



## Akwesasne Child and Family Services Honors Former Employee with Canoe Naming Ceremony

On June 11th, Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) held a canoe naming ceremony for a recently purchased 14-passenger rabaska canoe. ACFS purchased the canoe for team building purposes and to use as a stress reliever. "With every pull of the paddle we must release our own negativity to move forward," remarked Brandon David, Community Support



Worker. Once they had received the canoe they decided to give it a name. *Former retired Akwesasne Child and Family Service employee, Alice Ivany stands with the newly purchased ACFS 14-passenger canoe recently named after her.*

The team at ACFS decided to name the canoe after retired former employee, Alice Ivany.

Alice had spent many years working at the Akwesasne Child and Family Services. When she began working for ACFS there were about six employees in their program. Today, ACFS has over 40 employees and has been given designation and authority as an official Children's Aid Society. ACFS can now serve all three districts of Akwesasne. For many current employees the history of ACFS cannot be looked back upon without thinking of Alice. She has been an inspiration and mentor to every employee who has had the opportunity to work with her. She is thought of often and is remembered for her dedication to always work for the best interest of each child that came through its office.

During the canoe naming ceremony many employees spoke fondly of her. Leonard Lazore,

Community Support and Resource Development Unit Coordinator, shared "When I looked at Alice I saw a woman who loved her community. She was always able to diffuse tense situations. She really had this ability to reach families and was able to get everyone involved on the same page. I looked up to her."

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

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She:kon,

It is my pleasure to introduce this month's edition of Onkwe'ta:ke. Onkwe'ta:ke is an excellent medium for readers to be informed of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's many undertakings through updates on various projects and other initiatives. It is my pleasure to greet and acknowledge all our relations on behalf of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Many of you may already know me. I have worked for MCA Justice Department for over 20 years. Today, many continue to seek my assistance in finding solutions to their issues. For those of you who do not yet know me, I am a Kawehno:ke District Chief and I have the responsibility to continue assisting our members much more now than ever before.

I have been a lifetime resident of Kawehno:ke and have five children with my husband Darryl. I decided to enter into politics after our children began having families of their own. I was elected to Council via by-election in 2009. I served my first term as a District Chief between 2009 and 2012. I have been re-elected to continue to serve our community for the 2012-2015 term. For my second term as a District Chief I have selected to be involved with the following portfolios:

Major: Justice  
Minor: Department of Technical Services; Executive Services -Office of Vital Statistics; Government Secretariat; a) Aboriginal Rights and Research Office; b) Community Committee & Cultural Language; Tehotienawakon; Environment-water and erosion committee.

Other Various working committees: FBCL/APF/MCA; OPG Implementation; Nation Building Coordination Team; Entewatatha:wi Advisory Committee; Tobacco Strategy Task Group; Wildlife Conservation Community Law working task group  
The on-going files I am involved with other members of Council are:

Implementation of the Old Age Settlement Agreement; where I assist any client asking for help while receiving or trying to receive OAS. I have been asked to accompany our elders when they meet with Service Canada to respond to the many letters they receive from Service Canada as to their entitlement to Old Age Security or the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or for translation services.

The Entewatatawi Program, formerly known as the Nation Building program where we meet on a weekly basis to draft the necessary Codes, Laws and regulations required to support the subject of negotiations and implementation of new arrangements between Akwesasne and Canada if Mohawk Council of Akwesasne decided to move beyond the Indian Act.

Implementation of the Fuel Tax Settlement assisting the members of Akwesasne who are eligible to complete the Fuel Tax Refund Application to receive their share of the 24 million class action suit against Quebec Revenue, hopefully many of the



readers have completed the forms and set it off to Collectiva, the deadline date to do so is July 8, 2013. For many years I have been assisting in the implementation of the Residential School Settlement, by now every person who attended residential school in Canada would have received their Common Experience Payment and for those who have filed a claim for abuse while attending these schools are awaiting their hearing or have completed the process.

As the Kawehnoke/Easterbrook Claim has been settled, I am now involved in the Dundee Land Claim negotiations. The team has prepared the claim with a specified amount Akwesasne is asking for in the form compensation for the loss of land and use of land while non-native residents are occupying it. We are currently waiting for a response from Canada.

As mentioned these are some of the on-going files I have been working on, however I am working collectively with other members of Council on various portfolio files, such as Kawehnoke water line extension, legislative task groups drafting various Akwesasne Laws and preparing for the various meetings, locally and externally. If I have failed to up-date adequately on any of the files I am personally involved with, please do not hesitate to contact me personally on my cell phone 613-930-3016. For now I will close off by sending messages to everyone for good health and a safe summer.

Onen,  
Louise Thompson, Kawehno:ke District Chief



Dear Friends at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Thank you very much for your kind and very generous donation to the Salmon River Robotics team. We competed at Manchester, NH (where we won) and at Boston, MA. Our win at Manchester qualified us to compete at the World Championships in St. Louis, MO. 400 teams from 27 countries were there. We ended up in 35th! It was an awesome experience and a fabulous season for our team. We greatly appreciate your support as we guide these high school students on toward higher education and ultimately toward productive and rewarding careers. We were all moved by your support. Best Wishes to all of you.

Darcie Fregoe, SRCS Robotics Coach





Alice Ivany wipes down the canoe with wet cedar branches.

After Alice's former co-workers, now lifetime friends, finished offering their kind words the name of the canoe was unveiled. Kawennotakie (meaning "she carries the words") was chosen for the name of ACFS's new canoe. Glenn Swamp, Traditional Support, had asked Alice if ACFS could name their canoe after her Mohawk name. Alice was very honored that they thought of her and everyone felt that this name was very fitting.

The entire staff of ACFS was in attendance for this special occasion. Alice took to the podium to offer these words, "Thank you so much for honoring me like this. I've never felt such emotion as I do today. When I started working for ACFS there were only a handful of people, lots of hurdles to jump and resistance from our community. Because of people's hard work and dedication it has grown. I can see the growth and see ACFS moving forward. To be a part of ACFS's history means a lot to me. I made a lot of friendships. I want to share this with you all, If you work hard and can only help one child you have done a darn good job for your community."

Although it was a rainy day Alice seized the



Leonard Lazore and Alice Ivany.

opportunity to head out into the rain and wipe down the new canoe with cedar. Wiping a new canoe down with cedar is a tradition from the West Coast and is meant to wipe the canoe free of negativity to allow for positive thoughts only. Glenn Swamp and Brandon David made a tobacco offering to the waters to give thanks so that each person to sit in the canoe will be safe.

The staff at ACFS would like to thank everyone who made the canoe naming ceremony and the purchasing of the canoe successful. Rob White has been towing the canoe around for ACFS. PJ Burns shared his extensive knowledge of the river and has been mapping out safe routes for the canoe rides. Julie St. Denis was kind enough to translate between ACFS and the Quebec manufacturer of the canoe. ACFS purchased this 14-passenger canoe to reconnect the youth to the water, and to show respect to the river by utilizing its waterways productively and in a positive manner. The new canoe will be used this summer throughout a two-week teen program. ACFS hopes to encourage the young people through teambuilding.

Support a Drug Free Community!

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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## Akwesasne Child and Family Services Mobile Unit

Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) recently purchased a trailer for community outreach. "We want our new trailer to be like an ice cream truck. It is our hope that the kids and their families will come running to see what's going on once they see the trailer," Brandon David, Community Support Worker.

ACFS would like children and their families to come out and join positive family orientated activities when they see the mobile unit. Weekend and afterschool activities will be provided at no cost to participants. Events associated with the mobile unit will encourage families to play



Newly purchased trailer is now an ACFS Mobile Unit.



New ACFS logo created by local artist, John Thomas.

together and will in turn strengthen the community of Akwesasne. The trailer is carpeted, outfitted with audio and neon lights, and filled with sporting equipment. With the audio equipment they will be able to hold outdoor dances. ACFS would also like to utilize the audio equipment to tap into the creative side of youth through music and theater as they recognize not all children are interested in athletics.

With the new trailer the staff at ACFS will be able to hold events all over Akwesasne. The trailer will also add to coalition events held throughout the year. Local artist John Thomas created a new logo for ACFS and it can be seen on the mobile unit. ACFS would like to reinvent their public image within the community. It is their hope that Akwesasne will begin to recognize that they are here to help.

