



# Onkwe'ta:ke

## For the People

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### Injured Osprey Healed, Released Back Into Wild

On May 23, 2013 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe staff and chiefs gathered at "The Point" in Kana:takon (St. Regis) to release an osprey back into the wild after it was injured earlier in the month.

Ospreys are large hawks that live along seas and rivers to maintain their diet of mainly fish. Their nests can easily be spotted on shorelines around the world. They have a significant presence in Akwesasne as one of the area's largest birds of prey, and they're easily identifiable by their brown and white coloring and large wingspan.

On May 8, 2013, one particular osprey swooped down from the sky early in the morning in the area of St. Regis Road and Johnson Road, and was hit by a passing vehicle. The bird, which witnesses originally thought was an eagle due to its size, was unable to fly.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police were called to assist as the bird was found in their jurisdiction, but without a tribal conservation unit of their own they contacted MCA's conservation officers Taylor Mitchell and Josh Mitchell in Akwesasne's northern portion. Using an animal crate, the officers transferred the bird into their conservation vehicle and drove to Ottawa, Ontario where the Wild Bird Care Centre welcomed them. The conservation officers were familiar with the centre as they'd previously taken an injured Canadian goose there.

After two weeks in captivity being nursed back to



*Healed osprey takes flight over the St. Lawrence River.*

health, the centre contacted MCA and said the hawk was ready to be released back into the wild. Luckily, it had only sustained bruising from the accident and had been initially too stunned to fly away.

The officers drove to Ottawa to pick the bird up and returned to a small group of people waiting to welcome it and release it back into the wild.

The joyful event began with MCA Chief Joe Lazore speaking to the large caged hawk in Mohawk, offering words of thankfulness and gratitude for all birds and creatures. Tobacco was offered as the bird remained still and quiet.

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**Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings**

Ohiori:ha/ June 2013  
She:kon,

*It is my pleasure to offer the introduction to the June 2013 edition of Onkwe'ta:ke, MCA's monthly community newsletter. The newsletter provides an opportunity for the Grand Chief, District Chiefs, and each department and program of MCA to supply general or specific information and submit updates related to topics previously addressed. This sharing of information is meant to solicit related or new ideas as well as feedback from the community. As your elected leaders, Council values the direction, thoughts, opinions, and ideas shared with us by our community members. We appreciate the time you invest in reading this newsletter and welcome any comments you may have on the topics addressed.*

*With summer finally upon us I strongly feel the need to bring to the attention of everyone that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne provides curb side garbage pickup every week in each district at no cost to community members. The issue has been raised on more than one occasion that community members are choosing to burn their garbage rather than have it picked up at the roadside. Any material that is burned, besides wood for a campfire, is considered toxic. Research shows that open burning of garbage releases a hazardous mixture of cancer-causing compounds and other toxic substances. Whether garbage is burned in woodstoves, burn barrels, outdoor furnaces or open pits, it releases toxic pollutants into the air. These include dioxins and furans, as well as arsenic, styrenes, PCBs, lead, and mercury. Dioxins are linked to many serious health concerns including increased risk of cancer, developmental problems in children, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, harm to the immune system, endometriosis, and hormonal disruption. Burning any garbage produces pollutants. There are no reasons to burn garbage and many good reasons not to burn.*

*Garbage burning is a practice we can change. If you have unwanted materials, I encourage you to bag them and place them by the road for pick-up according to the schedule contained within this newsletter. I ask that you be mindful of the increase of allergies in our community and that exposure to smoke especially affects people with sensitive respiratory systems, as well as Elders and children. Please be considerate of your neighbours and your whole community too and do not burn garbage.*

*On behalf of the Mohawk Council I would also like to take the time to congratulate each and every 2013 Graduate. It is with great pride that we acknowledge the hard work and dedication you have put into your education. I would also like to thank the parents of our graduates. It is your commitment to your child's education and the encouragement you've given them over the years and continue to give them that has enabled them to achieve this goal. So, whether your child is graduating from head start, grade school, high school, college or university, the future looks bright for Akwesasne. Summer is the time for celebrating the achievements of our graduates. If your celebration includes alcohol, be safe and plan to not drive.*

Julie Phillips-Jacobs  
Kanatakon District Chief







Tsi Snaihne District Chief Joe Lazore offers words in Mohawk.



Conservation Officers Taylor Mitchell and Josh Mitchell.

The Wild Bird Care Centre employees believed the osprey was a female due to its size as females are typically larger than males. Although there was some concern that the bird may have been neglecting its young or eggs while in captivity, staff at the Wild Bird Care Centre were optimistic that it was still too early in the bird's mating season for there to be young. Also, ospreys share the parenting responsibility between mother and father so the male may have been able to care for any young/eggs while the female was recuperating.

Following Chief Lazore's words, the hawk's cage was opened, facing the open water where the St. Lawrence River and St. Regis River meet in a wide open bay. The bird hesitated. Conservation Officer Taylor Mitchell reached into the cage to gently nudge the bird forward. Luckily, she didn't use her claws or beak to attack him.

A few seconds later, the massive hawk took one step out of the cage and hesitated again briefly before jumping to the ground, leaping forward and then flying effortlessly across the bay until the group could no longer see it.

"Ospreys are a constant fixture in Akwesasne and we respect them and all wildlife," said Chief Lazore.

"We're happy to help this hawk return to the wild where it can continue hunting and fishing along our waterways just as we do."

The release was symbolic as well of the collaboration and cooperation between the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

"Very positive results come from this cooperation and sharing of resources," said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. "It is nice that we can rely on each other's services and staff for the betterment of all of Akwesasne, regardless of where the jurisdictions end. Our conservation officers should also be acknowledged for their quick response and care to this hawk."

