January 8th - attended AMBE meeting. A teacher from Tsisniahne school came in to ask for the Boards assistance with judging the science on the wall projects on Jan 29.
- January 9th - attended Finance meeting. We received an audit update, discussed Local suppliers and P.O.'s, Insurance coverage, and the request for an interact machine at the arena.
- Jan 13 to 15 - attended the IFN Aboriginal Child and Youth Strategy Session in Toronto with Chief Abram Benedict, Robyn, Mitchell, Rae Seymour and Philip White Cree.

### **TSIOTHOHRHKO:WA/JANUARY 21, 2014**

#### **Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson**

- Out sick previous week

### **Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas**

- Attended Strategic Planning review meeting with MCA Directors. Heard Health and Education presentations.
- Attended the Canadiens Alumni game at the A'nowara'ko:wa arena as part of the Steering Committee and to welcome the Alumni on behalf of the Grand Chief. It was a fundraiser for Akwesasne Minor Sports, hockey and lacrosse. It was very successful. There were 1400+ in attendance. They put a good game on, entertained the crowd. They played the little guys during 2nd period, which was hilarious. Our guys did extremely well, it was tied 5-5 going into the third period. (Canadiens won 7-5). We're talking about trying to get the Boston Bruins alumni.

- Attended Public Safety Portfolio meeting. Emergency Measures, Conservation, AMA, AMPS, CBSA Community Advocate all attended.
- Attended AQPPA meeting with Quebec Liaison Vicky Irving, to discuss the format for the agreement and how in depth with the agreement's language.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday**

- Also attended Montreal Canadiens' Alumni game at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. It was an enjoyable night for our community members and the kids who had the opportunity to play hockey with the Canadiens.

### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore**

- Attended Strategic Planning meeting. The concern I heard is the need for Council to lobby for funding. We need to strategize our efforts. We have to do this if we want new buildings, upgrades, etc.
- Parks Canada had their last deer hunt. They want to continue working with us, and help teach how to manage deer populations. We are hoping to have someone trained to be our own safety officer and the PAL Cards can be issued here.

### **Kana:takon Chief Larry King**

- Attended Membership Board meeting. We had good dialogue and identified issues to be addressed.
- Played in the Montreal Canadiens Alumni game. Exceeded the turnout expectations. We had lots of good stories after.
- Went forward with our Access to Information request regarding the lease between Transport Canada and Trillium Distribution for lands at the port of Cornwall that are within our North Shore Claim. Also went forward with our Judicial Review. Transport Canada failed their constitutional duty to consult by leasing the land. The Judicial Review will seek to have an order issued for work to be halted at the site until the review is complete, and it is also seeking a declaration that the lease for the land is invalid.

### **Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips**

- Attended Political Protocol review meeting.



- Attended Strategic Planning update meeting.
- Attended Health Portfolio meeting. Discussed Nightengale Program.
- Attended Organizational Review and Risk Liability Management meeting. Discussed scoring/evaluation for consultant proposals. We will be meeting again in a few weeks on this.
- Attended Membership Board meeting with Council. An 'AKW' Card for identification would be helpful.

#### **Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran**

- Attended SHE Conference in Toronto. Heard updates on Social, Health, and Education.
- Attended VAAW (Violence Against Aboriginal Women) pre-meeting with the aboriginal caucus and meeting with the ministries. Discussed government endorsement of VAAW. They are working towards a two-year commitment.
- Attended Strategic Plan update meeting. Heard updates from Health, Education, Social, Justice and DTS
- Attended Public Safety Portfolio meeting. Heard updates from Emergency Measures, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance, Akwesasne Mohawk Police and MCA Community Advocate.

#### **Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs**

- Jan 16-24 – away from the office( daughter had knee surgery) and used sick and flex time

#### **Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell**

- There is a new Regional Director General for the region. She sets the priority for her Ontario region. I will be meeting with her to discuss MCA budget cuts, as well as acquainting her with our border issues.
- Attended meeting with Membership Board. Had introductions, identified areas to be discussed further.
- I'll be attending a multi-jurisdictional meeting that touches on the responsibilities of Quebec, Ontario and Canada in terms of jurisdiction and our taking over of certain programs that we want to run under our authority.



## **Settlement Reached in Huronia Action Lawsuit**

### **—From Ministry of the Attorney General**

A court-approved settlement agreement was announced by the Ministry of the Attorney General that will give former residents of the Huronia Regional Centre who suffered harm while living at the facility access to compensation.

The \$35 million agreement was approved in Superior Court as the result of a class action lawsuit brought against Ontario by former residents of the Huronia Regional Centre in Orillia. Class members can apply for compensation through an independent claims administrator.

If money is left over after class members have been compensated and legal fees have been paid,

Ontario will invest up to \$5 million in programs to help people with developmental disabilities.

The settlement will provide compensation to those people who were residents of Huronia between 1945-2009 and suffered harm. Huronia provided supports, services and residential care to people with developmental disabilities until it closed in 2009.



*Former residents of Huronia can receive a copy of their personal resident files at no charge by calling 1-855-376-9886 or by visiting the Ministry of Community and Social Services website.*

# Akwesasne Border Crossing Update

## *MCA Will Move Forward with Alternative Reporting Strategy*

On January 14, 2014, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and representatives of the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs met with federal officials from the Canada Border Services Agency, Public Safety, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The gathering follows a series of meetings held during the past year aimed at addressing the frustration of Akwesasne residents due to the CBSA's reporting requirement. It provided an update on previous efforts and challenges that remain for the development of an alternative reporting mechanism, which the MCA has been attempting to do in cooperation with the CBSA.

"Our message was unanimous to the Government of Canada," said MCA Grand Chief. "Those Akwesasne leaders that attended all expressed concern about how upset community members have become from having to report in Cornwall. Our people have endured this unreasonable measure long enough and, as leaders, we must do what is best for our community."

When the CBSA voluntarily and unexpectedly abandoned their customs facility on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) minutes before midnight on May 31, 2009; they created confusion and frustration when they opened a temporary Port-of-Entry 42-days later at the foot of the north span for the Three Nations Bridge Crossing. Without consulting the Akwesasne community prior to moving outside of community, the border agency relocated its operation and imposed a requirement to directly report at their POE now located in Cornwall. Failure to report has resulted in nearly 300 vehicle seizures and fines imposed on the owner—resulting in nearly \$300,000 being paid by the MCA to assist Akwesasne residents in getting their cars released by the CBSA.

In the days that immediately followed the CBSA relocation in 2009, Akwesasne leaders met with senior-level CBSA officials to voice the concerns of community members. However, CBSA was unwilling to discuss the relocation of the Customs and walked out of negotiations. In the years that followed, Akwesasne leadership made attempts to resume talks with the CBSA.

Below is a short summary of the most significant meetings that took place this past year in regard to alternative reporting:

(Please note this list is only a summary and does not reflect numerous other meetings and correspondences with CBSA and bridge officials on alternative reporting and other issues.)

**January 10, 2013:** Council meets with new-CBSA Regional Director General Arianne Reza to discuss Duty to Consult and Duty to Accommodate the Akwesasne community due to the relocation of the CBSA to the City of Cornwall; as well border wait signage, amnesty for vehicle seizures, re-implementing the P4 lane for Akwesasne residents, and other concerns.

**May 2, 2013:** Council, CBSA, U.S. Embassy (Ottawa), Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and the City of Cornwall meet in Ottawa to discuss need for more facilitated border travel to support local economies. May 15, 2013, MCA, CBSA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) meet in Cornwall to discuss "Akwesasne Alternative Reporting Mechanism Proposal."

**June 5, 2013:** MCA and CBSA meet in Ottawa to discuss alternative reporting mechanism. MCA reminds CBSA that deadlines have not been met by CBSA.

**December 19, 2013:** MCA sends letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper declaring a State of Emergency due to the ongoing hardships that the Akwesasne community continues to endure as a result of the CBSA's reporting requirement. SRMT and Mohawk Nation Council sent similar letters.

**January 14, 2014:** CBSA and Federal representatives attend meeting in Akwesasne to discuss MCA's issues and alternative reporting plans

**January 27, 2014:** CBSA and Federal representatives met with MCA in Ottawa to review progress made since January 14th meeting.

*An update will be provided to MCA's community members at the MCA General Meeting, being held in Kana:takon at the St. Regis Recreation starting at 6:30 p.m. on February 6th. ❖*



# New Bridge Opens Despite Unresolved Issues

The new low-level bridge connecting Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) to the city of Cornwall opened to traffic on Friday, January 24, 2014 at 7 a.m.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne did not support the bridge opening at this time, as we have numerous concerns and issues that have yet to be addressed by the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL), the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

These issues include, but are not limited to:

- Failure by CBSA to accommodate MCA's need for an alternative reporting mechanism on Kawehno:ke. Talks have resumed with federal officials, but no agreement has been reached.
- Failure by all three parties to address the back-up of traffic that will continue to occur due to there being just two lanes at the new toll booth plaza.
- Failure by all three parties to address emergency-related concerns on the bridge, such as ambulance accommodation and the need to develop a joint emergency response plan with our Emergency Measures Office.

The MCA has expressed our community's concerns in writing and in meetings with FBCL/SIBC and CBSA. Additional meetings have been planned in to discuss these unresolved matters further.

At this time, it is for the above unresolved issues that the MCA will not participate in any formal ceremonies to open the new low-level bridge. ❖

## CBSA Changes Primary Question

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne wishes to inform the community that effective immediately, the Canada Border Services Agency has implemented a new Primary Question to be asked of ALL travelers.

The new Primary Question is as follows: "Are you, your vehicle or any goods in your possession arriving from the United States?"

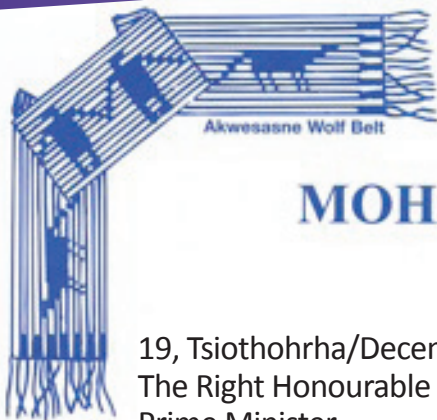
It is CBSA's hope that in asking the question in this manner it will alleviate some of the ambiguities that resulted from asking the former Primary Question, which was: "Where are you coming from?"

If you encounter any issues at the Cornwall Port of Entry, do not hesitate to contact MCA's Community Advocate on CBSA Complaints Wesley Benedict at (613) 936-1548 ext. 1031 or (613) 551-6999. ❖



PHOTO: SHANNON BURNS/COMMUNICATIONS UNIT.

*The high-level bridge hovers over the new low-level bridge shown just minutes after opening at 7am on January 24, 2014.*



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## MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF

19, Tsiothohrha/December 2013  
The Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A0A2

### Re: State of Emergency in Akwesasne

Wat'kwanonweraton / Greetings Prime Minister Harper:

On behalf of the Leadership and the people of Akwesasne, we extend our warmest greetings to you in the holiday season.

As you may know, Akwesasne is one of the most complex and jurisdictionally challenging Aboriginal communities in North America. The Political Protocol that was signed between Canada and the Mohawks of Akwesasne in November 2012 recognizes these challenges, and calls for creative and innovative solutions to address them. The placement of international and provincial borders through the middle of our traditional territory has divided our community into five jurisdictions that include Canada, the United States, the provinces of Ontario and Quebec as well as New York State. Despite all of the complications associated with traveling in our traditional territory, we have managed to maintain law and order in our community of 18,000 residents with 12,000 of those being enrolled with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Today, we write to you to voice our concerns, as well as to share our proposed solutions, to the border issues that continue to plague our people: Since the Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Port of Entry was relocated to the City of Cornwall in 2009, we are required to travel across the Three Nations Bridge and report at the Port of Entry each and every time that we come to Kawehno:ke from one of the other districts, Tsi Snaihne (Chenail), Quebec or Kana:takon (St. Regis), Quebec. The devastating effects of this requirement on our community at large and individual members cannot be overstated. The wait times on the Three Nations Bridge approaching the Port of Entry in the City of Cornwall is generally thirty to sixty minutes and can be as long as ninety minutes during peak times. This creates great stress on all our people, especially our elders, persons in need of medical assistance, and our youth. In addition to the considerable wait times and interference with our freedom of mobility, members of the community have been forced into hundreds of thousands of tense interactions with CBSA officers. My people are regularly subjected to humiliation, intimidation, racial profiling, and illegal detentions.