The staff at ACFS would like to thank Tisha and Christian Thompson at T-19 Sports for providing the sporting equipment at cost. They would also like to thank Unique Wraps and Wired Audio for carpeting and equipping the mobile unit with audio equipment. For the next few weeks the trailer will be stationed at the Snye Recreation Center for the duration of the ACFS Summer Program.



# Council Roundtable Reports - May and June 2013

*Note: See Chief Abram Benedict's and Chief Joanne Jocko's detailed reports separately in this issue.*

## May 28, 2013 Special Meeting

Chief Florence Phillips

-Attended DTS Portfolio meeting. DTS needs the budget to be passed soon so it doesn't interfere with the building season.

-Attended Property Acquisition Team meeting – One property is scheduled to come to the table for an MCR.

-Attended Kawehno:ke and Tsi Snaihne waterline meetings

Chief Joe Lazore

-Attended Quebec Protocol meeting with Florence. I asked about US medical bills. Quebec and Ontario cardholders travelling into the US, they get stuck with the US medical bill. So we are going to look into this and see what coverage we do have for Quebec. Ontario is in the same boat. It's going to be put on the agenda for the meeting this Friday with Quebec leaders.

- Still receiving questions about the maintenance services for Stanley Island, just to cut the grass. We are waiting for the budget to be passed to see where the money is going to come from.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

-Attended the Property Acquisition Team meeting last week

-Attended Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke waterline meetings

-Attended our district meeting

-Attended Trust Fund information session

-Attended Cornwall Economic Development meeting with our economic development staff and Chief Steve Thomas

Chief Steve Thomas

-Attended meetings with police and community members regarding a property dispute

-Updated Chief Loran on public safety portfolio activities

-Met with Cornwall's Economic Development director and a representative from Cornwall City Council. Jim Ransom from our Ec. Dev dept did a presentation on our economic strategy. Concerns for the location of the tollbooth seems to be a concern for both communities. They want us to work together with them. They had discussion on the

Summertown airport, and possibility of expanding the airport's capabilities. They were interested after hearing of our Hamilton Island ideas. We also discussed Cornwall's proposed university and how that would be a plus to Akwesasronon. They had mutual concerns regarding the corridor: traffic jams, lack of signage, and access to arena, stores.

-Attended planning meeting for Senate hearing

Chief Louise Thompson

-While I was off I worked on the old age files, residential schools and fuel tax applications

-Today I have a meeting with elders regarding their Service Canada/Old Age files and other things

- Questions from community members regarding the Quebec Fuel Tax. First Nations people who purchased gas on a Quebec reservation in the past would have paid sales tax, and you would have had to keep your receipt and submit it for reimbursement. People lost receipts, and that was lost money. A class action lawsuit was filed saying there never should have been tax charged to begin with because it's a violation of the Indian Act, which says there is no sales tax on reservations. They won, and the settlement was \$27 million before fees. In the court decision, Mohawks of Akwesasne were included with Quebec reservations. Collectiva is handling the dispersing. They have membership lists from all the Quebec reserves. There is a formula. The settlement only covers that period of 1977-2007. It doesn't affect any other claims or money you receive.

Additional Roundtable Discussion: Need to address what type of tax-exempt card should be developed and carried by community members. How can we help businesses give tax exemption at the point of sale?

## June 4, 2013 Special Meeting

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

-Attended Donation Policy Review meeting

-Attended the Long-term Service Awards

Chief Larry King

-Received a call from a community member who wants to address Council to find out what can be done to assist with erosion of Yellow Island. They're losing ten feet a year. I'm going to bring them in.

Additional Comments from Council: There is a

simple fix, using materials we have here.

-Attended Quebec Representative meeting. Gave information on Quebec link, ferry, all sorts of things.

-Update on CBSA wait time sign: Tribe said we need to consult with property owners for placement of sign. I consulted the community member and he agreed to allow us use of the land for the sign, with an understanding that he may have plans for the land in the future. If we placed the sign off-reserve, we'd need SIX permits if not more and they'd take up to a year. CBSA has asked if we will purchase the sign and they will reimburse us. They'll put forward a letter of agreement with time frames, etc. Should be done before the end of summer.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

-Attended Climate Survey meeting. Moving forward smoothly. Representative said MCA is the only organization willing to do a complete 360 evaluation.

-Attended waterline meeting. They're hoping to start June 16.

-Attended Donation Policy Review meeting – topic will be going to Finance meeting later this month

-Attended General Meeting

-Attended meeting with Quebec representatives. Discussed issue of the roads. Previously (10+ years ago) we would tell them we go to Ontario for this, Ontario for that and now we're trying to change that and go to Quebec now.

Chief Bill Sunday

-Accompanied Chief David to Ottawa for Standing Committee presentation. Was well received.

-Attended Elders Wellness Conference in Oneida with the Seniors. It was very good. I encourage our elders to attend some of these meetings. It's something that you should know about. They show the different ways of protecting ourselves, how to cope with other elders, and yourself when you're old.

-Met with Quebec representatives. May be able to get assistance from them in areas we're having difficulty with such as roads and other services.

Chief Brian David

-Presented to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Bill S-8. The bill transfers the ownership of infrastructure and responsibility down to us except for setting the standards and administration which stays in Ottawa. The only parties that have exclusions are those under the First Nations Land Management Act and those who have signed self-

government agreements as part of land claims. We made the pitch that if they're going to do that, how come communities in the process of negotiating self-government agreements weren't included as part of the exclusions? Made last-ditch effort to submit to Parliamentary secretary last Wednesday. The following day Cabinet was going to go over recommended amendments.

-Attended kick-off meeting with Canada and Nation Building. We hadn't met with Canada in the past year. The lands Sectoral Agreement in Principle and the Governance agreement were signed by Cabinet shortly ago. Now the question is when and how do we start? Nation Building is preparing a work plan and we will begin to see activity later this summer. We need to work internally on what we need to do.

-Met with Saka Williams regarding the Trans Canada Pipeline. This is their 3rd visit. They're designing a letter of interest from us. They're prepared to put on the table \$10,000 to assist in capacity building for Akwesasne in order to garner some indication on what the community feels about this and begin preparing for some discussions and explore the possibility of an MOU. This is not an agreement in itself. The money has to be used for activities, not salaries.

-Met with group from Ottawa regarding a bike-a-thon in late July being called a Nation to Nation bike-a-thon. It will be attended by youngsters from across Canada. They would like to have their kick off in Akwesasne. We would host them on Thompson Island for a weekend and we'd be doing some sessions with them. It's kind of a good gesture. They would like our youth involved and I said we would try to do that. These are people connected to Amnesty International and have good ties to some of the lobbying efforts that we're trying to make with different national groups in that area.

Chief Steve Thomas

-Attended Budget meeting

-Conducted Alternative reporting planning for the June 5th meeting in Ottawa

-Attended the Donation Policy Review meeting

-Attended the Quebec Protocol meeting

-Heard an issue of Public Safety concern from a community member

Chief Louise Thompson

-Busy helping people complete the Quebec Fuel Tax applications. Went to Iohahiio, Seniors Building in

Hogansburg, lacrosse games, and people come to my house too.

-Involved in the Residential School settlement program, helping people complete the process.

-Worked with our attorney on several things: Worked on Mohawk Court law. Revised it again and incorporated more traditional concepts rather than using it as a model associated to the contemporary style. We discussed the Procedures Regulation and whether we should keep it as a regulation or work on it as a law. We worked on the traffic law. We advised a community member having a dispute.

-I've been responding to questions Communications is receiving on our Facebook page regarding the Quebec tax settlement.

-Our Justice staff asked if I can present the work plan to revive the Land Dispute Tribunal, but it has a budget attached. I asked if they could provide a report showing other funding sources they've approached. The budget is for training the panel members.

-Attended Nation meeting with the federal negotiators. Discussed next steps. We were informed that there is a new RDG – Gina Wilson.

-When helping community members with the fuel tax settlement, there have been a few cases of elderly not knowing their band numbers and when I look into it I find that they were never enrolled. In some cases their siblings and children are all members but for some reason they never were.

-Collectiva said they have only received 800 applications from Akwesasne, which is not a lot. Additional discussion from Council: We keep hearing about the Quebec fuel tax settlement being "free money" but it is not free money, it is the return of money you would have paid in tax when you purchased on-reserve gas in Quebec despite being tax exempt.