MCA officials also expressed gratitude to the Wild Bird Care Centre in Ottawa for the hospitality they've shown to the birds from this area. They are a non-profit charitable organization committed to helping injured and orphaned birds. They accept monetary donations as well as donations of blankets, birdseeds, fruits and berries and many other necessary supplies. Visit their website at <http://www.wildbirdcarecentre.org/> for a full listing of needed items.

Support a Drug Free Community!

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

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<p><b>Wholistic Health &amp; Wellness</b> (Addictions &amp; Counseling) (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100</p>		<p><b>Mohawk Police &amp; Ambulance</b> (613) 575-2000</p>	<p><b>CRIMESTOPPERS</b> (613) 575-2255</p>	<p><b>ONEN'TO:KON TREATMENT SERVICES</b> (450) 479-8353</p>
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# Government of Ontario Funds Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project

*\$476,115 Two-Year Project will regulate tobacco at Akwesasne*

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne announced last month that it received a \$476,115 two-year grant from the Government of Ontario to support the development of an Akwesasne Tobacco Law and Regulatory Framework. The “Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project” is one of two First Nation projects in the province.

“The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been working with the Government of Ontario for the past year to build a more cooperative relationship around common interests,” stated Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell. “Addressing tobacco concerns in a respectful and fair manner has been one of those areas we have been working on,” he added.

In September 2012, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Government of Ontario created the Akwesasne Tobacco Technical Table to bring senior political and operational/administrative representatives of Ontario together with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to address topics and issues of concern in regards to tobacco and the multi-jurisdictional nature of the Akwesasne community. That effort led to the funding of the Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project by the Government of Ontario.

The Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project will result in Akwesasne regulating the manufacture, wholesale, and retail sale of tobacco products in its territory. It is hoped that it will lead to tobacco trade agreements between Akwesasne and other First Nations and allow for revenue generation from tobacco sales to be used by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to fund government services and economic development activities in the community. The funding of the Tobacco Pilot Project also helps recognize Akwesasne’s law making power and authority.

“We have stated and continue to say that the ultimate solution to deal with contraband tobacco is not with harsher sentences or another layer of law enforcement around our community,” stated Kawehno:ke District Chief Brian David. “It is by



identifying common goals and developing respectful relationships through political protocols and other agreements that resolution of tobacco concerns can best be addressed” he added.

This was the message that Chief David delivered in his May 1 testimony to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs in regards to Bill S-16, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Trafficking in Contraband Tobacco). While the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has been working cooperatively with the Government of Ontario on tobacco issues, the same cannot be said for the Federal Government as the Akwesasne community was not consulted in the drafting of the federal legislation in the Senate.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is hoping to build off its efforts with the Government of Ontario and to reach a similar agreement with the Government of Quebec. It also welcomes the opportunity to engage the Federal Government in its efforts to find mutually beneficial solutions to tobacco concerns.

“We are committed to building a legal economy for the Akwesasne community as part of our strategy to address tobacco concerns,” stated Grand Chief Mitchell. “We have to manage the tobacco industry while developing other forms of economic development that will generate a positive economy,” he concluded.



# Quebec Fuel Tax Application Clinics

**M**ohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to announce that they will be holding a number of Quebec Fuel Tax Application Clinics. These clinics will take place throughout the month of May and June at the following locations and dates.

**Wednesday May 8, 2013 6pm-8pm at Kana:takon Recreation Center**

**Wednesday May 22, 2013 6pm-8pm at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center**

**Wednesday May 29, 2013 6pm-8pm at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center**

**Saturday June 8, 2013 10am-2pm at the Seniors Center in Hogansburg NY**

**Wednesday June 12, 2013 6pm to 8 pm Kawehno:ke Recreation Center**

**Wednesday June 19th, 2013 6pm to 8 pm Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center**

Please be advised that you can also go to Admin 2- Mohawk Government Building in Kana:takon during regular business hours 8am-5pm to also fill out your application, prior to these dates given.

Chiefs Louise Thompson and Chief Florence Phillips will be going on CKON's Tetewatha:ren on May 6, 2013 to discuss the Quebec Fuel Tax Application and why all members of Akwesasne can apply for this.

The application forms can also be accessed on the Collectiva.ca website at

[http://www.collectiva.ca/en/dossiers/fuel\\_tax.php](http://www.collectiva.ca/en/dossiers/fuel_tax.php)

Or the MCA website or Facebook page

<http://www.akwesasne.ca/>

## Claims Deadline

**The completed and signed Claim Form and the necessary supporting documents must be received before July 8, 2013.**

## Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law Notice

**T**he Akwesasne Justice Department has mailed a copy of the proposed draft Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law to every household. If you have not received a copy in your mailbox, you can request a personal copy of the draft law to be mailed to you, personally. Contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613 575 2250 x 2400 with the relevant mailing address so a copy can be delivered.

The Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law follows the process as outlined in the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation, passed by MCR 2012/13-#061 (May 22, 2012).

Following the review period for the proposed changes, a series of three focus meetings (Community Consultation meetings) will be held: one in each district of Akwesasne. These meetings will provide community members the opportunity to ask questions of Council and the Working Task Group on the proposed draft law, as well as giving the community the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions.

The sessions will be recorded and the comments will be given to MCA for consideration. The Working

Task Group will have twenty days to incorporate any recommendations by MCA. The draft changes will be reviewed by MCA's Legal Advisor. Once complete, the changes will be presented to Council for adoption and/or for further revisions.

If the Council accepts the revisions/recommendations, a Mohawk Council Resolution will be passed to accept the revised proposed law, in principle. Once accepted, a date will be set for a vote by secret ballot at a Special General Meeting or sent to a vote by referendum.

The dates of ratification vote must be posted at least thirty days, in advance. A full text of the proposed law will be published in the local newspaper and on the Council website.

In order for the law to be passed, there must be at least twenty-five (25) eligible voters present, as well as a quorum of Council, at the ratification vote.