Mohawk Gov't Office 613 575-2348



Admin. Office 613 575-2250

Akwesasne - Land Where The Partridge Drums



The Mohawks of Akwesasne have a successful track record of developing and administering measures that address our community's unique circumstances including responsibility and management of our education system since 1987. Akwesasne has one of the most progressive First Nation education systems in Canada and double the graduation rate (75%) of other First Nations. Akwesasne's educational success points to a promising future, but all of this progress is impeded by difficulties in dealing with CBSA on a daily basis since its relocation from the Island of Kawehno:ke to the City of Cornwall. There is no doubt that the Mohawks of Akwesasne would be successful in developing and administering an alternative border reporting system for our community as well.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, with the support of Tribal and Traditional leadership, respectfully request that Canada return, in good faith and without delay, to the bargaining table to reconcile the issues surrounding the relocation of the Port-of-Entry located in Cornwall, Ontario. In the meantime, we wish to summarize our views regarding the ongoing issues with the border and the reporting requirements.

- The Mohawks of Akwesasne are declaring a state of emergency and are prepared to undertake unilateral action in the coming months. This action will likely consist of establishing an alternative reporting mechanism on Kawehno:ke. It is our preference to establish this alternative reporting mechanism in cooperation with CBSA, but at this point we are prepared to act unilaterally.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne have the fundamental right to move freely within our traditional territory - we refer to these as Aboriginal rights of mobility within our traditional territory.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne do not take issue with reporting per se but rather object to the manner in which we are currently required to report because it infringes, in an unjustifiable manner, with these rights of mobility within our traditional territory.
- The Customs Act provides the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with the discretionary power to authorize an alternative reporting system for Akwesasne, and we insist that he exercise this discretion without further delay.
- In addition to unjustifiably undermining the Aboriginal rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, the current reporting requirements interfere with access to medical services by members of the community including the elderly and sick, access to educational and training opportunities, access to emergency services, and undermines economic development in the community.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne have engaged in a longstanding dialogue with CBSA in order to resolve these issues but thus far no real progress has been made. At this point the community and the leadership are demanding action and resolution of these issues without further delay.
- The establishment of an alternative reporting facility on Kawehno:ke would enhance rather than undermine border and national security. At present, any person can access Kawehno:ke and thereby Canada without detection. Establishing an alternative reporting facility on Kawehno:ke would provide a much needed law enforcement presence on the border.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne continue to object to CBSA's and the SIBC's failure to discharge their constitutional duties of consultation and accommodation prior to any federal action that could have an adverse impact on our Aboriginal title and rights.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne continue to object to the lack of consultation and accommodation with respect to the permanent relocation of the Port of Entry and the Seaway International Bridge Corporation tollbooth plaza on the so-called "canal lands" which are subject to an outstanding land claim.
- The Mohawks of Akwesasne continue to object to the new identification requirements at the border and the refusal of CBSA to accept commonly used forms of identification cards for community members that are issued by the three Mohawk governments within Akwesasne.

Four years since the relocation of the Port of Entry from the Island of Kawehno:ke to the City of Cornwall, Akwesasne and the Federal Government have unfinished business. Akwesasne's efforts to negotiate in

good faith have not been reciprocated nor produced any tangible results. The people of Akwesasne have suffered for too long under these conditions.

During the past year, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has taken the initiative and developed a proposal for an alternative reporting system to accommodate Akwesasne residents traveling within our own community. It entails returning the reporting requirement, for members of the community, back to its former location on Kawehno:ke. We have collaborated with your CBSA officials to make it a reality and they reassured us that it is a very workable solution. Akwesasne is not opposed to reporting, but the unreasonable requirement to report to a location with long wait times has placed unnecessary stress and undue hardship upon our community members.

As Grand Chief and Council representing the community of Akwesasne, it is our responsibility as leaders to act on behalf of the people. The Akwesasne community has become extremely angry and frustrated that this reporting matter has not been resolved. It is truly regrettable that we have come to this juncture where unilateral action appears to be the only course of action available even though solutions are readily apparent.

It is for the foregoing reasons that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has decided to declare a state of emergency. Unless immediate progress is made in negotiations, we intend to unilaterally establish a reporting system on Kawehno:ke at the former Port-of-Entry. We will make every attempt to work with Canada's border security officials in ensuring the proper information is conveyed back to CBSA, and would, strongly prefer to work in cooperation with CBSA rather than through unilateral action. That said, we can no longer tolerate the conditions under which our community has laboured for the past four years, and if unilateral action is the only available course then so be it. We trust that you will give careful consideration to the issues raised above, and that in the spirit of the season and reconciliation, immediate progress can be made with respect to establishing an alternative reporting system for the Mohawks of Akwesasne in cooperation with the Government of Canada.

Skennen/In Peace,

[ORIGINAL SIGNED]

Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell  
Grand Chief

B. Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
P. MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
S. Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
L. Raitt, Minister of Transportation  
C. Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration  
M. Dube, President, Federal Bridge Corporation Limited  
L. Portleance, President, Canada Border Services Agency  
A. Quach, Minister of Parliament (Beauharnois-Salaberry)  
G. Lauzon, Minister of Parliament (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)  
B. Owens, U.S. Congressman  
B. Kilger, Mayor, City of Cornwall



# lakwanonkwes ne Kaniatarahere (We love the River)



The MCA Department of Tehotiiennawakon,  
in conjunction with the 2014 Akwesasne Winter Carnival Committee,  
is hosting a FREE Community Event!



**Place:** Iohahi:io Adult Education Building (Tsi Snaihne)

**Date:** Saturday, February 15, 2014

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Schedule of Events

### ST. Lawrence River Institute

-Declassification of the area of concern (AOC) by  
Canada  
Public Forum in the cafeteria  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### MCA Environment Program

Community Advisory Committee Member Search  
-Highlight projects and partnerships  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (all day displays)

### MCA Economic Development Program

-Highlight projects and partnerships  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (all day displays)

### MCA Emergency Measures Program

-Highlight projects and partnerships  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (all day displays)

### Akwesasne Archaeological Field School

-10,000 years of Akwesasne Pre-History, Display of  
Archaeological Artifacts  
-Interested participants can apply in person for the  
coming field season  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Also: Featuring presentations from our  
partners!**

### Turtle Island Conservation

#### In part of: Toronto Zoo presentation

-Species Identification, Species at Risk  
-Youth and Adult Activities  
9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

### Parks Canada

#### Thousand Islands National Park

-The Voices of Akwesasne film premier  
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

### Giveaways!

-Riot Escape 9 – single  
person sport kayak

### FREE Lunch!!

-Soups  
-Sandwiches  
-Beverages  
-Dessert



Parks  
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For more information, please contact Peggy Pyke-Thompson at (613)-575-2250 ext. 1038 or Curtis Lazore ext. 1044

# Tsiionkwanonhsote Workers Join Ontario Union



PHOTO: BRENDAN WHITE/COMMUNICATIONS UNIT.

Participating in the signing ceremony were, (front row, from left) OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas, Kawehno:ke District Chief Brian David, (back row, from left) OPSEU Aboriginal Circles Chair Pauline Saulnier, OPSEU Vice-President Chris Cormier, Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict, Human Resources Manager Lynn Roundpoint, and Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte.

On December 18, 2013 a voluntary recognition protocol agreement was entered into between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) that provides workers at Tsiionkwanonhsote with the choice to unionize.

The agreement signing follows a vote in which 85 percent of the eligible employees voted to allow OPSEU as their labour representative. The MCA does not endorse a provincial union coming into our territory, so a voluntary recognition agreement was developed. As a result, a signing ceremony was held at the CIA #3 Boardroom on Kawehno:ke.

Kawehno:ke District Chiefs Brian David and Abram Benedict were on hand to witness and participate in the event, along with MCA Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte and Human Resource Director Lynne Roundpoint.

Chief David and Ontario Public Service Employees Union President Warren (Smokey) Thomas signed

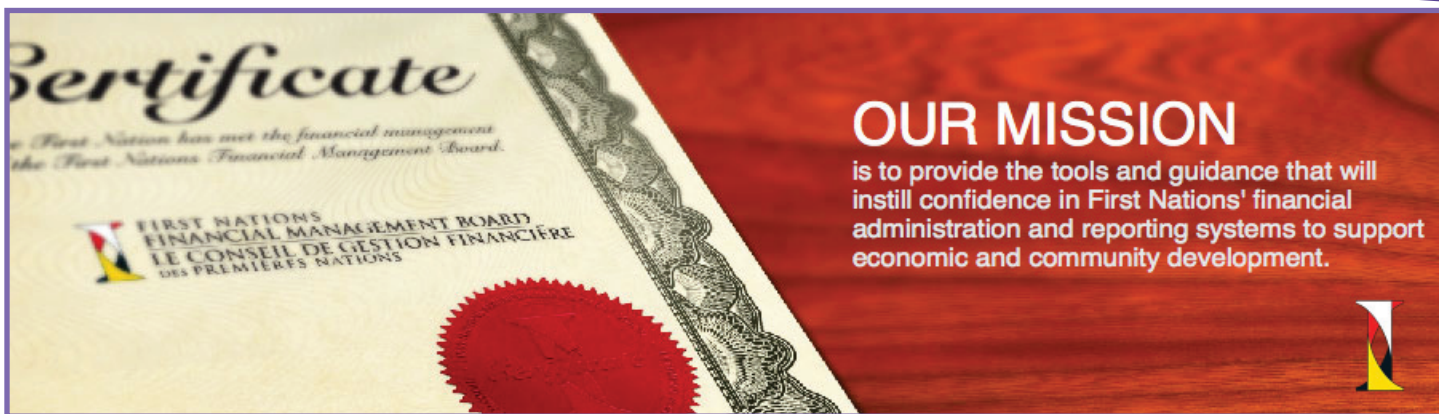
a protocol agreement that provides OPSEU with the opportunity to represent the 65 workers at Tsiionkwanonhsote, a long-term care facility located on Cornwall Island.

Thomas said that the voluntary agreement creates a unique labour “code” that recognizes the needs and interests of a First Nation, while at the same time offering unionized employees the same kind of protections that are afforded under the Ontario Labour Relations Act or Canada Labour Code.

“The parties demonstrated creativity and flexibility in arriving at this agreement allowing labour relations and the protection of employees’ rights to move forward quickly,” said Thomas in achieving a voluntary recognition agreement.

Chief David concluded that, “The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne looks forward to building a productive relationship with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and ensuring that our employee’s best interests remain a priority.” ❖





## Financial Administration Law Task Group Update

On Monday, January 13th, the working task group established to develop a Financial Administration Law for MCA, had its first meeting.

The meeting was attended by Chief Steve Thomas, Sheree Bonaparte, Denise Collins, Heather Phillips, Jamie Bay, Travis Seymour and Micha Menczer.

Topics covered in the meeting included:

- review of the mandate and objectives of the working task group,
- discussion on the addition of MCA to the schedule of the First Nations Fiscal Management Act,
- discussion on the financial administration law and the key components of the law,
- development of a communication plan, and a work plan.

Please take notice that Akwesasne becoming scheduled to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act does not require Akwesasne to begin property taxation or any other forms of taxation. The tax exemption for Akwesasne and its members in s. 87 of the Indian Act continues to be in effect as it is today.

It was agreed that the key benefit of having a Financial Administration Law was increased accountability, transparency on financial management issues and recognition through certification by the independent First Nations Financial Management Board that Akwesasne's Financial Administration Law meets its high standards. This will provide benefit to Akwesasne in numerous

ways including eligibility for membership in the First Nation Financial Authority-with mandates designed to permit first nations access to financial markets on a similar basis as municipalities and local government in Canada..