Chief Florence Phillips

-Attending Kawehno:ke Waterline meeting again tomorrow

-We had the General Meeting and my major concern was the commitment from Aboriginal Affairs on the funding of the waterline on Kawehno:ke. I'm trying to give people a heads up that the cost of that waterline may be on us and may not be reimbursed by the federal government.

-Louise and I and the staff have been busy collecting the applications for the fuel tax.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell

-It's usually a busy time during the summer with national meetings, meetings with Ottawa, and everyone is very busy so I wanted to look at having the next general meeting somewhere in the 3rd week of July and let the community know early enough.

-We will likely call for a Focus Meeting for the CBSA topics: the card, the signs, etc.

-We can squeeze additional focus meetings in on topics such as Nation Building and hold them between General Meetings. I want us to be productive and have progress to report at the General Meetings.

-There are visitors coming on Friday from a UN-related course at Columbia University. I want to see us put together an elaborate and thoughtful presentation on the most crucial issues affecting us. Canada put their report into the UN on how well they treat First Nations people in Canada under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. I think we have plenty to say about that here and I see this as very important. We have to prepare something for them to go back with that is accurate, well-constructed and well-presented.

### June 18, 2013 Special Meeting

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

-Attended Parental and Community Engagement Workshop in Mississauga from June 5-7 with Abram and AMBE staff. It was a great workshop but we did a lot more giving of information than receiving, we were hoping to get new ideas, etc. on how to engage our parents and community. Akwesasne was also an example in the instructor's presentation.

-Attended AMBE Parent Appreciation Night on June 10. Nice event, well-attended, roast beef dinner. The AMBE director gave a PowerPoint presentation on where we've been, where we are and where we hope to go.

-On June 11 I participated in a CKON talk show on the MRP/AMPL topic. We wrapped up the six focus meetings. We have recommendations from those meetings and AMPL is on today's agenda. Recommendations go to Council for approval then back to the working group to be put into law.

Chief Larry King

- Attended meeting yesterday with ARRO/IGL staff and Grand Chief to discuss issue of signage for border wait times. Still status quo. I've been speaking with someone at CBSA working out how information will get to the sign.

-Met with MCA attorney regarding OPG settlement. We are still working on the ultimate realization of those four islands and I give our attorney kudos for staying strong on aboriginal rights.

Chief Joe Lazore

-Attended workshop at HAVFD hosted by ACT NOW to bring awareness of injections, AIDS, use/misuse of needles etc. They said the drugs are coming again to the territory and they want to educate people before it's too late. Youth age 18-25, it really hits them hard. There are all kinds of drugs sitting on the outside waiting to come in.

-Had a meeting with Dept of Community and Social Services regarding welfare and disability. Need to explain to people the difference between them and the rules for both. In Canada, you have to qualify for welfare first before you get into disability. I want to bring that information to the public somewhere down the line so they have a better understanding.

- Cancellation of district meetings – Bill Sunday and I are working on electric signs for each district for cancellations/announcements etc. and for all communications. People say they don't listen to the radio, read the paper, etc. so we can get information out to them this way.

-Community member asked at our district meeting if MCA would go ahead and buy land and what would it be used for?

Chief April Adams-Phillips

-Attended waterline meeting last week and waterline construction is now underway on the Island. \* Insurance issues are delaying the waterline construction from continuing.

-Attended Community Support meeting with other Council and DCSS staff in regards to community frustration on how policies work and function. There has been some infrastructure change. They also want the implementation of a complaint process so community members don't need to go to Council to complain. They will come to us regardless but it's a procedure that we can use also.

-Climate survey will be sent out July 2 and will end Aug. 3. We're looking forward to the answers we're going to get as to what's going on inside MCA and how employees are feeling.

Chief Bill Sunday

-Attended Seaway meeting, met with MCA legal counsel. They're interested in interviewing more elders.

-Attended ACT NOW workshop at HAVFD on the prevention of more drugs coming to the territory. We all agree that prevention is as good as treatment itself.

-Met with DCSS and I have a better understanding of what they deal with. There are still some things I'm not satisfied with. I don't know how we got into a disability program.

-Received call about the cancellation of our district meeting. It was kind of late when they cancelled it and I think the complaint is legitimate so we'll deal with it at the next district meeting.

Chief Brian David

- PAT Team update: Met with Kent Farlinger last week and there is a report out there to PAT members. Mr. Farlinger wants to continue discussion.

-Attended Iohahiio vocational graduation. Nine high school diplomas were handed out. I spoke on behalf of Council and commended them for their hard work and acknowledged that it's not easy for an adult to go back to school.

-There is an engineering group out of Germany that specialized in high efficient energy homes (galvanized) that wants to put their headquarters in Akwesasne for North American distribution. They're looking to train our people to manage the operation and to go out there and construct. They're looking for a site in Akwesasne to set up model homes. One of the sites discussed was Thompson Island. I suggested we look at the corridor. We're looking at a site location to house the alternative reporting. We can replace one of the corridor buildings with a brand new building that is energy efficient, designed for alternative reporting but also showcases the new technologies available. They were very excited over that prospect. I said I need to speak to the people negotiating with the Federal Bridge because that will be a question for them. Is this possible?

-Met with Kahnawake Council to clarify information put out on tobacco project.

-Attended ACT NOW workshop. They were looking for leadership commitment. I said that commitment is already there. We have a joint drug strategy that was passed two or three years ago. We need to commit to that strategy. It's almost slipped off the table as a priority. We need to get it back on the table as a priority.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission



meeting- portfolio, charter revisions need attention, in your mail boxes

- Attended Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador meeting in Montreal. ADM E. Larouche was an unannounced guest. Health tax contribution resolution passed. Fuel tax applications are coming in slowly. Extension denied by Assembly. Meeting with Minister Marois forthcoming 1-2 weeks. Supper meeting with Chiefs Lloyd/Clinton Phillips from Kahnawake. ( Discussed Allen Yap.)
- Genivar--bridge project and corridor improvements discussed with Bill Knight and Glenn Hewus
- Attended Akwesasne Traffic Law meeting. AMPS concerns on liability, stoppages, seizures etc. Hydrants, one-way streets, construction zones also discussed.
- Attended Climate Survey meeting. Communication letters are being sent to employees this week and ready for distribution for month of July 2 thru Aug 3 rd.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended Kawehno:ke District meeting. It was cancelled but on the way there I heard the radio still announcing it so I attended and we had 5 people there. They were asking for a post office on Kawehno:ke because of the complaints regarding mail delivery. A lot of people are not getting their mail or receiving other people's mail. That never happened before and when they complain nothing gets done. The mail delivery person complains about people not using their right address so both sides are complaining. So they asked for a post office on the island. Other personal issues were discussed. There was discussion on the petition. We are looking at natural gas for savings and I think we really need to look at that project.
- I've been working with the elders on their Old Age Security Pension. They are now receiving letters asking for their civic address so I'm working with the lawyers on that.
- Attended Entewetathawi meeting last week. The advisory group decides the topics of education for the people. One of the members said there is still a belief that we have free welfare, free health, free housing, free education...We need to show the history of where it is now.
- Fuel tax – did a mail out to the southern portion of Akwesasne. Deadline is remaining at July 8th. They were looking at extending it but decided not to. \$27 million was the settlement and 2.4 million was put

into a trust and now they don't know what to do with it. They want to create a committee of two chiefs from each Quebec reserve to join the committee and determine what to do with that 2.4 million.

- Community member/staff member wants to do some improvements at the arena such as the walking path. There was an existing committee so I suggested she contact them and if they're no longer interested then a callout for a new committee could be made.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell

- This Council supports having a university in Cornwall but we have to meet with them. I'm asking that they do a full presentation to Council. They're looking for a contribution of \$10,000 from Akwesasne. A lot of our people could be teaching there, courses could be tailor-made to benefit us, etc. The whole format of the program at the beginning would/could have Akwesasne involvement. There are a lot of benefits Akwesasne could bring to this university that they're not thinking about. From medical to health to economics to governance, we really need to think this over. The feasibility study they're working on needs to be done soon and it has to go back to the Ontario government.
- CBSA meetings are going well in regard to bringing the duty to report back to Cornwall Island. We found out there is broadband wiring running from the arena to the old port so the technology is already there. We're looking at a box and you push the button to report. They're proposing we do a list of names of residents who reside in the territory and we said the list will include all Onkwehon:we so if there is an Onondaga living here etc., he is a resident. What we've agreed upon is using the trucker's compound area and the exit would be at the east side of the compound. I've spoken with Glen Hewus/Federal Bridge Corporation and he knows we are close to an agreement with CBSA. When we talk about something that's good for everybody, that's where we're at.
- Attended Ontario First Nations meeting.