### Upcoming Focus Meetings:

**District of Kawehnoke**

**Tri District Elders-June 5th (Weds.) 6 -9 p.m.**

**District of Tsi Snaihne:**

**Iohahiio-June 12th (Weds.) 6 -9 p.m.**



# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) April/May 2013

## **Onerahtokha/ April 23, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 #024 Amend MCR 2012/2013 – #278  
Dated January 15, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #025 Approval of Lot 7 Thompson  
Island Assignment of Lease

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #026 Dr. John Marshall appointed as  
EMS Medical Director of the Akwesasne Mohawk  
Ambulance

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #027 Renewal of Service Contract For  
Dr. Brian Young for the Kawehnoke Medical Clinic

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #028 Focus Meetings for the Couples  
Property – Akwesasne Matrimonial Real Property Law

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #029 Approval for Amendments to  
Champlain LHIN Multi Sector Agreement for the  
Community Support Services

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #030 Approval of Special Meeting  
Minutes Dated March 26, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #031 Approval of Focus Meeting  
Minutes Dated April 8, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #032 Approval of Focus Meeting  
Minutes Dated April 11 & 13, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

## **Onerahtokha/ April 30, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 #033 Amendment of Agreement Dated  
June 1, 2011 with the Ministry of Training, Colleges  
and Universities

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-01 CARRIED

2013/2014 #034 Acceptance of the Compilation of  
the Ministry of Community & Youth Services Child  
Welfare

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #035 Approval of the Assignment of  
Lease for Renshaw Island Lot 7

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

## **Onerahtohko:wa/ May 7, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 #036 Approval of the Assignment of  
Lease for Thompson Island Lot 10

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #037 Approval of the Akwesasne  
Mohawk Ambulance MOA with SRMT

Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #038 Approval of the Work Plan for the  
Conservation Community Law Working Task Group

Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #039 Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Dated March 19, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #040 Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Dated April 2, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #041 Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Dated April 9, 2013

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED



### **Onerahtohko:wa/ May 14, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 #042 Approval of Relinquishment of Lease – Lot 30 Renshaw Island

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #043 Approval of Kawehnoke Waterline Project – Phase 1

Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #044 Approval of New Lease Lot 29 Colquhoun Island West

Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #045 Amendment to the 2012-2015 MCA Strategic Plan

Vote: For-6: Against-1: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #046 Approval of Acting Grand Chief

Vote: For-4: Against-3: Abstention-0 CARRIED

### **Onerahtohko:wa/ May 21, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 #047 Carriage of Seaway Legal Proceedings File from O’Riley and Associates to Nathan Richards

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #048 Council Appointment of the Overseers as Advisory Group in the Development of Trustee Criteria

Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-01 CARRIED

2013/2014 #049 The Whole of Lot 4-16 Bittern Island Range

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #050 The Whole of Lot 13 5-16 Cornwall Island

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #051 2013/2014 Service Contract With Ministry of Education, Ontario

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #052 Acceptance of the Assistant Director, Department of Community and Social Services

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #053 Acceptance of the Amended Charter of the Akwesasne Health Board

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #054 Acceptance of the Ministry of Health & Long Term Agreement For The Akwesasne Ambulance

Vote: For-7: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #055 Approval of Maintenance Loan for TsiSnaihne Community Member

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #056 Approval of Renovation Loan for Kawehnoke Community Member

Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #057 Approval of Repair Loan for TsiSnaihne Community Member

Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED

2013/2014 #058 Approval of Renovation Loan for TsiSnaihne Community Member

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #059 Approval of Renovation Loan for TsiSnaihne Community Member

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #060 Approval of Renovation Loan for TsiSnaihne Community Member

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #061 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated April 16, 2013

Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #062 Approval of Funding Proposal For Ionkwa`nikonro:io Cultural Youth Camp

Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2013/2014 #063 Approval of Adjustment to Salary Retroactively for Executive Director

Vote: For-5: Against-2: Abstention-1 CARRIED

# Council Roundtable Reports - May 2013

The following updates were provided by Council chiefs throughout last month's Special Meetings and have been condensed for this report.

## Council Roundtable Reports – April 30, 2013

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Participated in interview panel for Assistant Director of Social Services
- Submitted responses to Standard-Freeholder questions regarding Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law. Joyce King and Kyrie Ransom also gave an interview for the article. Article was published and was good.

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Legal Think Tank. We need to pinpoint what each lawyer does and not bounce them around doing a little bit of everything.
- Attended Housing Authority Meeting. Discussed loans, upgrade requests, emergency funding, construction loans, etc. We won't know until all the MCA financials are done if Housing has any money for future loans.
- Attended Finance Meeting on April 18th. In the last 2 years I've heard we have a deficit of 7 million dollars. I think we really need to tighten up on our donations, our programs, our hiring.
- I've noticed our employees are not happy at all with this Council or this organization, because when we had this salary review the only ones who really got more money was the higher ups. The little guys didn't get anything. So they are really angry and we have to do something about that. We have had a lot of people on leave for stress. We should be able to fix that. Maybe Council should spend the next two years trying to make this a happy, good place to work. We want our young kids that are coming up to go into our fields.
- Attended Ontario Regional Housing Liaison Committee meeting on April 23– comprised of First Nations chiefs and housing managers, Health Canada, INAC, CMHC. Issued discussed include: shelter allowance, high-cost Hydro, Housing Market Fund.

Chief Abram Benedict

\*See Chief Benedict's detailed report on Page 13.

Chief Larry King

- Attended session yesterday on border issues. We have the support of everyone who was there with our ongoing issues with CBSA and the border in general. I think we should have more meetings of this sort.
- Selection of Overseers of the Trust – hoping to finish today, really need to complete it.
- Akwesasne holds the title to scoring the best in Trust training, and that goes to Kristy Lauzon.