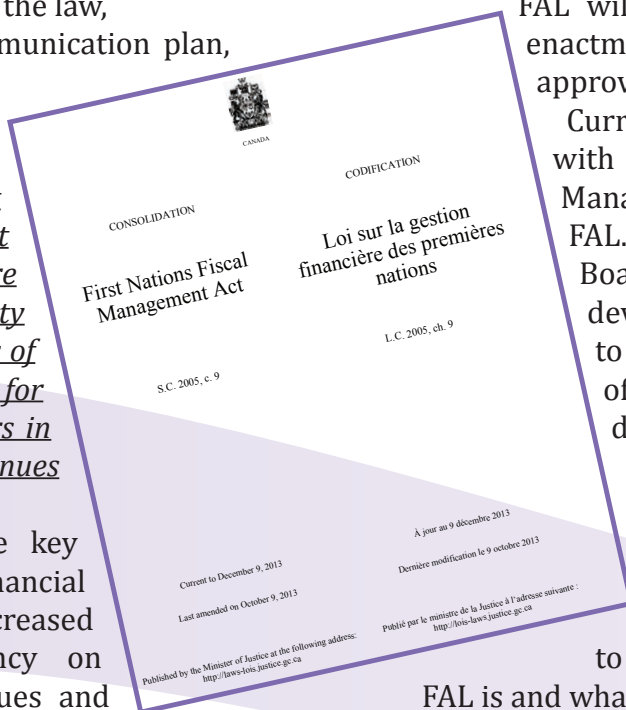
MCA presently has a finance policy in place, which will be updated and strengthened through enactment of the Financial Administration Law (FAL). The FAL will provide greater accountability to the Community through additional development of codes of conduct, financial management controls, policies, and reporting. As an Akwesasne Law, the FAL will go through Akwesasne's law enactment process to allow input and approval from community members.

Currently, Akwesasne is working with the First Nations Financial Management Board to develop its FAL. The Financial Management Board is also providing capacity development funding and access to sample laws and templates to offset Akwesasne's costs of law development.

The Akwesasne Working Group will be providing regular updates to the community and will develop a fact sheet on the Financial Administration Law to raise awareness about what the

FAL is and what it will mean for Akwesasne.

The next meeting for the task group is scheduled for January 27th. ❖



# Respect in the Workplace Policy Approved

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proudly announcing that they have formally approved the Respect in the Workplace Policy (RIWP). This new policy is meant to ensure that employees of MCA are treated with respect and are free from harassment, bullying and violence while working. Mohawk Council approved the policy by resolution on December 17, 2013 and it will officially go into effect on April 1, 2014.

"This policy has been in development for several years and we are happy to finally bring it to the employees of MCA and the community for implementation," said MCA Human Resources Manager Lynn Roundpoint. "This policy affects not just our staff, but all those who provide services to or receive services from MCA staff as well. We require that all our staff are treated with respect and this policy will ensure that we have a healthy, positive work environment at MCA."

A team of staff members at MCA have collaborated over the policy's development and wanted to ensure that it was written specifically for MCA, while meeting and exceeding standards put forth in the Canada Labour Code. The result is a document that has been laboured over and ultimately approved by Council.

Respect is defined in the policy as the following:

*"Respect is a fundamental principle that we as Onkwehonwe live by. Showing consideration, compassion, and treating others courteously and with kindness are values that are inherent in our culture. Being respectful means conducting one's self with patience and with words and actions being reflected in a peaceful manner, while respecting the inherent rights, choices, speech and freedoms of all people."*

Officially beginning on April 1, employees will be able to follow a formal process if they feel they are not being treated with respect or if they have a complaint against an employee for violations outlined in the RIWP.



MCA Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte (left) and Human Resources Manager Lynn Roundpoint participated in a Tetewatharen talk show on the Respect in Workplace Policy.

Some actions that violate the policy are already well-known and avoided by most employees and community members, such as physical violence, sexual harassment, and bullying. However, some actions may be less obviously known as being discriminatory in nature or as an act of harassment or violence, such as gossiping, displaying offensive material in the workplace, sending offensive emails, making false allegations against an individual in work-related documents, purposely ignoring or excluding someone, making sarcastic remarks, deliberately withholding information a person needs to do their job, telling offensive jokes, or performing workplace pranks, to name just a few examples.

The RIWP team of writers/developers did their best to ensure that the document reflects Akwesasne culture and does not simply mirror a similar external document. Discriminating against a person for their cultural background, making fun of a person's clan or lack thereof, or making comments about a person's membership or their place of origin are not permitted and violate the RIWP.

Additionally, per the RIWP, an employee has the right to perform their job in a workplace that does not subject them to jokes and comments about their accent, weight, sexual orientation, family life, education, financial status, mannerisms, or appearance.

The RIWP has accompanying procedures that clearly



outline how a complaint filed under the RIWP is processed. Complaints against MCA or MCA staff that are not violations of the RIWP are filed in a separate format and follow different, pre-existing procedures. Those complaints could be in regard to a program's hours of operations, a mailbox that's been knocked over by a snowplow, or disagreement about being denied employment, etc.

MCA is reaching out to the entire community to share news of the new policy and what it requires from community members who obtain services at MCA.

If an individual is receiving services from MCA, regardless of the location in which the staff member is delivering those services (at MCA buildings, in a person's home, at an outside meeting, etc.), the non-employee is still required to treat the employee with respect. If an employee experiences harassment, violence or a lack of respect as defined in the policy from a community member or service provider/recipient, immediate action will be taken. The employee may be removed from the situation while management addresses the matter with the non-employee. This could result in a temporary suspension of services or

other consequences.

"Ultimately, we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our employees," said MCA Director Sheree Bonaparte. "We are asking for everyone's cooperation in achieving a harassment-free, gossip-free and violence-free workplace."

Council chiefs voted not to be included in the policy, as they already follow the Ethical Conduct Law that outlines how they are to conduct themselves.

"We recognize that everyone needs and wants to have a workplace environment that has respect," said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. "We are asking staff and the public who interact with our staff to become educated on this new policy. We ask that you treat each other with respect in the workplace and help ensure that MCA is a safe environment for our employees."

More information about this policy will be distributed to the community throughout the education process between now and April 1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources Manager Lynn Roundpoint or HR Generalist Christie Cook at 613-575-2250. ❖

## Akwesasne Mohawk Court Dates

*January 8, 2014 – December 10, 2014*

Please find listed below the Akwesasne Mohawk Court dates for the January 2014 – December 2014. **Court is held the second Wednesday of every month.**

January 8, 2014  
February 12, 2014  
March 12, 2014  
April 09, 2014  
May 14, 2014  
June 11, 2014  
July 09, 2014  
August 13, 2014  
September 10, 2014  
October 8, 2014  
November 12, 2014  
December 10, 2014

**PLEASE NOTE: Court starts promptly at 6pm. Duty Counsel is available at 5pm if you seek legal advice on your matter before the Court.**

The Akwesasne Mohawk Court is located at the Cornwall Island Administration Building #3, 101 Tewesateni Road, Akwesasne, Ontario K6H 5R7

Fines can be paid prior to the court date indicated on the Uniform traffic Ticket or Compliance Ticket received. You may pay your fine at the Akwesasne Mohawk Court located at CIA #3 Administration Building, 101 Tewesateni Road or at the Akwesasne Justice Department located in the village of Kanatakon, Angus Mitchell Memorial Building, upstairs, or you may mail your payment to the address on the back of the Ticket.

If you have any questions about a file you may have with the Akwesasne Mohawk Court, please feel free to contact the Court Clerk at 613-575-2250 extension 1026 or the Court Administrator at extension 1025. ❖

# Substance Abuse Strategy Update

## *Akwesasne Justice Department's Initiative Plan*

The Director of Justice provided a Justice Department PDA Initiative Plan in September 2011, to date the following has occurred within the Justice Department with limited resources, the Manager of the Akwesasne Community Justice Program and the staff have actively participated in the following:

### **ACJP MANAGER:**

For the last 2 years, I have been a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Healing to Wellness Court, attending on a weekly basis. The Healing to Wellness Court, which assists community members who have charges that are related to alcohol and drugs, offenses are not all ways driving related. Community members attend court until the 4 phases of their healing plan have been successfully completed. I have participated in 3 graduations and 3 withdraws of members from the program.

I supervise a staff of 4 where they are encouraged to participate or contribute in the following activities, forums, workshops or conferences.

### **ABORIGINAL COURT WORKER:**

1. Attended the Zombie Run (October 2012) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of the ACJP and was in charge of working with AMPS and SRMTPD we had 50 participants.
2. Attended drug presentation by the Wholistic Health and Wellness Program (November 15, 2012) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of the ACJP and learned about new drugs and symptoms and side effects.
3. Attended "Emerging Drugs of Abuse" (December 6, 2012) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of ACJP and learned drug side effects and when to go to the emergency room.
4. Attended the Quebec Native Justice Symposium in Montreal (January 23, 2013) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of the ACJP and attended workshop for Drug and Alcohol Addictions.
5. Attended the Youth Camp (June 2013) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of the ACJP and did a workshop with youth to learn conflict resolution skills.
6. Attended the Zombie Run (October 2013) as the Aboriginal Courtworker of the ACJP and was in charge of specific area of the course to ensure safety and we had 100 participants.

7. Aboriginal Courtworker is currently completing a graduate level class at St. Lawrence University for Addictions and Disorders Counseling to be completed on December 9, 2013.
8. Aboriginal Courtworker works with clients addicted prescription drugs and encourages clients to seek help and provides resources and information on an ongoing basis.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE MONITOR:**

Participated in the following events since starting in November 2012.

#### **Mental Health Association Training**

- Myths and Realities of Mental Illness
- Identifying Signs
- SafeTalk
- Anxiety Workshops

#### **ACJP Program Promotion**

- Akwesasne Youth Conference attended at the Benson Centre in Cornwall, ON hosted by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.
- Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment is a group formed to promote drug and alcohol free events for the youth and families of Akwesasne.
- I am involved in planning summer and winter Youth Camps that are a drug and alcohol free event that range in participation from 20 to 40 participants.
- ACT NOW Advisory Board has been planning drug and alcohol events that educate people about the dangers of prescription drug abuse leading to intravenous drug abuse. There have been two meetings for the Native American Leadership Commission on Health & Aids, and other meeting with the Native Women's Association discussing the rise of drug abuse in the native community.
- I have also attended Mohawk Council of Akwesasne promoted workshops, Prescription Drug Seminars. I also participate on Online training through Lamar Associates on Drug Use and Abuse in Native Communities. The online training is available every other month.



## **YOUTH REINTEGRATION WORKER:**

### Program Involvement:

**September 2011-Present:** Member of the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment (ACCE). The ACCE is a number of programs and services throughout MCA and the SRMT that collaborate to host drug free community events, such as Me and My Guy Dance, Zombie Run, Diva Dinner, Cookies and Crafts with Santa, All Night Grad and many more. These events target different age groups so the numbers vary from 20 participants to hundreds. When Youth Reintegration Worker clients cannot participate, they are able to come to positive community events and volunteer.

**Summer 2012/2013:** Collaboration between AMPS and ACJP leads to the development of the Youth Cultural Camp. Funding for 2012 was from MCA as part of the Prescription Drug Initiative. At the Camp, AMPS did presentation regarding Prescription Drug Abuse. Eddie Gray from Wholistic Health and Wellness Program also did a presentation about traditional medicines, where to find them and how to use them. Both presentations were incorporated into the camp for 2013, even with a different funding source. The programs and volunteers educated the youth about their services provided as well as awareness about the Prescription Drug Initiative. The camp also encouraged and promoted cultural and traditional teachings, this in combination with a better understanding of youth accessible programming, will educate and empower the youth the make positive life choices. The 2012 Camp participants were between the ages of 12-18. The 2013 Camp participants were between the ages of 14-17 years old. This event aims to get 20 participants.