**June 25, 2013**

Chief Karen Loran

- I'm happy to be back to work this month. A big thank you to all Council chiefs who provided me updates while I was out via email, phone and home visits.
- Did some consultations with community members while on leave

- Participated in conference call for Ontario Chiefs Committee on Health on June 10
- Attended June District Meeting – Community members had questions\inquiries about our Dundee claim, Sheik Island, updates on the demolition (what is the status?).

Chief Bill Sunday

- Completed a short written eulogy for John Oakes on behalf of Council. I knew him for a long time and I knew his contributions to Council while he served. He actually had a sub-ironworkers office here and he sent a lot of men to work.
- Attended District Meeting. Brought up the idea of a feasibility study for the casino. They recommended we restart the lacrosse factory. We have enough people left who know how to make the sticks. So that was the direction we were given. It was mentioned that the schools need air conditioning. Questions asked about the new bridge and when it will be open to traffic.

Chief Brian David

- Met with different investors last week and took them on a tour of the community, mainly boat tours for the tourist industry. A particular group out of Malaysia, supposedly backed by Chinese dollars, is looking to invest in Akwesasne and use us as tax shelter. They were quite up front about that. The next step is to have their board of directors come down. We haven't had a good conversation with the community about the kinds of economic opportunities that are favourable. What kind of partnerships would we want? I felt ill at ease to make any commitment without knowing what the community wants.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Alternative Reporting meeting at CIA # 3 with staff. Assessments to be completed by DTS and FBCL for the designation area for the proposed kiosks. Discussed Infrastructure requirements for the A.R site, Right of Way provisions, Traffic control from proposed site, Bridge Wait Time signage and Estimated Time lines for completion.
- Attended Monthly Public Safety Portfolio meeting. Chaired by co chair, Chief April Phillips.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended Igniting the Spirit Gala with other chiefs and staff. Very nice event and live auction.
- Attended District Meeting. Nation Building was

brought up. What should be the next steps? Maybe a referendum to give direction if we should keep going. They've done all this education in this community so now might be a good time to ask them if we go forward or not.

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Housing Authority meeting. One of the BMO loans was/is almost ready to be demanded on. I went over to the person's house and talked to the community member about their intentions. I was informed that it was being taken care of.
- Attended Akwesasne Quebec Protocol pre-meeting – we discussed the roads, infrastructure, bridges, ferry system. Asking for an opportunity study for a bridge.
- Conference call with Dept. of Health regarding pharmacy.

Chief Larry King

- Attended Akwesasne Trust Presentation – Went pretty well, minor questions, 15 people attended.
- Feasibility study for the ferry – We have collaborated on a survey with the engineering firm, the only problem is there are a few other surveys out there right now. We don't want to inundate our community with survey after survey. Also, we're at a point now where you have to offer a prize or enticement so I'm looking for funds to offer an iPod or iPad.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended internal Quebec meeting
- Attended District Meeting – lot of questions asked about Dundee land claim, completion of new bridge, no A/C in schools. One teacher said it's very hot in the schools and by the end of the day the kids are lethargic. Teacher was concerned about hearing school year may be extended. Community members also concerned about burning of garbage. Propane tanks being burned and exploded and shook homes nearby, we need to put in local papers the difference between a clean burn and bad burn of outdoor fires.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended District Meeting. Community members wanted update on ferry.
- Actively collecting forms for the Quebec Fuel Tax refund. Another clinic is being held in Hogansburg this week.



# Mohawk Conversation and Song

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

Oh niwenhnisero:ten ne atste?  
What's the weather like outside?

Iokenno:ron tanon tewatshirari:khons.  
It's raining and lightening.

Kwah i:ken tsi io'tarihen, wahe?  
Boy, it's really hot huh?

Hen. Sotsi !  
Yes, too much.

Iorahkote tanon ion'we:sen ne atste.  
It's sunny and nice outside.

Hen. Ion'we:sen ne atste.  
Yes. It's nice outside.

Tsi:tha  
Onhte wenhniseri:io  
ne tho aionkwathon:te'ne  
Tsitha enthaterenno:ten  
Tsi iote'nen:rate

Rarenni:io tsi raren:note  
Rarenni:io tsi raren:note  
Tsi tittre he  
Tsi tittre he  
Tsi iote'nen:rate

"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 Kanienkeha Specialist.

**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



# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) May-June 2013

## Onerahtohko:wa/ May 28, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 #064 Approval of Lot #40 Stanley  
Island Lot Lease Tender  
Vote: For-5: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #065 Seaway Legal Proceedings  
Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #066 Nation to Nation Bicycle Tour  
Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

## Onerahtohko:wa/ May 30, 2013 General Meeting

2013/2014 #067 Approval of General Meeting  
Minutes Dated November 29, 2012  
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

## Ohiari:ha/ June 4, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 #068 Approval of Special Meeting  
Minutes Dated May 7, 2013  
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #069 Approval of the Procedure  
Regulations Working Task Group  
Vote: For-8: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #070 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder  
& Child Nutrition Service Contract  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #071 Acceptance of Amendment No.  
0001 to the Financial Arrangement  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #072 Amend MCR 2013/2014 \$044,  
New Lease Lot 26 Colquhoun Island  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #073 Addition of Proposed Traffic Law  
for July General Meeting  
Vote: For-8: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #074 Funds to Acquire McDonald  
Sisters Property  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #075 Trust Development Focus  
Meeting  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #076 Approval of Operating Budget  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

## Ohiari:ha/ June 10, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 #077 Approval of New Lease – Lot 9  
Renshaw Island  
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #078 Assignment of Lease – Lot 22  
Block C Hamilton Island  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #079 Assignment of Lease – Lot 32  
Stanley Island  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #080 Approval of Letter of Agreement  
With TransCanada  
Vote: For-8: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #081 2013/2014 NCCR Allocation  
Funding  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #082 Approval of MCR Reference Tool  
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #083 Approval For Acting Grand Chief  
Vote: For-6: Against-2: Abstention-1 CARRIED

## Ohiari:ha/ June 11, 2013

2013/2014 #084 MCA Declaration of Tax  
Exemption From Quebec Health Contribution  
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED



# Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

## Education

On May 1, 2103 members of Council were invited to presentation at the Kana:takon Recreation Centre by the Akwesasne Arena Management Board (AAMB). The purpose of the presentation was to inform Council of upcoming policy changes AAMB which would have implications on the Community and a few programs within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE). The AAMB is funded though Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and as part of the funding arrangement, it stipulates how the AAMB will fund for training and other program delivery. The AAMB has been meeting with client groups to explain the changes and how they may be impacted. The Community Support Program and AMBE will be initially impacted by the changes. Going forward some students may not receive funding allowance but only tuition from AAMB as a result of the change. A future meeting is planned with AAMB, AMBE and the MCA to discuss how we can work together to close the gaps to ensure students are not greatly impacted but also ensuring budget constraints are captured.

## Public Relations

On May 6, 2013, Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Chief King and I attended the Ontario Power Generation's St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre for an award celebration. The OPG Centre was awarded the Gold LEED classification by the Canada Green Building Council. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is a rating system that provides building owners and operators with a concise framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. The ceremony began with Akwesasne Youth Quinlynn Jacobs delivering the Ohên:ton Karihwatêhkwen followed by a number of speeches from those involved in the design, construction and operation of the visiting centre. Congratulation to the OPG Visitors Centre for this accomplishment!

## Housing

The Housing Authority met on May 15, 2013 to conduct regular business. A number of housing upgrade and renovation applications were reviewed and approved for recommendation to Council. The



Housing Authority meets on the third Wednesday of the month and is comprised of the Housing Director, one portfolio Chief from each district, a member of finance staff, housing loans officer, a staff member from the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS), a staff member from the Community Support Program, and community representative from each district.

## Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS)

I attended the May DCSS meeting with Chief Phillips-Jacobs. The Program Manager for Iethinisten:ha Akwesasne Family Violence Program made a presentation on the needs and challenges of the program. One of the services delivered by Iethinisten:ha is funded by the Ontario Attorney General. The Ministry provides a small amount of funding to offer the Partner Assault Response (PAR) but also stipulates that the service must be delivered to any individual requiring the service, but non community members are accessing the service and very few Akwesasronon are using the service, which is creating a hardship on the program. The Portfolio has agreed to meet with the Ministry to discuss the future of the program.



# Quebec Protocol Meeting Update

Submitted by: Kana:takon District Chief Steve Thomas

Meeting date: June 26, 2013

Meeting location: Tsi Snaihne Homemakers Building  
Attendees: Quebec representative Nicolas Tremblay, Victoria Irving, Chief Brian David, Chief Florence Phillips, Chief Larry King, Chief April Adams-Phillips, Chief Joe Lazore, Chief Karen Loran and Theresa Thompson (recorder).

## Discussion Summary:

### 1) Roads:

- Maintenance of Qc roads
- no increase in recent years
- condition of roads
- \*- offer for MTQ engineer to come - NT
- work with DTS
- exchange drafts of protocol until both parties agree
- additional sectoral agreements within the protocol on new issues from Akwesasne
- 3-5 year review between both parties
- Ontario's contribution to MCA is a benchmark to Qc

### 2) Bridges

- Tsi Snaihne
- Dundee
- \*- Regional (Regie) would come to Akwesasne to do the study and will be the property of Qc
- would do presentation to Akwesasne later
- \*- Quad Party Agreement (Fed/Qc/Ont/Akwesasne)
- negotiation committee

### 3) Ferry

- update on progress
- CRE presentation and funds available and how to fit it into our needs
- feasibility study (150,000.00) cost absorbed by MCA
- \*- access the Qc ec/dev fund to see if this fits into the plan
- temporary measure while the bridge is designed and built (3-5-7 yrs)

### 4) Space Needs

- capital projects to accommodate MCA growth



- Nicholas will speak with his end to find where it could fit in
- \*- health officials will be contacted to come to Akwesasne - NT

### 5) Hydro Qc

- two jobs in jeopardy
- Lazare Tree Cutters have a contract proposal in with Qc Hydro
- electrical utility for MCA

## Next steps:

- \*Erosion funds available in Qc through Ministry of Safety ( Mr Coleman)
- Nicolas will contact their department for further information
- \* economic difficulties with the borders for regular business transactions
- \*Justice conference call meeting with Qc on July 11, 2013
- \*August 25th a larger meeting in Qc city to discuss it further



# Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko

## KAWEHNO:KE WATERLINE

Since the beginning of my term I have devoted the majority of my time to the Kawehnoke Waterline Project. I participate on this project by attending both the technical team meetings here in Akwesasne and meetings with AANDC officials that usually take place in Toronto. As a result of the progress that has been made, the project to begin the completion of the waterline installation for Kawehno:ke will break ground for Phase I on June 17, 2013. It is the concerted effort of everyone involved that has taken the project to the construction phase.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the technical team participants who have devoted much time and effort to making this project a priority for the residents of Kawehnoke. Safe drinking water is of utmost importance in their minds as they come together to strategize toward obtaining funding in order to continue to make progress on this project with the goal of completing the waterline.

The technical team is comprised of the following personnel from DTS: Jay Benedict, Vladi Kovinich, Thomas Phillips, Stephanie Ransom, and Lorri Bova; the following personnel from the Department of Health: April White, Cindy Francis Mitchell, and Brigitte Blazina; and the following other personnel: Henry Lickers from the Environment program, Keith Smith-Environmental Health Officer, and Daryl Seymour & Neil Caldwell from Jp2g Consultants.

I also wanted to thank Chief Florence Phillips who has shared her experience with me and given me advice learned from past waterline projects. She has always provided her support to not only myself



*Kawehno:ke waterline construction begins on Lighthouse Road.*

but also to the rest of the project team. I'd like to commend her for always being mindful of ALL the people in the community

Niawen: kowa to the entire project team in making this a reality for the Kawehnoke District. This project provides the perfect example of how working together as a team can accomplish the goal of providing a much needed service to the people in this community.

## EMPLOYEE CLIMATE SURVEY

Another project I've been working on is the Employee Climate Survey. This survey will be sent to all MCA employees so they can confidentially rate their working conditions and the overall climate of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, as

an organization. The purpose is to gauge whether or not our employees are satisfied and most of all if they are happy to work for this organization. How our employees feel is reflected in how we relate to and offer services to our community members. So it is important to identify what is currently lacking so that we can help our employees take pleasure in their service to the community. This would become the basis to promote an improvement in the atmosphere of the entire organization. It will take time for this to happen, but as with all other things, change will not happen if we do not try.

## MIDWIFERY SERVICES

I've also been working along with Brigitte Blazina on the possibility of offering Midwifery services in our community in the future. I have taken the opportunity to tour the Midwifery Center in Six Nations, which is a beautiful facility filled with state of the art technology that enables them to provides the ultimate precautions and safety for both mother and child. This is a time consuming project but in order to provide for the safety of our mothers and

new babies we cannot rush into this endeavor. I will continue to work with our health care professionals to ensure that if MCA is able to provide Midwifery services to our community, it will be done with the safest means possible to protect our community members, including those yet to be born.

## SPACE NEEDS

It has been identified in the Kawehnoke District that the Kawehnoke Clinic needs an expansion to the existing waiting room area so I will be seeking help to identify possible funding sources for this.

The HAVFD Station #2 is also experiencing space issues so an addition to the existing building would be ideal. Like every project, this will require time to look for possible funding.

What I am finding out through the other projects I have started to work on, is that time and hard work pays off. So with the help of teams comprised of Council and personnel of MCA departments, I will continue to develop projects that will better serve not only the District of Kawehnoke, but also the entire community of Akwesasne. ♦

## Akwesasne Traffic Law

The Working Task Group for the development of a comprehensive traffic law has concluded drafting proposed amendments to the existing law. The proposed amendment name is Akwesasne Traffic Law.

The Working Task Group remitted the proposed draft amendment to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Special Meeting for consideration at a General Meeting. The June 4, MCA Special Meeting placed the proposed Akwesasne Traffic Law on the July 2013 General Meeting agenda.

In accordance with the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation, section 10.10, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is providing this notice to Members at least thirty (30) days in advance.

At the General Meeting:

1. A summary of the law amendment will be read to the Members attending the meeting.
2. The Working Task Group for the development of the proposed law amendment will be available to answer any technical questions by the community.
3. The Council will, by majority vote, accept in principle, the proposed law amendment and forward the proposed law amendment to Phase III Community Consultation, OR

4. If rejected, the Council must, upon request of any Member, explain the reasons for rejecting the proposed law amendment.

If the proposed draft law amendment is accepted in principle by Council, copies of proposed draft Akwesasne Traffic Law will be available at the General Meeting.

Council will then direct the Akwesasne Justice Department to:

- Send the draft proposed law to the printers;
- Mail the printed copies to each household under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; and
- Give notice of Focus Meetings in each of the three Districts.

The Working Task Group will:

- Conduct the Focus Meetings; and
- Provide a summary as well as answer any questions Members may have about the proposed law amendment.

The Focus Meetings will be recorded and any comments and/or recommendations will be submitted to Council, with recommended changes to the proposed draft law amendment.

For more information, please contact the Akwesasne Justice department at 613-575-2250 Ext. 2400.



*Men prepare the pipes.*



# MCA Recognizes Staff for Years of Service

On May 31st, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held its annual Long Term Service Recognition Luncheon at the Kanatakon Rec. This event recognizes MCA employees who have reached the 35, 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 year milestones in their careers with Mohawk Council. A chicken barbeque luncheon with all the fixings was served and each employee was bestowed with a certificate and a gift card. Those employees celebrating the remarkable milestone of anniversary of 35, 30 and 25 years were also presented with a beautiful sweetgrass basket.

Words of praise were read by the emcee from a letter sent by Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, who unfortunately was unable to attend this year's event. Part of the letter read,

"I congratulate all of the people who served as staff for the Mohawk Council in their various capacities and for those who put in long term service and are being recognized today and to those who will continue to stay with us, we look forward to your continued dedicated work."

Also extending kind words of welcome and praise to the employee was District Chief Florence Phillips who was also the recipient of 30 years of service.

While the event served to recognize existing MCA staff, it also serve as a platform to remember and honor those employees who had passed away during the past year. This year, the families of the late Theresa Square and Vuk Kovich attended the luncheon to accept a memorial plaque.