Chief Joe Lazore

- District Meeting
  - A lot of talk on our donation policy, they want reports and the deficit. We need to crack down or fix what we're giving out. We're giving out too much. Community members wanted to know if the chiefs got raises from the salary review. We told them no. No chiefs received a raise.
  - Land disputes discussion
  - US passports – Community members said they aren't being accepted at CBSA. I want to go there and ask what the reasoning is for that. (Comments: When you enter Canada and you only show your US passport you don't have an automatic right to enter Canada. It is a privilege, unless you identify yourself as a registered Indian, which you do by showing your status card. It makes it easier for them to identify that you have the right to enter, vs. a privilege.)

Chief William Sunday

- District Meeting
  - Gave brief report on meeting with Massena, Cornwall and tribe officials to try and find a system to report on Kawehno:ke to CBSA. It's not a sure thing but what we're trying to negotiate.
  - Complaint again about a patient who was supposed to go to Ottawa and they told her she has Quebec Heath and needed to pay \$800 up front. I guess now we're going to have to concentrate on bringing people to Ormstown or Huntingdon. We're also looking at hiring a doctor who can service Quebec other than just Dr. Forsyn.



-Mention of roads getting bad, need reconstruction & paving

-Complaint about the tree cutters cutting trees without checking with the owner of the property

-Complaint again of cutting people off from getting to the river when they put the guard rails up

-Mention that we need to review our donation policy and that there is unfairness, no set policy. We need to straighten that out.

Chief Brian David

-Coming up immediately is the presentation to the Senate Standing Committee in Ottawa on proposed Bill S-16. As a matter of principle, we're opposed to it. Threshold of 10 kilograms is awfully low, and stakes are awfully high. We'd like to see that changed. The whole idea of maximums/minimums takes away the discretion of the judges/crown for Akwesasne to participate in programs to take of the offenders. It also goes against their own Supreme Court rulings/laws.

-Community member interested in starting Housing Development for retired people. In exploratory stage. I'm going to be working with him to make sure the right doors are opened, provide support and guidance. I think it's a good thing. It's not going to interfere with the Housing we do. There are retired people who want to come back to Akwesasne and there's no housing for them.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

-Attended DTS Waterline meeting last week. Some community members haven't abided by prevention measures that came with waterline. Trying to get caught up on that issue.

-Area Management Board having cutbacks that will effect students attending college and university in the US and also students attending Iohahiiio going for upgrading.

-Attended Snye District Meeting

-Upset about Health Department in regard to Snye clinic and healthcare. Frustrated about having to pay for healthcare upfront.

-Community members want donations list put in Onkwe'ta:ke as well as Council's phone numbers.

-Community members want to know if they can attend clinics in Quebec because they can't get

in at ours.

Chief Steve Thomas

-Meeting scheduled at Seaway International Bridge Corporation was cancelled. They wanted to interview travellers using the crossing, but we told them it was not a good idea to stop traffic on a holiday weekend.

-Meeting with Massena/Cornwall/Tribe went very well. They support our stance.

-Donation policy is completed. Application form is in task group's hands waiting for final comments. If they're settled today we can have this on the agenda for next week's meeting.

-Trust Overseers -double check two questionable names as requirements state they need to be members of the territory.

### **Council Roundtable Reports Summary - May 7, 2013**

Chief Larry King

- Worked to rectify problems with the mail.

- Attended a meeting at the Akwesasne Area Management Board regarding policy changes.

- Attended OPG Visitor's Centre for award ceremony.

- Cactus Cook Sunday attended NATOA training in Banff, Alberta. Over 150 people took the online course and Akwesasne had the best score and that belonged to Kristy Lauzon. Cactus Cook Sunday has been invited to join the NATOA Board and will be later providing her report. Bottom line is we are doing it right!

Chief William Sunday

-Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting in Ottawa to discuss tobacco regulations. They also discussed border-crossing issues.

- Attended meeting with Department of Health and representatives from McGill University to discuss telehealth.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting that went in front of Matrimonial Real Property Standing Committee. CBSA Liaison's also presented and cautioned resident's providing US passports or enhanced driver's license to also include their certificate of Indian Status to avoid further questioning.

- Attended Senate Standing Committee on

Constitutional Legal Matters in relation with Bill S-16.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended stakeholders meeting in Ottawa. Meeting included Department of Homeland Security, CBSA, Public Safety ADM, CIC, Patrick Hearn-Oberthur Technologies, and MCA. Meeting held to discuss alternative reporting, public safety venue, secure border identification, and bridge wait time signage.
- Attended telehealth meeting at Kanonkwatsheri:io. A letter of support will need to be sent in order to get a registry number for telehealth.
- Attended Property Acquisition Team (PAT) meeting. PAT Team needs to prioritize MCA's need for lands when being approached with land offerings.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended stakeholders meeting in Ottawa. Meeting included Department of Homeland Security, CBSA, Public Safety ADM, CIC, Patrick Hearn-Oberthur Technologies, and MCA. Meeting held to discuss alternative reporting, public safety venue, secure border identification, and bridge wait time signage.
- Participated in conference call to strategize for meeting with CBSA on May 14th and 15th. Addressed agenda items and topics for discussion. Invite CIC to Akwesasne. Begin negotiations with CRA on Dundee Port.
- Worked with Emergency Measures for flood evacuees. Press Release for donations from the community, radio presentation, and logistics of acceptance of donations.
- University Concept meeting at Senior Center's boardroom. A formal request for support in terms of funding \$10,000 is anticipated.
- Dealt with a customs issue on behalf of the Grand Chief's office and assisted an individual being criminally charged at the port.

Chief Brian David

- Presented to Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional Legal Matters in Relation to Bill S-16 that deals with the trafficking of contraband cigarettes. Recently, they are looking to make trafficking of contraband cigarettes part of the criminal code and create stiffer penalties with maximums and minimums. I think it went quite well and the chairman of the standing committee

would like to schedule a delegation to visit and tour Akwesasne. These are the people we need to be talking to in order for our message to move across intergovernmental lines.