**April 2012-Present:** Referral from the St Regis Mohawk Tribes Healing to Wellness Court for youth client.

**November 2013-Present:** Member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribes Healing to Wellness Court panel.

### Workshops/Presentations:

**September 2011:** Attended "Youth and Drugs" Workshop in Ottawa. This workshop was designed to introduce the basic concepts about drugs and its use by adolescents.

**November 2011:** Attended information session titled "Seeking Addiction Services: The ins and outs," hosted by Wholistic Health and Wellness Program. This

session served to educate programs and community members regarding the process of receiving addiction services, and how and why process takes time.

**December 2011:** Participated in Webinar from Lamar Associates titled, "Tribal Law Enforcement and Drug Endangered Children Issues in Indian Country." This presentation covered contemporary issues in Indian Country, drug endangered children issues, positive Tribal initiatives, and available resources.

**December 2011:** Attended presentation titled, "Generation O: A story of the opiate epidemic in Ontario" at the Royal Hospital in Ottawa. During this information session participants learned background information about the development of the opiate epidemic in Ontario and current strategies that are being used to combat this serious public health issue.

**February 2012:** Attended workshop titled, "Drug Use in Pregnancy: Identification, treatment and outcomes for mom." The objectives of this workshop were to describe possible maternal and neonatal physiological effects of opiate, and other drugs, and consider these as well as our own preconceptions when working with pregnant mothers who have substance abuse issues.

**March 2012:** Attended workshop titled "Best practices for Treating Youth with Substance Use Problems" in Ottawa. This training emphasized both reflective practices utilizing a holistic approach when working with clients.

**November 2012:** Attended workshop titled "Warning! Not for Human Consumption," hosted by Wholistic Health and Wellness Program. This seminar served to educate the public and service providers with information regarding Bath Salts, Synthetic Marijuana, Methadone and Suboxone, as well as an overview of symptoms and side effects. Youth Reintegration Worker clients also attended workshop.

**May 2013:** Participated in Webinar titled "Prescription Drugs to Heroin Part 1." This webinar aimed to create an understanding regarding prescription drug abuse and the harmful effects it has on our communities and develop an understanding of how certain prescription drugs facilitates a transition to heroin use.

**June 2013:** Participated in Webinar titled "Prescription Drugs to Heroin Part 2." Continuation of Part 1.

**July 2013:** Participated in Webinar titled “Establishing a Strength Based Tribal Collaboration for Drug Endangered Children.” This presentation stressed the importance of collaboration across resources and programs to benefit the community and support the children and youth.

#### AKWESASNE MOHAWK COURT

The Akwesasne Mohawk court being doing Diversions in 2012 and continues to date, this FY 2013-2014 has already seen 15 Diversion from AMC to the ACJP Diversion Program in which the cases have been transferred to the Neh-Kanikonriio Council. Once a case has been transferred to the Neh-Kanikonriio Council and the process has been coordinated and completed, the file is then sent back to the court where the Native Court Worker then speaks to the outcome of the Neh0Kaniknorriio Council recommendations, if the offender has completed all the recommendations of the Council, his/her file is closed by the AMC Justice. There have been no drug changes brought forward through the Diversion program to date.

#### RONATHAHI:IO EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM

Although not specifically mentioned in the Initiative, operates through the offices of the Akwesasne Justice department. Within the RERP program is the Akwesasne Review Panel made up of community members

and their primary role and function is to deal with members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, who are applying for the Early Release Program of the Correctional and Conditional Release Program under the Correctional and Conditional Release Act of Canada.

The Akwesasne Release Panel under the supervision of the Akwesasne Justice Department does have an established process for Akwesasne members to follow, to date only one hearing has been brought forward through the process.

For further information on the Ronathahi:io Early Release Program contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 2400, ask for the RERP representative.

#### CONCLUSION

The staff of the Akwesasne Justice Department Akwesasne Community Justice Program has had to resort to other creative means of participating in the PDAS, in which they should be commended for.

With financial resources to support the Akwesasne Justice Department PAS initiative, the staff deserves to be recognized for their efforts and the dedication they have displayed in participating in their creativity in how they can contribute to the initiative. ❖

*Report submitted by: Cheryl Jacobs, Acting Director (12/03/13 – 12/06/13)*

### ***Departments of Health & Community and Social Services New Initiatives for 2013-2014***

KEY STRATEGY	ACTIVITIES	OUTCOMES
<b>#1 Health and Wellness Promotion</b>		
Increase effectiveness and communication strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint Departmental Program meetings</li> <li>2. Increased awareness and partnerships between the two departments</li> <li>3. DCSS/DOH Track data/mechanism for effectiveness (sexual assaults, poverty, etc.)</li> <li>4. Develop a department-Joint Media Team</li> <li>5. Develop a Joint-Departmental Consent to Release of Information</li> <li>6. Shared Calendar</li> <li>7. MCA-Case Management Weekly</li> <li>8. Explore options for utilization of a Smart-TV for daily communications of events</li> <li>9. Training for Social Marketing</li> <li>10. Training for Customer Services</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 completed meetings</li> <li>2. Increased joint activities and referrals</li> <li>3. Standardized evaluation form Completed.</li> <li>4. Media Team Players identified</li> <li>5. Form developed and utilized</li> <li>6. 16 month calendar for distribution August 2013</li> <li>7. Increased number of client serviced and needs addressed</li> <li>8. Increased in attendance to scheduled activities.</li> <li>9. 85% attendance of required staff within both departments</li> <li>10. 85% attendance of required staff within both departments</li> </ol>
Develop a Health and Social Strategy that promotes Healthy Lifestyles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint Departmental overall review of activities, resources and budgets to avoid duplication</li> <li>2. Falls Prevention Strategy</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 15 Joint Community Activities delivered</li> <li>2. Decrease falls and injuries</li> </ol>



KEY STRATEGY	ACTIVITIES	OUTCOMES
Develop strategies to promote and rebuild individual and family relationships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Incorporate Mohawk Language within Community Awareness Strategies</li> <li>2. Promotion of Positive Role Models and healthy families</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 40% of material are translated</li> <li>2. 10 community activities that promote positive relationships and family activities</li> </ol>
<b>#2 Dynamics of Building Healthy Relationships</b>  Promote effectiveness and culturally based Parenting skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mothers of Tradition</li> <li>2. Fathers of Tradition</li> <li>3. Sons &amp; Daughters of Tradition</li> <li>4. Elder and Youth activities and promotion</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Full participation 3-16 week sessions</li> <li>2. Full participation 3-16 week sessions</li> <li>3. Full participation 3-16 week sessions</li> <li>4. 10 sessions provided to increase Elder/youth relationships</li> </ol>
Develop Health and Social activities for children ages 0-11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Watch Me Grow</li> <li>2. Creative Coping for Kids</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 9 sessions provided to the community</li> <li>2. Increased coping skills (pre &amp; post test)</li> </ol>
Develop Health and Social activities for ages 12-19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural Identify, awareness and Growth</li> <li>2. Prevention programming for after school</li> <li>3. Life Skills Programming</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Enhance Vocational Programming</li> <li>1. 10 community events</li> <li>2. 10 Completed program/sessions</li> <li>3. 2 completed program/sessions</li> </ol>
Develop Health and Social activities for ages 20-54	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance Vocational Programming</li> <li>2. "Life Coaching-Relapse Prevention"</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2 Completed program/sessions</li> <li>2. 10 participants completed</li> </ol>
Develop Health and Social activities for ages 55 and over	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awareness, Education and Coping Skills</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimum of 4 sessions completed</li> </ol>
<b>#3 Reducing the Supply</b>  Strengthen Partnerships in the Justice Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop partnerships with the Youth clients and families in Justice System ie. Talking Circles and Support Groups</li> <li>2. Joint Case Management as needed</li> <li>3. Explore the need for a Community Watch Initiative</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint programming provided</li> <li>2. Clients receive a wrap around approach of healing</li> <li>3. Needs assessment completed</li> </ol>
Strengthen Partnerships in the Education Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awareness for teachers and support staff-PDA Joint-Departmental Initiative</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awareness sessions given</li> </ol>
Strengthen Partnerships in the Housing Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awareness for staff on safety and reportable activities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awareness sessions given</li> </ol>
<b>#4 Continuum of Care</b>  Identify community needs in both Health and Social Departments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vocational skill building</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vocational skill plan developed</li> </ol>
Identify community needs outside the Health and Social Departments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detox</li> <li>2. Transitional Housing</li> <li>3. Public Transit/Bus</li> </ol>	
Identify and strengthen linkages with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint capacity Building increase a WHolistic approach to incorporate the ACE study and Model into both departments</li> <li>2. Identify specific networking groups to ensure programs are communicating the information</li> <li>3. Develop a Joint Case Management/Treatment Plan</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ACE Model approach incorporated into programs</li> <li>2. Groups established and meetings held</li> <li>3. Joint Case Management/Treatment Plan meetings held</li> </ol>

# Mohawk Police Warn of Dangerous Ice

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and Emergency Services personnel would like to remind parents, residents and children alike that use of our rivers and ponds is unsafe. Safety on waterways or the decision to use them appropriately is an adult's role. We want to avoid any accidents relating to the use of our rivers and ponds.

Please keep water safety in mind at all times and abide by the following recommendations if venturing onto the ice:

- Avoid driving on the river. If it cannot be avoided, check ice conditions beforehand.
- Wear a buoyant snowmobile suit.
- Carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible.
- Always drive within your ability.
- Tell someone of your outing, including where you are going, the route, description of your snowmobile and your expected time of return. Always travel with a friend, and be prepared for the unexpected.
- Exercise caution at road and rail crossings.
- Never drive impaired. Alcohol, illegal drugs, even prescription and some over-the-counter drugs can slow your reaction time and affect your ability to make good decisions. If convicted of impaired



*The ice bridge connecting Tsi Snaihne and Kanatakon.*

driving on a snowmobile, you will lose your driving privileges for all types of vehicles, including motor vehicles, commercial vehicles and motorcycles.

- Dress appropriately. Wear clothing in layers and

## Extreme Temperatures Emergency Shelters

In January 2014, Akwesasne experienced a "cold snap" with temperatures dropping below zero Fahrenheit. With the possibility of a power outage within the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) began planning for the activation of emergency shelters at the following district school:

District of Tsi Snaihne—Tsi Snaihne School  
District of Kana:takon—Kana:takon School  
District of Kawehno:ke—Ahkwesasne  
Mohawk School (AMS)

Once the EOC was activated, plans were made

for to inform the Community through CKON Radio 97.3fm and on MCA's Facebook page when the emergency shelter were ready to open to receive community members. ❖

*If you experience a shelter-related emergency and need assistance, contact emergency operations at (613) 575-5005 and Emergency Operations Center personnel will be notified.*

*For questions about Emergency Operations please contact Emergency Measures Officer Regina Jacobs at 613-577-1275 or Alternative Emergency Measures Officer Scott Peters at 613-577-0981.*



always carry extra dry clothing.

- Carry a survival kit that includes: a first aid kit, matches or lighter in a waterproof container, a knife, saw or axe, a flashlight and whistle, high energy food such as nuts or granola bars, and a mechanical kit that includes: spare spark plug and drive belt; tow rope; extra ignition key; screwdriver, wrenches and hammer; plus the owner's manual.

- Check the weather forecast before heading out.

Better yet, do not use the river. Our goal is your goal: a safe healthy community. We are all responsible to preserve our community for the next seven generations.

If you have an ice-related emergency, please call the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service 613-575-2000. ❖

## MCA Youth Representative: Shara Francis-Herne

*Tekwanonhwará:tons, Kanerahtiiostha Iónkia'ts.*

*Wakathahión:ni. Akwesasne nontá:ke. Entewatathá:wi*  
*Ratihseré niwakió'te.*

**S**he:kon Sewakwekon / Hello Everyone. My name is Shara Francis-Herne and I am a member of the Wolf Clan. I am from the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory and I am a member of the Mohawk Kanienkehaka Nation. I am a Haudenosaunee Promise Alumni from Syracuse University where I received my B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Native Studies in 2011. I am currently working with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Entewatathá:wi "We Will Govern" Program as a Jr. Policy Analyst. I was also recently appointed as the Female Youth Representative for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in August 2013. I have a passion for the work I do and I am proud to be a role model for the youth in my community. I have been invited to share a bit about my experience and the work I am involved in.