"I can truly say that they both really lived their lives to the fullest. I miss them and our organization misses them," were just a few of the word expressed by Executive Director, Sheree Bonaparte.

Finance employee, Martha Mitchell was the event's most prestigious guest of honor with 35 years of service. She truly is a role model for the newer employees to look up and see what dedication and commitment to the community is all about.

The Long Term Service Recognition Luncheon was organized by the Long Service Committee, who are made up of Tess Benedict, Darlene Francis, Brigitte Phillips, Ashley Tarbell, Shannon Burns and Vaughn Phillips. Daryl Diabo and Brandon David assisted Tess and Vaughn in barbequing the delicious chicken.

Staff recognized during this year's annual celebration were:

Name/Photo (#)

### 35 YEARS

Martha Mitchell (1)

### 30 YEARS

Florence Phillips (2)

Felicia Sunday

Jay Benedict (3)

### 25 YEARS

Denise Collins (4)

Sheila LaFrance (5)

Cindy Francis-Mitchell (6)

Pauline Thompson (9)

Charlotte Cook (8)

Connie Lazore

Vaughn Phillips (7)

### 20 YEARS

Rachel Thomas

Kuy Chaussi (10)

Janice Sharrow (32)

Lorraine Thompson (17)

Maureen Thompson (11)

Mona Thompson

Janet Tatro (16)

Allyson Lamesse (23)

Bob Stevenson

Elizabeth Nanticoke

Daniel Thompson

Tina Mitchell (12)

Michelle Sawatis (24)

Susan Thompson-

Rourke (51)

Vincenette Cook (18)

### 15 YEARS

Heather David (47)

Tracie Jacobs (13)

Arlene David

Catherine Francis-

Roundpoint

Eileen Rourke (21)

Lucy Lazore (28)

Karen Jocko

Heather Phillips (22)

Steven Jock (14)

Kevin Lazore

Brooke Terrance

Lori Laffin (30)

Robyn Mitchell

Richard Oakes

Dennis Chaussi

Catherine Lalievre

Jennifer David (29)

Tina Mitchell (19)

Liz Jacobs (34)

Leona Delormier (46)

Mamie David (49)

Michelle Rolfe

Regina Jacobs (48)

Noreen Cook (31)

Larry King

### 10 YEARS

Anna Lisa Johnson (36)

Leanne Metcalfe (45)

Rachel Lefebvre

Tara Thompson (44)

Michelle Holly Pyke (39)

Adam Benedict (27)

Rhonda Adams (37)

Christine Bowman

Phillip Mitchell

Wade Mitchell (33)

Leah Delormier (43)

Melanie Gibson

Connie Hall (26)

Leonee Mitchell (42)

Kellie Jacobs (15)

Leann Jock (41)

Theresa Jocko (50)

Karla Ransom (20)

Anna Thompson (35)

Brandon David (25)

Karakwenta Lazore (38)

Cheryl Jacobs (40)

Jennifer Francis









# Idle No More: History Catching Up:

## First Nations Honoured treaties, Canadian governments didn't

The immediate impact of the "Idle No More" protests has been, if nothing else, a rare, sustained focus on First Nations and their role in and relationship with Canada.

The ensuing dialogue, however, has not on the whole been an ennobling one. Too much of the commentary, whether editorial or popular, suggests deep ignorance of our history, and a clinging to outmoded ideas of what Canada was and is today. It springs from a romanticized longing for a history that never was: Canada as a nation of only two – French and English – "Founding Peoples."

Our history, of course, does not begin with Confederation in 1867, nor even with the arrival of European explorers in the 16th century. It extends back several thousand years, during which the land was inhabited by several distinct nations, with laws and governance structures of their own. As our own Supreme Court has succinctly stated, "Canada's Aboriginal people were here when Europeans came, and were never conquered."

But even were we to myopically limit our historical gaze to more recent times, we are then forced to recall that the Fathers of Confederation immediately understood the need to implement a distinctly Canadian approach to the prior and continued occupation by Aboriginal people of the vast land those founders sought to settle, develop, and unite by transcontinental railway.

That approach, steeped in a longstanding pragmatic British policy of "fair-dealing" with the "aborigines" within its empire's colonies, deliberately diverged from the aggressive approach of our American neighbours, which had resulted in expensive and bloody Indian wars (Those wars were costing the US treasury some \$2-\$3 million a year to prosecute, more than the entire budget of the Dominion).

The original policy of our forebears was not one of conquest, but of compromise, solemnly captured in treaties between the Crown and First Nations.

As John Ralston Saul and former Treaty Commissioner David Arnot have noted, the result is that we are all "treaty people." And this rightly applies to immigrants as well. It is no less reasonable to ask new Canadians to adopt and be bound by our history than it is to expect that they learn to speak

and write at least one of our official languages.

Treaties have much to teach us about who and where we are today.

For instance, in Northwestern Ontario and eastern Manitoba (Treaty 3 territory), First Nations were reluctant to enter into treaty. Presciently, they saw little benefit to them in agreeing to share their land and allow it to be opened to settlement and development by others. Canada, needing access to these lands, persisted. This resulted in hard bargaining, in which the First Nations quite legitimately insisted, among other things, on certain protections for the means of maintaining their livelihood. They would not have needed these safeguards at all if they had refused to enter into treaty and simply maintained their prior occupation and use of the land. And so they also secured for themselves and for their descendants other promises: annual payments of monies, goods, and services such as education.

In Northern Alberta (Treaty 8 territory), a different scenario unfolded in the late 1800s. With buffalo herds depleted and famine claiming many of their members, First Nations beseeched the Crown to enter into treaty. Canada refused, deciding it did not need the land or access to it, and not wanting to assume financial or relief obligations for its Aboriginal inhabitants. This view, however, changed abruptly in 1888, when Robert Bell, director of the Geological Survey of Canada, reported to a Senate Committee that the Athabasca and Mackenzie valleys hold "the most extensive petroleum field in America, if not the world." The resulting treaty for the likewise contained many promises and protections, in exchange for access to the territory that is now home to Canada's tar sands.

Once Canada secured what it had wanted – access to land and its abundance, peaceably and therefore economically attained – it quickly began to renege on the promises it had delivered to achieve those ends. The First Nation treaty partners were soon regarded as a drain on the economy being built on and from the very land those First Nations had agreed to share. Lands promised were not delivered; resources were not shared. Annual treaty payments have never been indexed for inflation.

The Indian Act was imposed, along with a disastrous

policy of assimilation, culminating in the residential schools calamity. These failed policies and broken promises guaranteed the ongoing and worsening political, economic and social dysfunction of First Nation communities. As Chief Bear of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation has suggested, one should try to imagine how Canada would have fared if its entire economy had been forced to operate under the constraints of the Indian Act.

By 1923 – the balance of power having shifted in its favour on the strength of the land settled and developed through previous treaties – Canada simply stopped entering into treaties altogether. This bequeathed a legacy of legal limbo for future generations, who were left to grapple with the resulting uncertainty over ownership and rights in relation to large portions of our country.

The simple historical truth is that First Nations

more than kept their end of the historical bargains on which Canada was founded, but have been systematically excluded from sharing in the wealth produced from the land they agreed to share with us, while enduring the effects of harmful policies by successive Canadian governments.

The need to address the consequences of these policies is not, as Jeffrey Simpson has bewailed, an appeal to our "guilt," but to our history, our obligations and, ultimately, to our honour.

What is the meaning of Idle No More? Perhaps it is that history, as it tends to do, has caught up with us.

*The above article was published in the March 2013 edition of CCPA Monitor, a publication of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. Max Faille is National Leader for Aboriginal Law at Gowlings LLP and legal counsel to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.*

## RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE IN AKWESASNE



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of Economic Development, is accepting applications to lease retail units located at the Peace Tree Trade Center, 167 International Road, Akwesasne, Ontario. **Each Business must be native owned by a minimum of 51%.** Available are: Unit #2, 2000 sq. ft., set up for a restaurant or Café and has recently been renovated. Unit #3, a multi-level unit at 1,900 sq. ft., currently set up as a retail/service space.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact MCA Economic Development, c/o Nola Benedict, Project Development Officer, P.O. Box 579, Cornwall, Ontario, K6H 5T3, or by email: [nola.benedict@akwesasne.ca](mailto:nola.benedict@akwesasne.ca) or phone (613)575-2250, ext. #1052. Applications are being accepted until units are leased.