Chief Florence Phillips

- On May 1st I attended a meeting regarding the Tsi Snaihne Waterline on Kawehno:ke.
- On May 6th I was on Tetewatha:ren
- Attended PAT meeting.

Chief Julie Jacobs-Phillips

- Attended AAMB meeting regarding their policy changes. I requested AAMB to do a presentation for Council regarding their policy changes. It was interesting to note that they are going to be making a lot of cuts to their programming. I instantly recognize that their policy changes are going to create a gap.
- Attended awards ceremony at OPG Visitor's Centre.
- Attended University Concept meeting at the Senior's Center.

### **Council Roundtable Reports Summary- May 14, 2013**

Chief Steve Thomas

- Burn law- there needs to be follow up because it's been an ongoing issue.
- Attended Climate survey meeting with HR
- CBSA meeting in Cornwall
- Meeting with the Mayor of Cornwall and the city planner - toll booth location and ambulance access through port

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended Finance Meeting, brought some issues to the table. We need to see everything that's going on from program managers and directors. Not just the good stuff, the bad stuff too.
- Climate Survey – should be out by July
- People have questions about the Trust, there's not enough info out there yet

Chief William Sunday

- Attended District Meeting. There were questions regarding the march that's planned. People want to see as little disruption as possible.
- Need a briefing on position we're taking in regard to funding for education and health



Chief Joe Lazore

-Attended Iroquois Caucus. They want to get together on health issue. Address education cutbacks. We want to report back in July to let them know where we are with that.

-District Meeting: Concerns about the march - will ambulance, or anybody in an emergency be allowed through? Getting in touch with Emergency Measures to find out. Most people at meeting weren't in favor of the march. They want more information on the Quebec Fuel Tax. Questions also about Quebec health, and not being able to use the card outside Quebec.

Chief Larry King

- Trust meeting planned for this Friday

- District Meeting: it was asked what could be done about individuals bouncing checks at a local business. Request from community members for a centralized shredder. Discussed recent ruling at Specific Claims Tribunal for a BC Kitselas Band. First time tribunal ruled in their favor, not Canada's. Affects all of our claims.

- Attended meetings mentioned by other Council members already

- Meeting with Nathan Richards regarding Seaway claim file.

- Still sticking points around OPG return of 4 islands

Chief Joanne Jocko

-Attended Nation meetings regarding march. Spoke to our AMBE director and other staff regarding closing schools for the day. Also discussing today whether MCA staff will be given time off to attend.

-On Thursday, there's a Grand Council meeting taking place to know what support is needed from the Six Nations for march. It's a totally peaceful demonstration and will not prevent ambulances etc. from crossing.

-There are communication issues coming from this table. It adds pressure to our own staff when we don't communicate with each other at this table and respect the portfolios holders.

Chief Abram Benedict

\*See Chief Benedict's detailed report on Page 13.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- From the District Meeting, I'd like to work with

Onkwe'ta:ke on putting in a Did You Know, regarding burn laws/rules. We should be able to have our windows open at night. We have free garbage pickup, there is no reason anyone should be burning anything. I don't know if a burn law is an answer. It takes forever to write a law, and this is common sense stuff. Also discussed the appointment of acting Grand Chief. Members wanted to know when it happened and when it would be announced. Donation policy discussed. They want categories, reports, etc. and it should be in Onkwe'ta:ke. Bounced check issue at local business discussed and could lead to felony charges against community members. It was a good meeting, good issues brought up.

### **Council Roundtable Reports Summary – May 21, 2013**

Chief Florence Phillips

-Letter from BMO regarding a default coming down and we have a choice to pay the arrears or whole loan

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

-Attended land dispute here in the village.

Chief Abram Benedict

\*See Chief Benedict's detailed report on Page 13.

Chief Joanne Jocko

- Last week I attended planning meeting at MNCC regarding the march

- Had an emergency pharmacy meeting. Discussed with non-insured.

- Attended Cornwall Community Hospital info session. There were no community members, just Council and health staff.

- Attended health portfolio meeting

- Attended march on Friday May 17

Chief Joe Lazore

- Issue in the village regarding dumping big boulders into the river. Asked police to do a report. Party agreed to hold off. Scott Peters contacted. We need to sharpen up on our laws. There are other areas where dumping on shorelines is taking place and community members want something done. Community members should contact Scott Peters before any dumping to find out what's okay and

what's not.

- Question about cutting the grass on Stanley Island and who's going to pay for it. Will MCA clean it or tender it out? Question keeps coming up. DTS has some money for first time cutting, and midway, but no money to tender it out.
- Community member asked about lands tribunal and asked where the money is going to come from? We need to approve the budget first.

Chief William Sunday

- Attended Youth session in Snye. It went well. They dealt with employment, experience, story telling... good for those that didn't have experience travelling to other countries yet etc. It was encouragement. Employment is needed for our youth.
- Received complaint from community member about housing and how a person got a house loan.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Alternative Reporting meeting in Cornwall with CBSA. US Customs & Border Protection discussed the NEXUS card. Discussed "Public Safety Venue" at the old port, an alternative reporting station, our ambulance, police service, Mohawk Security and RCMP. Also discussed was the need for border wait time signage and cameras, secure border cards, documentation and requirements policy. The next meeting in Ottawa will include Citizen Immigration Canada personnel.
- Public Safety Portfolio meeting – discussed logistics for the May 17 march by the MNCC.

Chief Louise Thompson

- While I was off (on injury) I did work on several old age security files and I processed some fuel tax refund applications. I attended the clinic they held

for the applications in Kana:takon and we had a good turnout for that.