Since I began as a youth representative, I have been involved in youth initiatives within the community. At the end of August I traveled to Quebec City for the 3rd First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Forum, where I was able to gain some new skills in engaging the youth in our community and was able to meet and discuss various issues with other youth from across Quebec and Labrador. In October I was invited to present a youth perspective on the issues we face in Akwesasne to the United Nations Special Rappptour Mr. James Anaya. I spoke on the troubles we face each day living with a boundary line that causes division in our community, and on the unjust treatment our youth sometimes face when traveling from one portion of our community to another being forced to report to the ports of entry. In October, we also hosted the spokespersons from the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Network. We were able to show



*MCA Youth Representative Shara Francis-Herne works as a Jr. Policy Analyst for the Entewatathá:wi Nation Building Program.*

them around the community, and made a stop at the Akwesasne Mohawk Library and Museum to share a bit of our culture and history. In January we were able to work with Council to send two youth to the Chiefs of Ontario Youth Engagement Forum, and we are looking forward to incorporating the knowledge they gain into the work we do.

One of my main focuses as a Youth Representative is to create a space for Akwesasne youth to have a voice, and one of the ways we have been doing this is by holding small dialogue sessions to begin to address some of our issues and identify possible solutions. These sessions will continue to grow and within the next few months we will be inviting all interested youth to come sit and talk with us. I am always open to lending a helping hand to any youth vision in the community, and I encourage anyone who has an opportunity for our youth to share your ideas with us. We are always on the look out for youth workshops, forums, conferences or events, and we do our best to send some youth to represent Akwesasne. ❖

# MCA Youth Representative: Phillip White-Cree

**S**he:kon akwe:kon, my name is Phillip White-Cree and I am a member of the Turtle Clan. I grew up on the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory and have resided for many years on Kawehno:ke. I am a Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship Alumni from Syracuse University where I received my Bachelor of Architecture with a minor in Native American Studies in 2012. I have worked for MCA in many student positions including the Department of Health, Board of Education, and the Department of Technical Services. I have recently joined the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office as a Researcher at the MCA. Throughout my life I have been involved with youth issues and have worked to bring the youth voice to many community events and projects.



*MCA Youth Representative Phillip White-Cree works as a Researcher for the Aboriginal Rights & Research Office.*

It has been my pleasure to be one of the MCA Youth Representatives since August, 2013 and it has been a whirlwind of activity. Right from being notified that I was selected from a community call-out I was tasked to journey to the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Session held in Quebec City with two others from our community. It was amazing to meet the different youth from Quebec and Labrador and to hear their stories. Our group was able to make strong connections to our sister community of Kahnawake and as well as youth from the Mi'kmaq nation.

Following that the MCA Youth Representatives were tasked to follow up on the MCA Comprehensive Youth Strategy and with that, we have been working with other MCA youth employees. Currently we are working on strategies to have all youth from the community to join the

discussion of youth involvement and engagement.

I was invited to speak at the St. Lawrence River Institute forum held in Cornwall regarding the next steps for river remediation. I gave a brief perspective of the river and my own history with it and I applauded their work on continuing the necessary environmental remediation.

Just recently I accompanied the MCA delegation to Toronto for the Independent First Nations: Aboriginal Child and Youth Strategy Engagement Session. There strategies were discussed on engaging with the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. While there, connections were made with delegates from across Ontario and we shared youth perspectives on ministry initiatives.

I look forward to my continued work with youth issues and welcome any feedback from the community's youth. ❖

Support a Drug Free Community!



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

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



# Child & Family Services Recovery Groups Help Youth Mend Broken Hearts

Akwesasne Child and Family Services is pleased to announce the creation of two new groups for youth in Akwesasne to deal with their loss and grief. The first group will begin February 3, 2014 and will run for 7 weeks on Mondays at the Kanonhkwashterriio Health Facility as an after school program. This group will target children ages 7-12 who are dealing with the loss of a parent through incarceration. This group is already filled but if one is interested a waiting list will be created and another group will be offered in the future.

This group will be facilitated by Family Support Workers Leona Phillips and Lori Laffin, with assistance from Case Aide Billi Jo Phillips. Both Leona and Lori are certified Mending Broken Hearts Facilitators through White Bison and have developed this program utilizing resources from Corrections Canada, White Bison, and Fernside for helping children deal with grief and loss.

The second group will begin on February 19th. This group will target teenagers ages 13-17 who have experienced any type of loss and are currently affected by grief issues and would like to work through this grief in a supportive and positive atmosphere. This group is a grief recovery group and will run 12 weeks on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm at the Seniors Building in Hogansburg. This group is limited to 30 youth and the registration packets can be picked up at the Akwesasne Child and Family Services front desk. The packet will have more information on what they can expect from the group and it is to be filled out by the youth who is planning on attending.

This group will be facilitated by four Certified Grief Recovery Specialists; Traditional Support

Workers Glenn Swamp and Vickie Horne and Family Support Workers April Benedict and Leona Phillips. Glenn, Vickie and Leona are also certified Mending Broken Hearts Facilitators through White Bison.

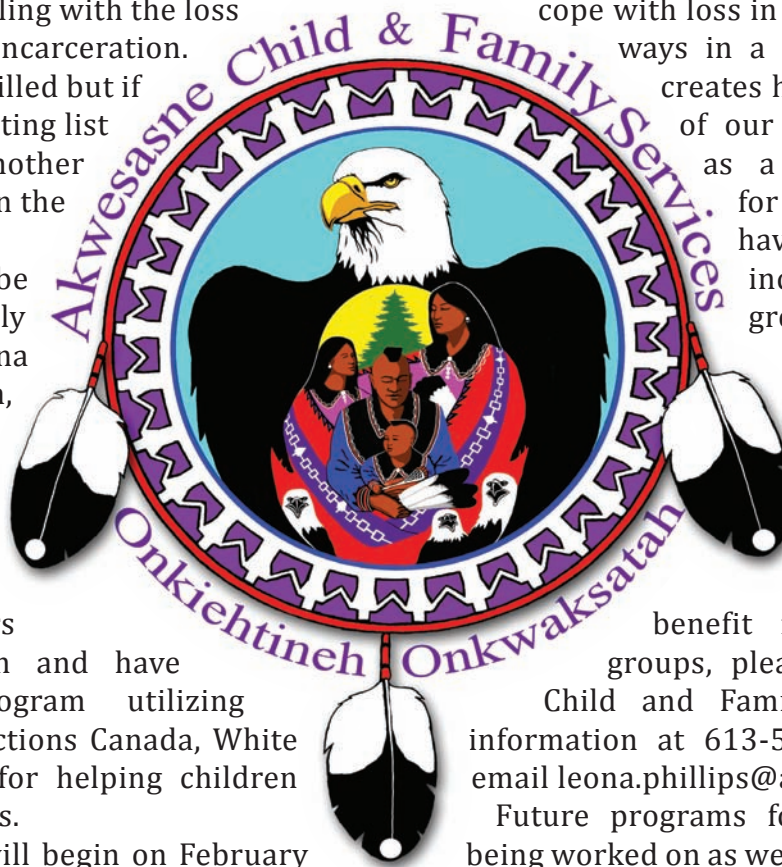
Grief has been an issue in our community for generations. Teaching our young people how to cope with loss in positive and productive ways in a supportive atmosphere creates hope and understanding of our past and of ourselves as a people. Both groups for our young people will have cultural teachings incorporated into the group activities.

Healing is a choice and we would like that the participants are ready to face the challenge for themselves. If you have a young person that you feel would

benefit from either of these

groups, please contact Akwesasne Child and Family Services for more information at 613-575-2341 ext. 3139 or email [leona.phillips@akwesasne.ca](mailto:leona.phillips@akwesasne.ca).

Future programs for the community are being worked on as well as women's and men's grief recovery groups. Stay tuned! ❖



*Akwesasne Child & Family Services is located in Kanonhkwashterriio Health Facility on Hilltop Drive in Kanatakon. Their office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am-5pm and can be reached by calling (613) 575-2341 (ext. 3139).*

*For after-hours emergency child protection services, please call Central Dispatch at (613) 575-2000 to speak with an on-call worker.*



# Entsiakwakaenion Tsi ni Kionkwenon

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

As part of the New Year, the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office will begin putting in regular historical articles in the monthly Onkwe'ta:ke Newsletter. We will follow a basic chronological order of events and have our articles organized into ten time periods. These articles will help frame the series of events that help shape Akwesasne and Haudenosaunee history. On occasion a special article on a historic event will be added to coincide with anniversaries or relates to current events.

While this is not the complete historical picture, we hope these historical articles can help provide a basic order of events for our history and will help foster community interest. Suggested readings and resources will help foster independent research and discussion.

The ten time periods will be divided up as such and articles will be arranged to coincide with a chronological order of each period.

## **PRE-CONTACT ERA**

Oral history is the primary source and from here Haudenosaunee and Akwesasne history is first documented. Oral teachings are the basis for Haudenosaunee identity and culture, and are shared from generation to generation since time in memoriam. Haudenosaunee oral traditions focus heavily on the Creation Story, the Formation of the Clans and finally the Great Law of Peace.

## **FIRST CONTACT: 1440'S - 1648**

Context for European Exploration and Conquest is explored in this First Contact Era. Religious importance and authority produce the legal basis for expropriation of lands and people. First recorded contact between the Mohawk and the French Explorer Samuel de Champlain. Introduction of European diseases and religion to indigenous people changes the landscape of North America dramatically. The Haudenosaunee make the first known peace agreement with Dutch traders which then sets the precedent for all future Haudenosaunee negotiations and treaties.

## **EUROPEAN POWER STRUGGLE: 1649-1763**

When England and France both establish trade relations in North America, their European conflicts turns global with the indigenous people caught in the crossfire. Trade and gathering local allies becomes the focus for North America, with many agreements and sharing of culture taking place. Religious differences start separating people and new religious communities are formed with new alliances. Akwesasne is fully formed during these turbulent times and finds itself with an identity crisis. Great Britain eventually wins control of North America but sets the stage for Revolution.

## **AMERICAN REVOLUTION: 1763-1784**

British officers have used diplomacy and adhered to political protocol to win favor of the Haudenosaunee, but now the Colonists have strained the relationship. Colonists in British North America are divided over their loyalties to a foreign king. The Colonists seek independence with more land and wish to persuade the Haudenosaunee to join their cause. The Haudenosaunee are divided as well, to adhere to old treaties and land protections or to join their neighbors and friends the Colonists. Eventually the Haudenosaunee are split with brother killing brother, and in the end no clear victor is found.

## **LAND GRAB AND ENCROACHMENT: 1785-1812**

After the Revolution, Haudenosaunee people have been displaced and new lands have been taken over by settlers. Each nation of Haudenosaunee did what was best for their individual survival and each had varying degrees of success. Now land surveyors define 'Indian Lands' which shrink at an alarming rate due to crooked deals and shady practices. Unclear of leadership each community deals with issues of authority and being restricted to a destitute reservation life. Akwesasne tries to maintain itself and becomes a refuge for people



that have been displaced by the American Revolution. A new religious revival movement brings changes throughout the different reservations.

### **FIGHTING ON ALL SIDES: 1812-1900**

The British and Americans go back to war with no clear victor, but create more losses to reservations. New borders are created and divide the community; one is either an American or British subject. Akwesasne is caught in the middle and becomes a divided community. Religious, political and language issues further divide the community. Assimilation practices begin with schools and legislation to remove 'Indian' identity problem. American Civil War creates new opportunities for some men to prove themselves. Canada becomes a country with its own plans for the 'Indian problem'. The world believes Indians will soon be extinct and seeks to preserve everything it can. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy tries to rekindle the Mohawk Nation by bringing traditional leadership back to Akwesasne, which provokes further conflict within the community.