# Columbia University Indigenous Studies Students Visit Akwesasne



Columbia University's Indigenous Studies Summer Program visits Akwesasne.

On Friday, June 7th, Akwesasne welcomed Columbia University's Indigenous Studies Summer Program (ISSP) on Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Policy. This inaugural summer program was an intensive two-week course that provided an overview and analysis of the major questions in indigenous affairs today, as they have emerged globally in the last decades. The program was centered around the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) that was adopted in 2007.

This course had a travel component that included a visit to Akwesasne. The students and their professors met with Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Chiefs and Subchiefs, Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The group made four stops in Akwesasne- the Akwesasne Museum, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court and the Mohawk Nation Longhouse.

Two employees from the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office at MCA had the privilege of attending the course in New York City: Manager Cactus Cook Sunday and Researcher Dwight Bero Jr. The students also had the opportunity to tour the United Nations. They attended various workshops and lectures from a multitude of professors and presenters. The professors and presenters were

from all over the world. Many had been involved with the United Nations in one form or another. The academic coordinator was Dr. Elsa Stamatopoulou and she was the first Chief Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Dr. Stamatopoulou was one of the original drafters of the UNDRIP. The ISSP had 25 students from around the world. The students came from the United States, Canada, India, Argentina, Bangladesh, Denmark, New Zealand, Russia, Uganda, Chile, Japan, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Akwesasne. Some of the students had worked at the United Nations and others were professors, PhD students, Master's students, undergraduates, journalists, researchers and activists.

"The program itself was an opportunity to learn about the very recent evolution of the issue of Indigenous Rights at the global level and perspective, and to share the experience with other professionals with similar backgrounds from around the world," stated ARRO Manager Cactus Cook Sunday.

The conclusion of the program left the students with a comprehensive understanding of the issues that Indigenous peoples are faced with around the world. It was only recently that international and domestic policy and law have begun to even address some of these issues. Recognition of Indigenous

Peoples at the international level began at the culmination of World War II. The United Nations began to examine the treatment and rights of Indigenous Peoples around the world since the 1970s. However, Deskaheh traveled to Geneva to speak at the League of Nations, the predecessor to the United Nations in 1923.

There are three pillars the UNDRIP addresses, cultural rights, land rights, and rights to self-determination. The UNDRIP is a very significant

step toward the recognition of our rights as Indigenous Peoples, though non-binding. The next step would be for the signatories to the UNDRIP to begin implementation of the declaration thus making it a binding agreement. This would mean that signatory countries would have to begin writing the acknowledgement of the rights of Indigenous Peoples into domestic policy to protect those rights.



## National Victims of Crimes Awareness Week

The Akwesasne Community Justice Program hosted many events and workshops in participation with the Canada-wide National Victims of Crimes Awareness Week. "We All Have a Role" was the theme of this year's National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, taking place across Canada from April 21-27, 2013. The goal of National Victims of Crimes Awareness Week was to raise awareness about issues facing victims of crime and the services, programs and laws in place to help victims and their families. All of the events were funded by the Victims Fund, a grants and contributions program administered by the Department of Justice Canada. Funds are available to provinces, territories and non-governmental organizations for programs and services that give victims of crime a more effective voice in the criminal justice system. For more information about the Victims Fund, please visit: <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/pcvi-cpcv/index.html>.

Kicking off our week on April 23, we held a skill-building workshop for youth with guest speaker Brett "the Hitman" Hart and AMPS officer Rob White. The youth were very inspired by the stories of discipline and respect.

On April 24th, we held an elder abuse workshop for the elders with Denise Paquette and AMPS officer Rob White. The elders that attended would like to see the whole community at the next elder abuse workshop that will be held.

During the night of April 24th, we held an open house for the community to meet with Victims Services providers and resources available. We hope to invite more service providers at the next open house that will be held.

On Thursday, April 25th, we held a self-defense



training session for young women and teens. The training was provided by Freedom Taekwon-Do, located in Cornwall Ontario. The participants had the opportunity to throw some of the guys that participated around. All that participated enjoyed the training session and would like to see it continue weekly.

On Friday, April 26th, we ended the week with a free dinner for all community members and we presented several agencies and service providers with Certificates of Appreciation for all the hard-work that they have been providing to Victims of Crimes.

Michelle Smoke, Aboriginal Courtworker organized all the events for the week and would like to thank all of those who participated in the events. We hope that this may become a yearly event to honor and recognize all those that have been victims of crimes and those that assist victims of crimes since "We All Play A Role".





# Summer Youth Employment Program Begins

For the third consecutive year, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has provided Akwesasne youth with summer employment. This year the Summer Youth Employment Program slightly changed its eligibility criteria which include the following: be between the ages of 14-29 years, have a valid SIN card, be a member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne or the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs, and must reside within the jurisdiction of the MCA.

The program is able to continue providing work experience to those who are in school, as well as inspiring those not in school to continue their education as they gain new skills in a work field that is of interest to them. In addition, the program is able to follow its motto of "empowering our youth through positive employment opportunities with MCA." These work experiences enable them to build self-confidence and independence for when they join the world at work and become better prepared to enter the work force as they complete their studies.

Approximately 40 youth will be employed during the summer months of 2013. A total of 25 youth between the ages of 19-29 years have already been hired as they began work on June 3rd, and will work for twelve weeks. Also, 15 youth between the ages of 14-18 years will be hired for a period of eight weeks starting July 2nd. ❖



Jordan Tarbell and Ross Lafrance, ACFS.



Cassandra Phillips, Kanonhkwashteri:io



Hattie Edwards, Mohawk Government



High School Student Orientation



## Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education

*'Te thi ha hon:nien – We make the road for them."*

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

### 2013-2014 Post-Secondary Application Guidelines

#### Application Deadlines

**Fall: Ohiarihkó:wa/July 26, 2013**

**Winter/Spring : Kentenkhó:wa/November 20, 2013  
(if funds are available)**

#### **New Students Need:**

1. Completed AMBE Post-Secondary Application
2. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne OVS Membership Confirmation Letter
3. Photocopy of High School Diploma or GED
4. Essay detailing education and career goals
5. Institution acceptance letter
6. Completed Financial Aid Form (if attending a U.S. College), or a tuition bill (if attending a Canadian College)
7. Fall 2013 time table/schedule of classes

#### **Continuing Students Need:**

1. Completed AMBE Post-Secondary Application
2. Winter/Spring 2013 grades
3. Fall 2013 time table/schedule of classes
4. Completed Financial Aid Form (if attending a U.S. College), or a tuition bill (if attending a Canadian College)

#### **Part-Time Students:**

Must be matriculated at a post-secondary institution;  
Be working toward degree completion;  
Submit a part-time post-secondary application by the deadline dates as noted; and  
Submit tuition charges or invoice

*All fully completed paperwork needs to be submitted to Norma Sunday, Post-Secondary Administrator at the AMBE Office located behind the Peace Tree Mall on Kawehno:ke.*

*Norma can be contacted at 613-933-0409 or [norma.sunday@ambe.ca](mailto:norma.sunday@ambe.ca).*

*Copies of application and other forms can be found on website: [www.ambe.ca](http://www.ambe.ca).*



# Recent MCA Job Postings

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne posted the following positions recently.

The following positions will close on July 18, 2013 at 4:00pm.

Public Safety Dispatcher, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service  
Permanent Full Time Position  
Salary: \$39,263.25 - \$44,194.78

Activity Coordinator, Iakhihsohtha Lodge  
Permanent Full Time Position  
Salary: \$39,827.00 - \$43,077.00

For current and active job postings, visit [www.akwesasne.ca/jobpostings.html](http://www.akwesasne.ca/jobpostings.html)  
Or contact the Human Resources Department at (613) 575-2250 Ext. 2146

Applicants must clearly outline that they meet the qualification requirements on their resume. A clear criminal reference check is mandatory. Native preference in hiring. An eligibility list will be created for one year. Applicants who fail to submit the required documentation will be automatically disqualified.