- I was approached by an employee concerned about an employee contract regarding Thompson Island and why the HR/Administrative practice has been changed

- Attended the MNCC march on May 17. It was a very historical event and nice to see the united effort.

Chief Brian David

-There are plans for a Nation to Nation bike-a-thon. They would like to launch their starting point from Akwesasne (Stanley Island.) It's a cross-country event and will get some prominence.

-Attended CBSA meeting. I thought it went quite well. I was taken back by the openness of CBSA to engage in discussions. They were open to ideas of alternative reporting. Another meeting is being held in June. I said we were looking for a quick solution and they said yes they are too. Needs to happen before tourist season. Need to find a solution that doesn't require additional approvals.

- Received call from Kahnawake chief inviting MCA to meet with leadership regarding tobacco sub-committee and tobacco pilot project. They would like to have talks with Quebec but don't want to work in opposition to Akwesasne or affect any discussions we're having.

-Attended MNCC march on May 17. Some MCA staff attended but not a lot. We were prepared to handle a crowd of 2000.



*On Behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne*

*Happy Father's Day!*



# Update:Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

## **AKWESASNE MATRIMONIAL PROPERTY LAW**

**A**t the General Meeting in Kanatakon on March 6, 2013 the Council passed a resolution accepting the proposed 'Iatatharona Raotiientahtsera (Couples Property-Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law) for Phase II' in principle which means the draft law will now proceed to community consultation sessions. Three community consultation sessions were held in the month of April. The session on April 8 was an evening session held in Kana:takon, followed by an afternoon session on Kawehno:ke on April 11, and then a final session for the week was held on the morning of Saturday April 13 in Tsi Snaihne. I attended each of these community consultation sessions along with the Working Task Group. Throughout the sessions, community members in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the content of the draft community law. Subsequent to these three sessions, the Working Task Group has decided to schedule additional consultation meetings which will take place on May 29, 2013 in Kanatakon, on June 5, 2013 on Kawehnoke, and on June 12, 2013 in Tsi Snaihne. Once the consultation meetings have taken place, the Working Task Group will take the comments and concerns from the consultation sessions and incorporate them into the law if it's determined necessary to do so. Any changes made would result in a new draft that would then be distributed to the community for consideration before a vote is held to accept or reject the law.

### **LEGAL THINK TANK**

On April 17, 2013 I participated in the MCA legal think tank session held at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino. Over the course of the day numerous lawyers working for MCA gave updates on their respective files related to CBSA, SIBC, FBCL, or otherwise on the Seaway corridor on Kawehno:ke. A discussion was held on the future use of the former CBSA facility on Kawehno:ke. I expressed my concern with the MCA using the former CBSA facility due to the proximity of the main road and the unknown condition of the building.

### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)**

At a recent portfolio meeting with the Department of Community and Social Services we discussed the disability program administered through the

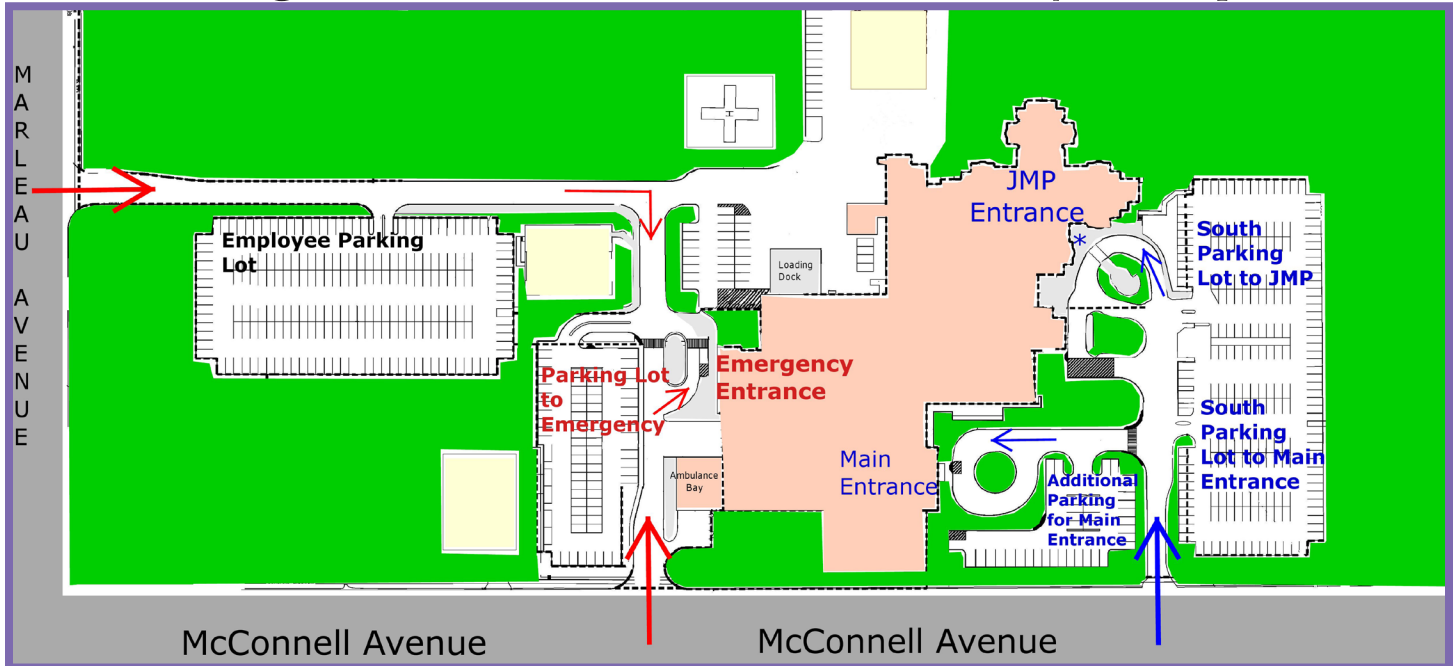
Community Support Program. Currently the MCA administers the social disability program for Quebec and Ontario residents within Akwesasne. Our current funding agreement with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) provides funding for expenses related to Quebec disability but not for Ontario disability. MCA has taken on the administration of the Ontario portion of disability through funding from the Federal Government so that community members are not inconvenienced by having to go to the Ontario Disability Support Program office located in Cornwall. We are currently arranging a meeting with senior officials from AANDC to present and discuss options for us to develop and implement one disability support program to serve our community members residing in either the Ontario portion or the Quebec portion of Akwesasne.