### **INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY: 1900-1968**

'Wild Indians' are no more and now they are to be civilized and become contributing members to society that is predominantly white. Haudenosaunee men begin to test their strength in sports, steel construction and war. Questions of Haudenosaunee citizenship are brought up to the world stage with no clear answer provided. Governments determined it would best to phase out and completely erase any special status or leadership for Native people. Men leave Akwesasne for work and war and then come home to a massive change on the river, the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

### **RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE: 1968-1980**

Civil Rights movement also inspired Native people to stand up and take action. New groups formed and a cultural revitalization occurs. Education provided the stepping stone for people to take notice of the past injustices and now the people seek recognition. Protests and actions promote a brighter future for the community and begin a series of legal battles. Akwesasne as a community starts to take effective actions to assert its rights and begins to take control of its own affairs. Environmental damages are finally noticed and actions are taken to correct these. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy issues passports and asserts its sovereignty by sending indigenous teams to international sport competitions.

### **VICE AND MONEY: 1980-2000**

People start taking advantage the rights that were just fought for and new enterprises enter the community. Tax-free status begins being used for commercial means and many enterprises start to generate large amounts of income. Transportation of duty-free goods starts taking on a criminal element and substance abuse starts running rampant. Haudenosaunee identity is revitalized with the returning of some of the wampum belts. Also the Mohawk Warrior mentality is galvanized with the Oka Crisis. With so many conflicting approaches to success the community of Akwesasne reaches a critical point of conflict and bloodshed. The Ice Storm of 1998 awoke the community to a vision of unity and began the start of mutual cooperation within the community.

### **REBUILDING OUR NATIONS: 2000-PRESENT**

After coming together the community has learned to put aside past differences to create a unified vision of Akwesasne. Court cases are being entered in together and lands are being negotiated to be returned. New partnerships open Akwesasne to new growth and bold business ventures are started. Global events such 9/11 start affecting the community and border restrictions begin taking effect. New rallying calls use social media and the United Nations to make Indigenous problems global issues. Akwesasne is now working on strengthening its own unity and builds stronger connections to its neighbors and old allies.

These are just summaries of the different time periods that will be discussed. It is our hope that by sharing our history that interested individuals will come to appreciate the deep and complex history of Akwesasne and the Haudenosaunee people. As always we encourage independent scholarship and would welcome everyone to research further into the history of Akwesasne. ❖



# Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program Update

The MCA Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program is responsible for all the operations and maintenance of all the water and sewer plants in the districts of Kawehnoke, Kana:takon and TsiSnaihne.

The water plants purify the water with filters and disinfect the water with chlorine. The filters trap particles that hold bacteria and the chlorine kills the small microscopic bacteria that might get past the filters. When there are no bacteria in the water it safe to drink.

MCA's water treatment operators are all trained for water quality analysis. They analyze the water every week for bacteria. They also send water samples every month to an accredited laboratory for quality assurance.

Every three months, or quarterly, the water treatment operators send the water samples to an accredited laboratory to be analyzed for Trihalomethanes, THMs, which are precursors for Disinfection By-Products. MCA's water treatment plants contain a very small amount of THMs, below the regulatory limit.

Once a year the water treatment plant operators send the water samples to an accredited laboratory to be even more thoroughly analyzed for contaminants including organic chemicals like PCB's and pesticides, inorganic chemicals like sodium and potassium, and metals like mercury and lead. All these contaminants are either well below the regulatory limit or are non-existent.

The MCA Water and Wastewater Infrastructure program is responsible for maintaining the water and waterline from the water plant to the water main and from the water main to the shut-off valve on your property line. As a homeowner, you are responsible for the waterline going from your



*Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Program Staff: Conway Thompson, Tom Oakes, Pat David, Tate Lazore, Clayton Barnes, Keith Mitchell and Larry Jock.*

home to the shut-off valve.

MCA Water Operators are fully trained on operation and maintenance of the fire hydrants. We are responsible for making sure the fire hydrants are operable for the Fire Department. The only people that should be opening the fire hydrants are the Fire Department and the Water Department. If you have any questions concerning a fire hydrant in your neighborhood please do not hesitate to call the water department, (613) 575-2250.

Disposing of wastewater directly into rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds is very harmful to the environment. The result is a depletion of oxygen in the natural aquatic environment. Aquatic life will die without oxygen.

The MCA Wastewater Treatment Plants treat wastewater collected in Kana:takon, the TsiSnaihne School area, the AMS School area, the Tsiionkwanonsohte area, and the Arena. The treatment reduces the amount of microorganisms that use up the oxygen in wastewater and also reduces any other contaminants that are collected in the sewer systems.

The MCA Water and Wastewater Infrastructure program is responsible for all operations and maintenance of the sewage treatment plants, the sewer lines, and the manholes. As a homeowner, you are responsible for the sewer line connected

MCA Operators	LICENSES/CERTIFICATES	
Lorri Bova	Class 3 Water	Class 1 Wastewater
Tate Lazore	Class 3 Water	Class 2 Wastewater
Clayton Barnes	Class 3 Water	Class 1 Wastewater
Keith Mitchell	Class 1 Water	Class 1 Wastewater
Tom Oakes	Class 1 Water	Class 1 Wastewater
Patrick David	Class 1 Water	Wastewater Operator-in-Training
Conway Thompson	Water Operator-in-Training	Class 1 Wastewater
Larry Mitchell	Operator-in-Training	Operator-in-Training
Larry Jock	Operator-in-Training	Operator-in-Training



to your house and the plumbing within the interior of your house.

MCAs Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators hold the following Ontario Ministry of Environment certificates:

To obtain certification, you must have years of experience as a water or wastewater operator, you must also pass a specialized test, and you must attend training classes every year. MCA water and wastewater operators are each required to attend

40 hours of training per year.

If you have a water or sewer emergency call the Water/Wastewater Department pager number (518)404-2252, central dispatch (613)575-2340, or the Water/Wastewater Department Manager, Lorri Bova (613)575-2250 ext.3403.

If you require the water turned on or turned off to your house, please call the Water/Wastewater Department Manager, Lorri Bova at 613-575-2250 ext.3403. ❖

## COLLECTIVA UPDATE

All of the Fuel Tax claims submitted before July 8, 2013 have been reviewed. In light of the fact that claimants had the right to contest the refusal decision, once any or all contestations have been resolved, Collectiva will proceed with the calculation of the reimbursements. They expect to be in a position to send the acceptance letters and the indemnities at the end of February 2014.

If you are not satisfied with the settlement administrators final decision

If the settlement administrator rejects your claim whether in whole or in part, you may contest the final decision by submitting a written statement to the administrator indicating the reasons for your contestation. This written statement must be sent no later than sixty (60) days following the date of the decision.

A review committee, composed of a representative selected by the Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) and a representative selected by the Agence du revenu du Quebec and the government of Quebec will analyze your claim in order to resolve, in good faith, the dispute between you and the administrator.

In the event of a disagreement among the committee members regarding the decision under review or if the committee does not reach the decision within 60 days of sending the written statement, the issue shall be submitted to the Superior Court. The Court's decision on the matter shall be final and without appeal.

### The amount of compensation

A total amount of \$24,000,000 will be distributed to registered Indians who are residents of Quebec or Akwesasne and to members of Quebec bands who do not reside in Quebec on the basis of their age as of the date their claim is filed.

The amount that each individual receives will depend on the total number of claimants. Compensation will be distributed based on the following criteria:

- a base amount for those between the ages of 18 and 24;
- double the base amount for those between the ages of 25 and 34;
- triple the base amount for those between the ages of 35 and 44;
- four times the base amount for those between the ages of 45 and 54;
- five times the base amount for those between the ages of 55 and 64;
- six times the base amount for those 65 years and older.

### For additional information:

This notice is only a summary of certain elements of the settlement agreement and the Conditions and terms for distribution of compensation. We invite you to read the full settlement agreement at [www.collectiva.ca](http://www.collectiva.ca). If you have questions or if you wish to obtain a printed copy of the settlement agreement, please contact the settlement administrator at the address and phone number indicated above. ❖

# Tsi Sniahne School Celebrates Student Excellence

On January 7th, the Tsi Sniahne School held its monthly awards assembly to recognize student excellence. The ceremony was held in the gym and celebrated student achievements for the month of December 2013.

The Tsi Sniahne School implemented the monthly awards program as part of its effort "To lay the foundation for the building of healthy, responsible, cooperative and unique Kanien'kehaka."

Recipients received awards in the areas of:

*Character Trait*

*Physical Education*

*Student of the Month*



The following students displayed positive participation in Health and Physical Education: Front (l to r): Ieniehtanawentha Sharrow, Mitchell Thompson. Back: Chazz Jacobs, Makenly White, Natasia Sharrow, and Chris Massaro.





Each student of the month received a coupon for a free personal pan pizza. Thank you to Papa John's Pizza for supporting excellence at Tsi Snaihne School. (l to r): Bentley Gray, Carter Jackson, Mitchell Thompson, Chuya Cook and Natasia Sharrow. Missing from the photo are Cruz Lazore, Jaylene Johnson and Alexia Mitchell.



The following students displayed excellent friendship qualities throughout December. Front Row (l to r): Naylon Sharrow, Julia Jackosn, Charleigh Jacobs, Ruckus Gray. Back Row: Connor Lazore, Jayleigh McDonald, Alantra Peters, Tessa Lafrance



# AMPS Hosts Law Enforcement Hockey Tournament

On January 10th, seven hockey teams made up of law enforcement agents from Akwesasne, Cornwall and as far as Ottawa participated in the 2nd Annual Iron Man Tournament, a hockey tournament hosted by the Akwesasne Police Association and organized by Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) Sgt. Ranatiiostha Swamp. The tournament brought many together for a friendly, but still competitive, day of hockey at the A'nowara'kowa Arena to raise funds for a selected recipient.

"This year the benefit tournament was held to raise money for the Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association and the Akwesasne Minor Hockey Association," said Swamp. "The tournament is hosted by the Akwesasne Police Association... although (as a sergeant) I'm not presently part of the association I play a lead role in the tournament as organizer with a lot of help from the association. This year, the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment played a vital role as they volunteered and took initiative in handling the concession portion of the tournament."

Both the lacrosse and hockey associations do great things for Akwesasne youth in getting them involved in sports and providing them with a local league to



AMPS/Tribal PD Team: (l to r) Back: Phil Boots, Ted Cook, Jeremy Reddick, Ranatiiostha Swamp, Corey Thomas, Nate Boots, Karson Oakes, Dekota Thompson. Front: Wallace Thompson, Taylor Smoke, Mike Biron and Leroy Swamp.

participate in. A number of MCA staff as well as parents from the community assisted in the tournament throughout the day, either by helping to run raffle tables, preparing dinners from the concession and delivering them throughout the community, managing the score clock, or just showing support.

Members of AMPS and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department (SRMTPD) have been playing hockey for the past five years on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Hockey Team. The team travels throughout Canada and the U.S. raising money for charities, non-profit organizations, and families of police officers, especially families who've lost an officer in the line of duty.

"It's a common goal of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Hockey Team members to emphasize the importance of playing sports," said Swamp. "It promotes healthy living, commitment, perseverance, goal setting, team work, respect and sportsmanship. The team looks forward to improving our community relationship, making it a safer place, and providing support to families of fallen police officers. In addition, we are committed to fundraising efforts for local charities, sports



Goalie Taylor Smoke makes a save; as Nate Boots, Mike Biron and Wallace Thompson defend.

PHOTO: SHANNON BURNS/COMMUNICATIONS UNIT.



organizations, and person(s) in need within the community.”

This year’s tournament was comprised of teams from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, with players joining from the SRMTPD, Kahnawake Peacekeepers, United States Border Patrol, two teams from the RCMP, the Cornwall Community Police and Ottawa.

“Next year I hope to get the tournament back up to eight teams,” said Swamp.