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


# Community Health Events July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>HOLIDAY</b>	2 Every Tuesday Circuit Training with Lorrie	3 Breastfeeding Support Group Luncheon 12-1	4 Every Thursday Circuit Training with Lorrie	5 Deadline to order Green Food Box	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Green Food Box Pick up day Kanatakon 11- 4	17 Green Food Box Pick up day Island 11- 4	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Akwesasne Wellness Day	26	27
28	29	30 GET FIT + Orientation 12-1 Kanonhkwa'tsher:io	31 GET FIT + Orientation 4:30-5:30 A'nowara'ko:wa			

# Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

July 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
1 <b>CLINIC CLOSED</b>  <b>CANADA DAY</b>	2 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	3 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN	4 <b>JOELLE REGNIER</b> 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	5 <b>JOELLE REIGNIER</b> 8:30am-12 pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	6 <b>JOELLE REGNIER</b> WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm	7
8 <b>DR. TREMBLAY</b> WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm – 4 pm BY APPT	9 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	10 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN	11 <b>JOELLE REGNIER</b> 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	12 <b>JOELLE REGNIER</b> 8:30am-12 pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	13 <b>JOELLE REGNIER</b> WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm	14
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22 <b>DR TREMBLY</b> WALK-IN 8-11 am	23 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	24 <b>DR. YOUNG</b> 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	25 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	26 <b>WOMANS CLINIC</b> <b>DR V UDOEYOP</b> 10 am- 3pm BY APPT	27 <b>NO CLINIC</b>	28
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JULY 2013						
AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>CLOSED</b> <b>CANADA</b> <b>DAY</b> 	2 <b>BY APPT.</b> 9:00-11:00 <b>DR. FORSON</b>	3 Life Labs 8:30-10:00 20 pt. limit	4 <b>NO</b> <b>DOCTOR</b>	5 <b>BY APPT.</b> 9:00-11:30 <b>DR. FORSON</b>	6 <b>WALK-IN</b> 8:30-11:30 <b>DR. FORSON</b>
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Ph.#  
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Life labs in Cornwall  
Mon. to Fri.  
8:00 to 4:00  
Closed Saturday's



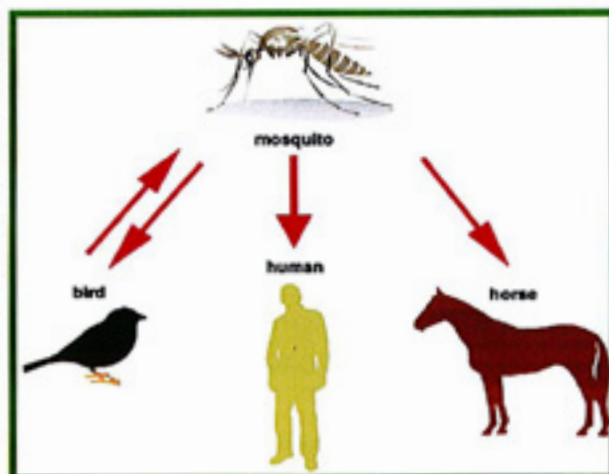
# West Nile Virus Hazard Help Sheet

**TODAY . . . mosquitoes are more than a nuisance!**

West Nile virus is established in Ontario and the disease is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. There is no way to predict how serious West Nile virus will be in any given year.

## FACTS:

- West Nile virus first appeared in Ontario in 2001.
- The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes that became infected by feeding on an infected bird. (See example below)



- Of those who showed symptoms, most will experience **mild** illness including fever, headache, body ache, nausea, vomiting and rash on chest, stomach or back.
- About one (1) in 150 people infected will experience **serious** symptoms including high fever, severe headache, muscle weakness, stiff neck, confusion, tremors, numbness and sudden sensitivity to light.

## Symptoms

Symptoms usually develop between two (2) and fifteen (15) days after bitten by an infected mosquito. Below are additional symptoms to look out for.



## COVER UP!

It's important that you take steps that will protect you and your family from mosquito bites. The good news is, it's easy! Here's how:

- Cover up.
- Use insect repellent when outdoors.
- Clean up mosquito-friendly areas around your home regularly.

**If they can't get to you, you won't get bitten!**

- Minimize exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts or jackets and long pants.
- Mosquitoes are attracted to darker, more intense colors, so remember to wear light colors if possible.
- If it's particularly bad out there and you need to be outside for a long time, consider specialized clothing.

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# West Nile Virus Hazard Help Sheet

**Clean up and ruin a mosquito's love life!**

The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas where they are likely to breed.

Unlike birds and other insects, most mosquitoes do not fly very far from their breeding sites and normal habitat.

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water—even small amounts. The life cycle from egg to adult usually takes less than seven days. So, it's important to get rid of standing water around your home on a regular basis—once a week is a good standard.

Adult mosquitoes like to rest in dense shrubbery. Keep bushes and shrubs clear of overgrowth and debris. And keep your compost pile turned on a regular basis.

## TOP 10 MOSQUITO LOVE NESTS

1. Bird Baths
2. Old Tires
3. Unused Containers (i.e. barrels)
4. Flower Pot Saucers
5. Swimming Pool Covers
6. Wading Pools
7. Clogged Drainage and Eaves-troughs
8. Clogged Drain Ditches
9. Small Containers (i.e. cans or bottle tops)
10. Used Children's Toys / Vehicles



## Using Insect Repellent

- Consider using federally registered personal insect repellents on exposed skin, such as those containing DEET. A light coating will do.
- DEET-based repellents can also be used on top of clothing.
- Do not use it under clothing.

The concentration of DEET should be no greater than 30% for adults and no greater than 10% for children and should not be used on children under six (6) months old.

Several DEET-free repellents are federally registered, but provide a shorter time of effectiveness. If you are going outdoors for less than thirty (30) minutes, these are safe effective alternatives.

**ALWAYS READ THE REPELLENT LABEL / DIRECTION FOR USE.**



For more information go to  
[www.health.gov.on.ca/westnile](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/westnile)

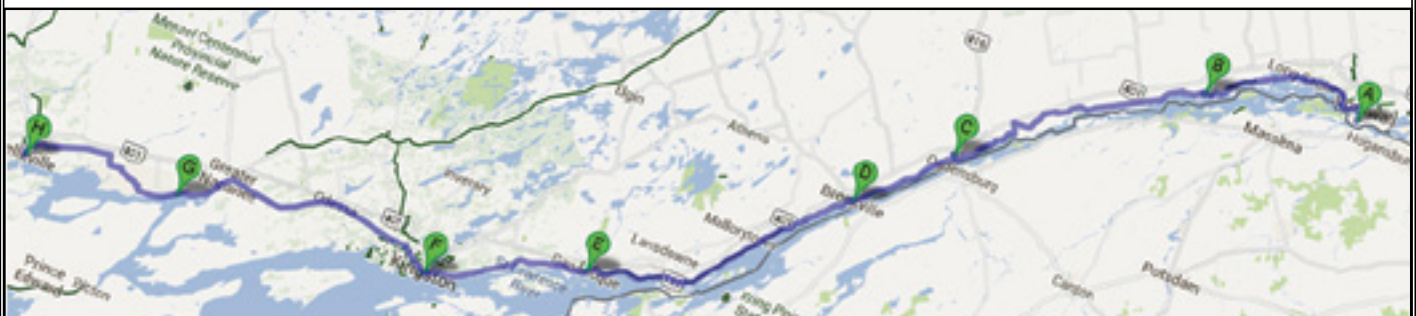




KAIROS AND THE OTESHA PROJECT ARE CO-HOSTING A 2 1/2 WEEK NATION-TO-NATION BIKE TOUR JULY 27TH-AUGUST 15TH AND THEY WOULD LIKE **YOU** TO PARTICIPATE!

THIS TOUR, WHICH WILL BEGIN IN AKWESASNE AND END IN TYENDINAGA, WILL BE MAKING STOPS AT HISTORICAL SITES ALONG THE ST LAWRENCE, AND MEETING FIRST NATIONS VISITORS FROM MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES TO GIVE TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS.

THIS BIKE TOUR WILL BRING INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS YOUTH TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN CANADA.



## HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

ARE YOU AN AKWESASNE YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 30?

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CULTURE AND OTHERS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND BUILD NEW FRIENDSHIPS?

HAVE YOU BEEN WANTING TO IMPROVE ON YOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS AND TRAIN ON BIKE TOURING AND SAFETY?

**Join now to share, learn and explore! Space is limited!**

If you would like to participate or would like more information on the Nation to Nation Bike Tour 2013, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Thompson at (613)575-2250 ext 2208 or Shara Francis-Herne at (613)575-2250 ext. 3193