On April 22, 2013 members of the DCSS Portfolio and members of the Special Needs Committee met with leadership and staff from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT). Currently there are a number of community members accessing special needs services provided by the SRMT Community and Family Service division and funded through the Special Needs fund offered by the MCA. With the recent budget sequester in the United States a number of programs are being affected at the SRMT which is going to affect community members accessing the services offered by these programs. We have been working with the SRMT and community members who access services from the SRMT to ensure that they continue to receive the services most attainable, taking into account the current funding limitations.

### **NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION**

Recently I have been participating in meetings between the SRMT and the MCA to discuss the possibility of working together on the development of a natural gas distribution system in the Territory of Akwesasne. The MCA and SRMT have agreed to conduct a community survey to gauge the community's interest in natural gas. The result of the survey will assist the group in determining the next steps, which could include a prefeasibility study that could potentially lead to a feasibility study. The survey closes May 31, 2012.

# Changes to Cornwall Community Hospital



On May 15th, the Cornwall Community Hospital's Chief Executive Officer, Jeanette Despatie held an information session for the community of Akwesasne. She discussed many of the changes and updates related to the redevelopment project.

It is important to know where you are going once you arrive at the hospital. The West Wing officially opened the front doors on April 29, 2013. Level 1 of the West Wing includes the Emergency Room at the North entrance (turn in at the new traffic light). The South entrance of Level 1 is also the new home to Diagnostic Imaging, which is xray, mammography, ultrasound, CT, MRI, and nuclear medicine. Level 2 of the West Wing can be entered through the South entrance and is now where day surgery and operating rooms are located.

For the emergency department please park on the North Side of the building. Utilize the South side parking lot for admitting, day surgery, diagnostics, inpatient CCU, obstetrics, and pediatrics, medical and surgical. Parking rates have changed as well; there is now a new procedure. Now you are to take your card at the gate and pay for your parking in the hospital prior to exiting.

There are future plans for renovations to the existing building, previously home to the emergency department. Transfers of the outpatient clinics, dialysis, and inpatient mental health, foundation and information technology from the Cornwall Community Hospital 2nd Street Site to the main site

will occur in Summer/Fall 2014.

The Cornwall Community Hospital has also taken measures to appeal to the Mohawk community. Akwesasne's own Maxine Cole is a member of the board. Some cultural sensitivity training has been offered to employees and aims to meet the needs of the Mohawk patient. CCH maintains a list of employees and medical staff that are able to speak other languages and are willing to act as interpreters and now the Mohawk Language has been added to that list.

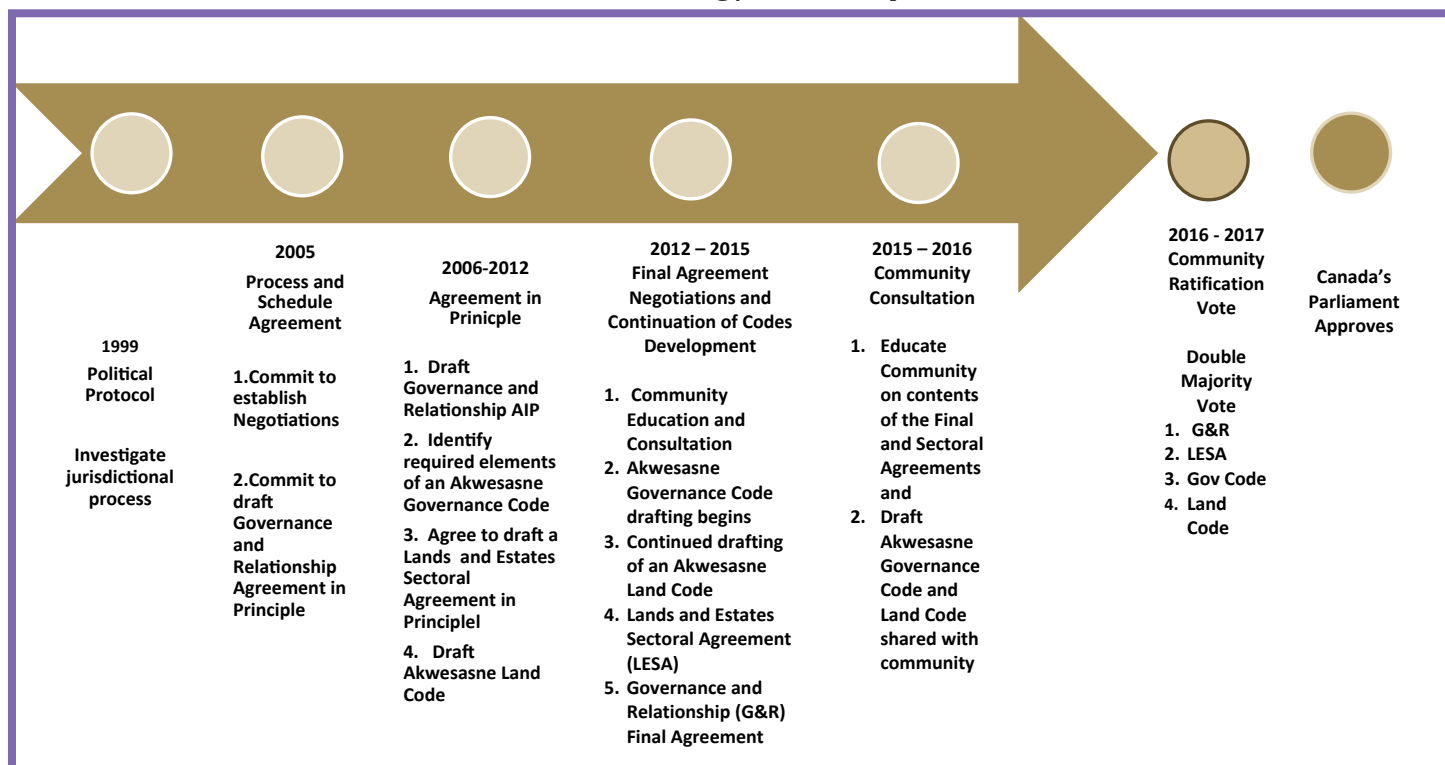
During Spiritual Care and Religious Care Week a lunch and learn was hosted with Debbie Thomas and she shared anecdotal and personal experiences as well as discussed the role of the St. Regis Church and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha with 25 CCH staff members. Thomas also presented on site at the request of the Women's and Children Health department the grieving process and how to best assist families who have suffered a stillborn birth. Emmy Mitchell presented on the Longhouse ceremony for children who have died while in hospital care. Elder Bernice Lazore participated in the development of the Cultural Competence in End of Life Care manual that is used in the training of newly hired staff.