The AMPS team proved they are serious about hockey as they dominated this year’s tournament going undefeated and winning the championship game 8 to 2 against Ottawa. ❖

## GAME RESULTS

**Game #1: AMPS-7 vs Kahnawake-1**

**Game#2: USBP-7 vs RCMP-2**

**Game#3: Cornwall-4 vs Ottawa-8**

**Game#4: AMPS-6 vs RCMP-1**

**Game#5: Kahnawake-2 vs Ottawa-12**

**Game#6: USBP-6 vs Cornwall-5**

**Championship Game: AMPS-8 vs Ottawa-2**

# Rebuilding From Resilience: Survey Results

## *Reduction of Gender-Based Violence in Akwesasne*

### ABOUT THE SURVEY:

In 2011 the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program conducted a survey for a study entitled: Community-Led Reduction of Domestic Violence in Aboriginal Communities: Rebuilding from Resilience. The Purpose of this survey was to understand how personal and community resilience can help reduce domestic violence in Aboriginal communities. (*Resilience is a person’s ability to cope and recover from problems or challenges that are facing them by using their skills and strengths.*)

The results of the survey are from the 2011 findings report and is a collaborative effort with the CIET Canada Ottawa University research team and Akwesasne.

Surveys were voluntary and all of the information given is confidential. There were 332 youth participants (age 13-24) and 985 adult participants (age 25 and up).

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence, also known as family violence, involves physical or emotional harm by someone towards a family member that causes fear and endangers their personal wellbeing or safety. Different forms of abuse can happen within families to children, youth, adults, or elders such as: physical abuse, verbal abuse, emotional abuse, intimate

partner violence, and other acts of violence between family members.

### WHO IS CIET CANADA?

CIET (Community Information and Epidemiological Technologies), is a non-governmental organization made up of an international group of professionals from a variety of disciplines, including epidemiology, medicine, planning, communications and other social sciences, who bring scientific methods and research training to the community level. By involving communities in the full research process, CIET helps them to participate in an increasingly informed and meaningful way, in decisions that affect their lives.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH?

The information will be released to the community of Akwesasne and is derived from the general data collected, which is directly related to the Akwesasne surveys.

We will be presenting our findings to Akwesasne residents, the Chiefs of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Community Programs.

Our goal is to implement programs that are needed in the community for youth as well as adults to help combat the issues that lead to family violence. ❖



# Akwesasne Winter Cultural Youth Camp: 2013



*Dozens of Akwesasne Students participated in the 4-day Winter Cultural Youth Camp.*

The Winter Cultural Youth Camp started the morning of Friday, December 27, 2013 and lasted until the afternoon of Monday, December 30, 2013 at Iohahiio in the District of Tsi Snaihne for youth 11-17 years of age. This four-day cultural event was sponsored by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program and could not have been a success without the collaborative efforts by MCA's Justice Department, SRMT's Traditional Medicine, and Akwesasne community members. Some topics included in the Winter Cultural Youth Camp were Trapping, Wild Game Cooking, Ice Fishing and Ice Safety, Basket Making, Corn Washing, Fan Making, Hide Tanning and so much more. We wanted activities that were informational and interesting but also hands-on where the participants could walk away with something they made themselves.

So what exactly went on at the Winter Cultural Youth Camp? Each day started and ended with the Ohenton Karihwatekwén followed by dividing the participants into groups and sending them off to the various activities for the day. Lunch and snack was provided with help from Velma Cook, and a social was conducted at the end of each day by the Akwesasne Men's Singers. Activities included:

- Tobacco Pouches and Fan Making with Ian Clute and Kawenniiosta Jock
- Trapping with Gary Gray
- Methods of Fire Making and Cultural Identity with Aronhiaies Herne
- Basket Making with Linda Jackson
- Ice Fishing and Cleaning Fish with PJ Burns

- Thanksgiving Address Lesson and Winter Stories with Kawennahente Cook
- Wild Game Cooking with Everett Lazore
- Ice Safety and Fish Advisory with Tom Francis and Mary Lafrance
- Looming with Taylor Mitchell
- Hide Tanning with Roger Jock
- Creation Story with Louise McDonald
- Corn Washing with Dave Arquette
- Healthy Cooking with Sweets Jacobs
- Healthy Eating with Kim McElwain
- Quilting with Ruth Seymour and Kawenniiosta Jock

Overall, the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program received a great response from all the young participants. As most camps and activities are held during warmer months, this was a great winter-time activity to deal with the feeling of being cooped-up inside. The four-day event helped keep the youth busy during their long winter break at a time when some deemed it, "so boring!"

Volunteers for the Winter Cultural Youth Camp were able to keep many students busy and away from their portable electronic devices; like cell phones, laptops and video games--just long enough for them to make and take home fans, looms, tip-up kits, white corn, baskets, wild game, and much much more.

Akwesasro:non recognize the need for these types of workshops to help pass down traditional knowledge and history of our culture, as well as what it means to be Onkwéhon:we. We look forward to continued support and collaboration.

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program would like to say Niawenhko:wa to the following organizing committee:

*Erin Seymour, Jennifer Boots,  
Michelle Smoke, Everett Lazore,  
Taylor Mitchell, Ian Clute, and  
Kawenniiosta Jock.*

As well as, to our volunteers:

*PJ Burns, Haley Cree, Kyrie Ransom,  
Ashley Tarbell, Phillip White-Cree and  
Cordy Cole.*

This event could not have been a success without all your time, effort and most of all...patience! ❖



# Tsi Snaihne Child Care Celebrates 20 Years!

Tsi Snaihne Child Care celebrated its 20th year of service to the community with an Open House on Dec. 20th. We invited past, present & possible clients to come and see our beautiful center, take a tour and have some fun. It was a tremendous success with lots of visitors coming through our doors that day.

We have provided year round Quality care, Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5pm since 1993. We are licensed through the Ministry of Education and provide a structured curriculum which enhances every child's overall growth and our menu has been reviewed and approved through a nutritionist to make sure we are providing the best for our children. We have also incorporated 2 Mohawk speaking Tota's who come in for 2 hours each day to help provide extra love and hugs and to teach the children and staff alike our own language.

To help celebrate our 20th, we had a write up in the

Indian Time to showcase our center along with using our facebook page. On our facebook page we posted pictures of the children who were here 20 years ago with some blurbs about what they are doing now, a who's who of Child Care. Don't forget to like our page to stay up-to-date on all our centers.

Belly Buttons the Clown was our special guest and she provided face painting & balloon animals which the children loved, and I might say some of the adults too. We invited our families to participate in a variety of art, to decorate cookies or to just sit with their child in the various centers throughout the room. We provided lots of delicious snacks and many door prizes for those who attended.

The staff at the center all pitched in to help make the open house a success so they deserve a big Nia:wen Kowa for that! Nia:wen to Tracy, Leonee, Rikki, Rachel, Lacey, Dolores and our Tota's Angie & Liz! ❖



*Michelle Smoke with her daughter Jasmine.*



*Kaheritakhe, daughter of Karole & Chad Mitchell.*



# Justice Department Conducts Rabies Clinic

The MCA Compliance Office, Akwesasne Justice Department, held a canine and feline rabies clinic at the HAVFD Station # 3 (Snye Fire Hall) on January 4th for community members.

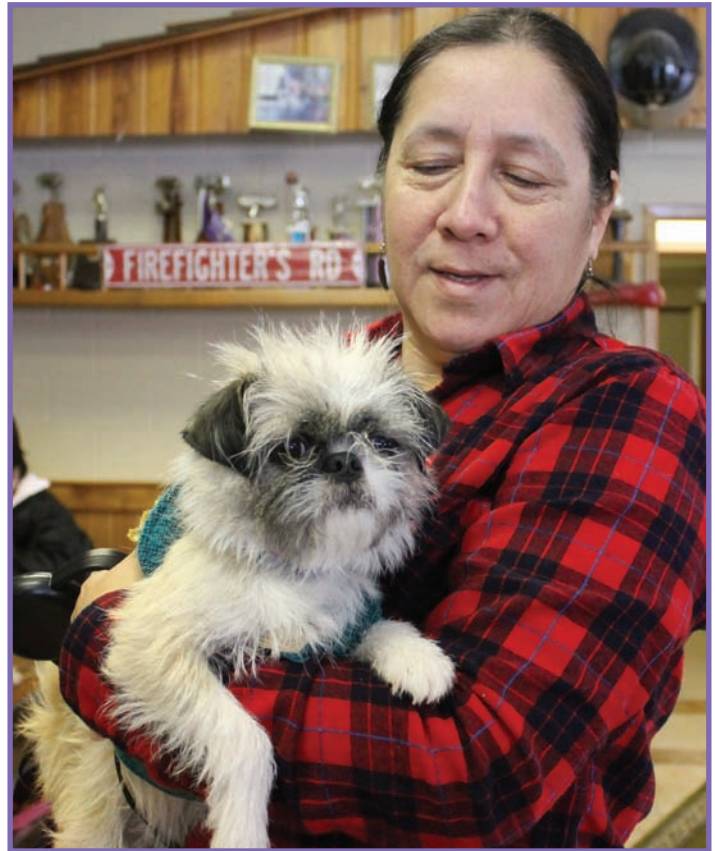
Dr. William S. Johnston from Ormstown, Quebec agreed to travel to Akwesasne to provide rabies and booster shots for community pets. There were 29 dogs and ten cats who were vaccinated for rabies, with a few pets receiving booster shots.

As part of the rabies clinic, dog owners could register their pets free of charge.

The vet provided the opportunity for dog owners to purchase a micro chip to track their dogs at a cost of \$25.00 per dog. The micro chip was planted between the dogs shoulders and will be beneficial in identifying a dog if it gets lost or stolen.

Dr. Johnston brought three other persons from his vet clinic as well as enough vaccines for 100 dogs. In the future, we will be working with him to bring additional rabies clinics to Akwesasne.

Thank you to the following staff members for working on Saturday to service the community: Mike Francis, Everett Lazore, Taylor Mitchell, Kyrie Ransom, Kevin Lazore. ❖



Justice Director Joyce King holds Stella at the rabies clinic.

## MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

### Administration Building #1

Tel: (613) 575-2250 Fax: 575-2181

### Administration Building #2

Tel: (613) 575-2348 Fax: 575-2884

### CIA Building #3

Tel: (613) 936-1548 Fax: 938-6760

Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Home Care/Support	Ext. 1069	Office of Vital Statistics	Ext. 1013
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Ahkwasasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2388	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2205	Iakhihsoshta	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinistenha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3215	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110		
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	<b>OUTSIDE FACILITIES</b>	
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 3194	Roads Garage	938-5476
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Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100		
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		



# Kanien'kéha (Mohawk) Conversation and Song

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

Ó:nen Sha'tekohséhne nikahá:wi.  
*It is now midwinter.*

Né:e kí:ken ne kaié:ri niiori:wake.  
*These are the four sacred rituals.*

Ohstosera'kó:wa - *Great Feather*  
Kanehó:ron - *Drum Dance*  
Atón:wa - *Men's spirit song*  
Kaientowá;nen - *Peach Stone Game*

Kanonhsésne ken wáhse ?  
*Are you going to the Longhouse?*

Hen, kanonhsésne wà:ke.  
*Yes, I'm going to the longhouse.*

"Everyday Mohawk" brochures and CD's are available at the Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education Office for \$20. These were created through collaboration between Taiaiake Alfred of the University of Victoria and Kaweienon:ni Peters, AMBE Kanien'kéha Specialist.

**KANONHSÉSNE IETSÍ:TEWE**  
*(Let's go back to the Longhouse)*

Ha' kats tsítewe, tsítewe *(Come on, let's go back, let's go back)*  
he ia  
ha' kats tsítewe *(Come on let's go back)*  
Kanonhsésne tsítewe *(Back to the longhouse, let's go)*  
kai na wi he ia

Ha' kats tsítewe, tsítewe  
he ia  
ha' kats tsítewe  
Kanonhsésne tsítewe  
kai na wi he ia

Saterén:noten *(You sing)*  
Tesenónniahkwe *(You dance)*  
Saterén:noten ~ ~  
tánon tesenónniahkwe *(And you sing)*  
kats tsítewe *(Come on, let's go back)*  
kai na wi ia he ia

—Written by Bear Fox & Sung by Kontiwennenhá:wi

## Tóhsa lonkwá:ti Kanien'kéha Tewatá:ti

### Let's Not Lose It Let's Speak Mohawk



MESSAGE BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE  
PROMOTING OUR MOHAWK LANGUAGE

## Newborn Registration Service

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

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

### Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Department of Health  
Community Health Program

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

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

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

#### Hours

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
of every month at  
Kanonkwatsherio  
1pm to 4pm – ½  
hour appointments.

## Yoga Classes



Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30

At the A'nonwarako:wa Arena

Must Pre-Register

Limited class size

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



#### Schedule

All classes are 90 minutes	
Time	Instructor
7:00pm	Wednesday with Shirley (Shanti) Williams

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



MCA Community Health  
Get Fit<sup>+</sup> Program  
613-575-2341 ext 3241

The SRMT Environment Division aims to prevent disease and injury while at the same time promoting lifestyles that respect, protect and enhance the environment for the next seven generations at Akwesasne.

#### Respect the Resource to Ensure Future Use by the Next Seven Generations

- Obey the Law
- Educate Yourself
- Only Take What You Need
- Tread Lightly
- Be Mindful of Others
- Share Your Knowledge
- Participate in Resource-Enhancement Projects

**Water Resources Program, Environment Division  
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
449 Frogtown Road, Akwesasne, NY 13655  
518-358-5937**

More information can be found on our website at:  
[www.srmtenv.org](http://www.srmtenv.org)



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Kentenhkó:wa/November 2013



## AKWESASNE FAMILY GUIDE TO EATING LOCALLY-CAUGHT FISH

Pullout Map Inside!



*We turn our minds to all the Fish that gave themselves to us as food and send our greetings and thanks that they continue to do so...*

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe  
Environment Division**



A woman is closest to the Creator when she is pregnant. It is when her medicine is most powerful. She sustains and nurtures life completely within her own body.

(Traditional Mohawk Teaching)

#### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Drinking alcohol when you are pregnant can cause permanent birth defects and brain damage to your unborn child. In the best interest of the unborn child; it is best NOT to drink ANY amount of alcohol at all.

If you drank during your pregnancy, you may have noticed that your child is having difficulty learning, has difficulty getting along with others including family members or difficulty focusing on completing a task. These may be signs that your child was affected. A team of highly skilled professionals can evaluate and diagnose whether or not your child was affected.

We encourage all women who are thinking of becoming pregnant to prepare yourselves for this amazing journey. Be smoke free, alcohol free and most importantly make healthy lifestyle changes.

For more information regarding an FASD assessment, contact Community Health Office, 613-575-2341, extension 3231.



Sponsored by: Community Health Program  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder & Child Nutrition Program



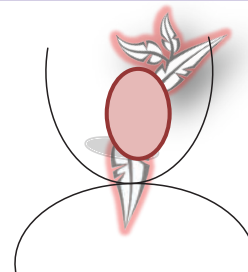
## Please come in and meet your Community Health FLU SHOT team



front row: Sweets Jacobs  
1st row: Janet Tatro, Brigitte Blazina, Diane King  
2nd row: Amanda Garrow, Karole Mitchell, Michelle Sawatis  
back row: Kyle Thompson



# GET FIT



## Community Health Group Fitness

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Rise &amp; Shine Exercise</b> With Shane 6:00- 6:45 a.m. St. Regis Rec Center	<b>Circuit Training</b> With Lorrie 5:30-6:30 p.m. Snye Rec Center	<b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> With Shane 6:00- 6:45 a.m. St. Regis Rec Center  <b>Yoga</b> 7:00- 8:30 p.m. A'nowarakowa Arena Please pre-register with Rachel x3241	<b>Circuit Training</b> With Lorrie 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Snye Rec Center	<b>Walking Club</b> Sign-In sheet Able to walk from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Except during Pro Games A'nowarako:wa Arena

Sponsored by: Community Health

Classes are FREE and open to ALL Community members



# HAZARD HELP SHEET

## PREPARING A EMERGENCY KIT

### Prepare an Emergency Kit One or Two Items a Time!

**EMERGENCY KIT** – Everyone knows that having an Emergency Kit is a pretty big deal here in Akwesasne! So, if you don't already have one, you can begin creating your own emergency kit . . . one or two items at a time! A 'basic' emergency kit should include a few important items. Here is how you and your family can do it.

MONTH	BASIC KIT SUPPLIES
JANUARY	First Aid Kit
FEBRUARY	Portable / Crank Radio
MARCH	Flashlight and Batteries
APRIL	Extra Car Keys & Cash
MAY	Travel Games & Playing Cards
JUNE	Candles & Waterproof Matches
JULY	Baby Supplies & Hygiene Items
AUGUST	Bottled Water & Dry / Canned Goods
SEPTEMBER	Change of Clothing (including shoes)
OCTOBER	Medication & Personal Health Supplies
NOVEMBER	Pet Supplies, Immunization Records and a Whistle
DECEMBER	Important Documents (i.e. Insurance) and Personal Identification



**Don't forget a duffle bag or box to store your Emergency Kit items!**

For more information go to  
[www.GetPrepared.ca](http://www.GetPrepared.ca)

Brought to you by  
MCA's Emergency Measures



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

### RECONNECT SERVICES

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



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

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

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

**ALL SERVICES/INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

### Tetewatskà:hon Green Food Box Program

Place your order and pay **\$10** at the beginning of the month, and then pick up your fresh fruits and vegetables on the arranged pick up day.

It's that simple!

#### Important Dates:

<u>Deadline to Order:</u>	<u>Kanatakon Pick Up Day:</u>	<u>Kawehnoke Pick Up Day:</u>
<b>Jan 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Jan 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Feb 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feb 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feb 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Mar 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mar 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mar 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Apr 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Apr 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Apr 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>

All you need to do is stop in at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io and place your order at the Community Health Office.

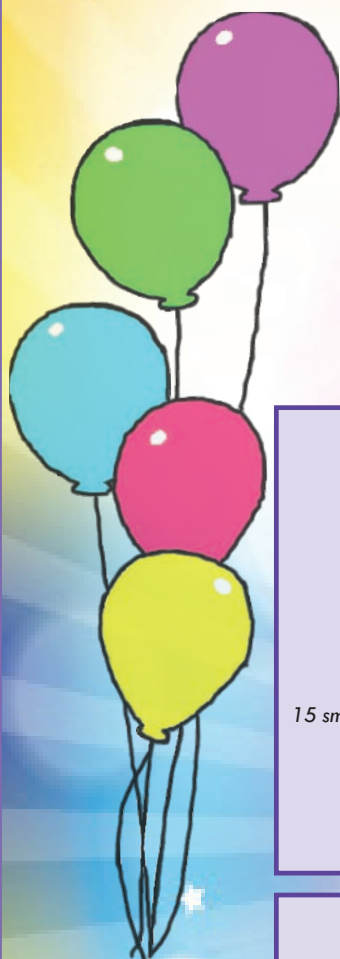
Please contact **Kyle Thompson** at 613.575.2341 ext. 3220 with any question



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

## Community Health Events February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>Every Monday</u> Rise and Shine Class with Shane Francis 6:00-6:45 am St. Regis REC		<u>Every Wednesday</u> Rise and Shine Class with Shane Francis 6:00-6:45 am St. Regis REC		<u>Every Friday</u> Walking Club (except during pro-games) 8:00am-8:00 pm Arena	1
2	3	4 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	5 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	6 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	7 Deadline to order Green Food Box Immunizations 8:30-3:30	8
9	10	11 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	12 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	13 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	14 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	15 Winter Carnival Obstacle Course
16	17 Office closed for Holiday	18 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30 Green Food Box Pick up day Kanatakon 11-4	19 Immunizations 8:30-3:30 Green Food Box Pick up day Kawehnoke 11-4	20 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	21 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	22
23	24	25 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	26 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	27 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	28 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	



# A'nowarako:wa Arena Party Package Rentals

## Friday Night Public Skating Package

### Includes:

Turtle Room

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

+

Food Item and Drink

(Turtle Cafe @ 20% discount)

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

+

Discounted Skating Admission

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

### Did you know?

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

2 hours \$35

or

3 hours \$50

&

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

&

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

D&T:

518-521-0909/facebook

Bounce-N-Bounce:

613-937-4707 or

613-551-1069/facebook

## Private Rentals - Sundays Only

1. Ice for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$135.00**
2. Ice for 2.5 hours, Turtle room 3.5 hours **\$175.00**
3. Turf for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$100.00**
4. Outside Sport Field 3 hours **\$50.00**

includes: usage of electrical outlet, water line, garbage removal







## Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education

"Te thi ha lon: nien - We make the road for them."

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

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

Deborah Terrance, Associate Director

Theresa Thompson, Chair

Tasha Thompson, Co-Chair

### Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule

#### School Year 2013-2014

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

- Seskehkó:wa/September 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School
- Kenténha/October 2, 2013 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Kentenhkó:wa/November 6, 2013 @ Akwesasne Mohawk School
- Tsiotóhrha/December 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School
- Tsiotóhrhkó:wa/January 8, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Enniská/February 5, 2014 @ Akwesasne Mohawk School
- Enniskó:wa/March 5, 2014 @ Kana:takon School
- Onerahókha/April 2, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Onerahókó:wa/May 7, 2014 @ Akwesasne Mohawk School
- Ohiri:ha/June 4, 2014 @ Kana:takon School

\*Schedule subject to change

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

## CAN YOU SURVIVE THE AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL OBSTACLE COURSE?

February 15 . Registration 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Tsisnaihne Rec Center

Teams begin at 11 until all teams have completed the course.

1ST PLACE PRIZE - \$300  
2ND PLACE PRIZE - \$200  
RESULTS BASED ON TIME

4-PERSON TEAMS AGES 16+  
MUST HAVE ONE FEMALE ON TEAM.


Pre-register your team by  
February 7th at 4p.m. with  
Kim McElwain at 575-2341 ext. 3244  
OR kim.mcelwain@akwesasne.ca  
Sponsored by: MCA Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative,  
Akwesasne Winter Carnival Committee and  
Twin Leaf Stores



Part of the MCA Aboriginal Diabetes  
Initiative Heart Health Month Campaign

## Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

## February 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
PLEASE LISTEN TO CKON FOR ANY CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES TO SCHEDULE	<b>*REMINDER*</b> <b>DR. YOUNG'S CLINICS HAVE A 40 PT LIMIT</b>				1. <b>CLOSED</b>	2.
3. DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER 1pm - 4 pm BY APPT	4. DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm - 6 pm BY APPT	5. DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	6. JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm - 4 pm BY APPT	7. <b>NO DOCTOR</b>	8. JOELLE REGNIER WALK-IN 8:30 am-11:30 am	9.
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17. <b>CLINIC CLOSED</b>  <b>FAMILY DAY</b>	18. DR YOUNG VACATION JOELLE REGNIER 9:30-12pm pm BY APPT 1 pm-6 pm BY APPT	19. DR YOUNG VACATION JOELLE REGNIER 1-4pm BY APPT. 5pm-8pm WALK-IN	20. JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm - 4 pm BY APPT	21. <b>NO DOCTOR</b>	22. JOELLE REGNIER WALK-IN 8:30 am-11:30 am	23.
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*ARE YOU SEEKING  
EMPLOYMENT?*



# Akwesasne International Job Fair 2014



February 26, 2014 from 10am–3pm  
Kawehnoke Recreation Center

Cornwall Island, Akwesasne, Ontario

**THE JOB FAIR IS A FREE EVENT THAT IS OPEN TO ANY &  
ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LOOKING TO BE EMPLOYED!**



This project is funded by  
the Government of Canada's  
Aboriginal Skills and  
Employment Training Strategy.



Find the Job Fair/ Akwesasne Employment Resource  
Center on the web at [www.myaerc.org](http://www.myaerc.org)