There are many changes occurring at the Cornwall Community Hospital. Due to the large population of Mohawks from Akwesasne they are implementing new ways to accommodate our community members.

# 10 Things to Know About the Nation Building Process

1. The negotiations will not affect section 87 of the Indian Act, tax exemption of Akwesasne and its members.
2. The negotiations will not affect the fiduciary relationship with Canada. Canada will continue to provide funding to Akwesasne for programs and services. Akwesasne members will continue to be entitled to federal programs and benefits (i.e., employment insurance, Canada Pension Plan, health insurance, Remission Order, etc.)
3. The negotiations will not be interpreted so as to limit or restrict the Mohawk Nation, the Haudenosaunee or other communities within the Mohawk Nation in the assertion of their rights.
4. The negotiations reached will not prejudice, limit or restrict Akwesasne's Aboriginal or treaty rights recognized under section 35 (1) of the Constitution Act 1982.
5. The negotiations are aimed at Akwesasne having greater recognition of its jurisdiction on existing lands and more management responsibility over subject matters listed in a negotiated agreement.
6. The negotiations with Canada on the Final Agreements will not be made until there is full consultation with the Akwesasne membership and a ratification vote by Akwesasne members approving the Agreement.
7. The negotiations do not address land claims, nor can they prejudice or limit Akwesasne's land claims processes. The Agreement would not be a treaty.
8. The negotiations will have no change in the constitutional status of existing Akwesasne reserve lands. They remain as reserves, federal lands held for the use and benefit of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.
9. The negotiations will continue with the existing interests in Akwesasne Lands, such as Certificates of Possession, continue to exist and are fully recognized under any Agreement.
10. The negotiations will not relieve Canada of responsibility or liability for their action or decisions made prior to Akwesasne taking over jurisdiction or management of a subject area. Akwesasne assuming management of one subject area does not remove Canada's responsibility for other subject areas.

## Entewatatha:wi Chronology and Proposed Timeframe





# Understanding Trusts

## What is a Trust?

"A right of property, held by one person or group of people, for the benefit of another person (or group)."

## 5 Key Elements to creating an Aboriginal Trust and who/what it is.

- Settlor- Creates the Trust- Who? First Nation
- Beneficiaries- Benefit from the Trust- Who? Band Members
- Rules- Terms & Conditions- What? Trust Agreement
- Trustees- Protect & Manage the Trust- Who? Band Members & Corporate Trustee
- Property- Money or assets placed in the trust- What? Compensation Funds

## Why have a Trust?

- To protect and preserve compensation funds
- To provide for Members today and tomorrow
- To outlast any individual Council
- To provide Transparency and accountability to the Members

## What is in the Trust Agreement?

- Confirmations by all signatories
- Terms and Definitions
- Purpose and Uses of the Trust
- Trustee requirements
- Investment provisions
- Reporting requirements
- Amending provisions

## Roles of the Overseers

This role is unique to the Mohawks of Akwesasne Settlement Trust.

- Provide vision, leadership and guidance advice with respect to traditional knowledge and cultural and spiritual values.
- Recommend Eligible Members to Council for appointment as Trustees.
- Consult with the Trustees with respect to the community priorities and project proposals.
- Recommend the discharge of a Trustee when necessary.
- Consult with the Trustees when requested

## Roles of the Trustees- Powers and Duties

- A "duty" is a mandatory task which must ("shall") be completed.
- A "power" is permissive and "may" be done or need only be done if it is in the best interests of the Trust and the beneficiaries.

## Gatekeeper of the Trust

- The Trustees must take control of the Trust assets and ensure they are in safe custody.
- The Trustees must not mix the trust assets with any other property.

## Fiduciary Duty

- The beneficiaries place their trust, confidence and faith in the Trustees, and the Trustees must, in good faith, act for the long term benefit of the beneficiaries. They must always put the interest of the beneficiaries ahead of their own personal interests

- Trustees have a fiduciary duty to use all of the skill, care and diligence at their disposal when acting on behalf of the beneficiaries.

### The Even Hand Rule

The Trustees must treat all beneficiaries equally and fairly and cannot benefit one group of beneficiaries to the detriment of another group.

### Main Duty

The main duty of every Trustee is to adhere to the terms of the Trust Agreement and to ensure they are carried out honestly and in good faith, with a view to the best interests of the beneficiaries.

### Other Duties of the Trustees

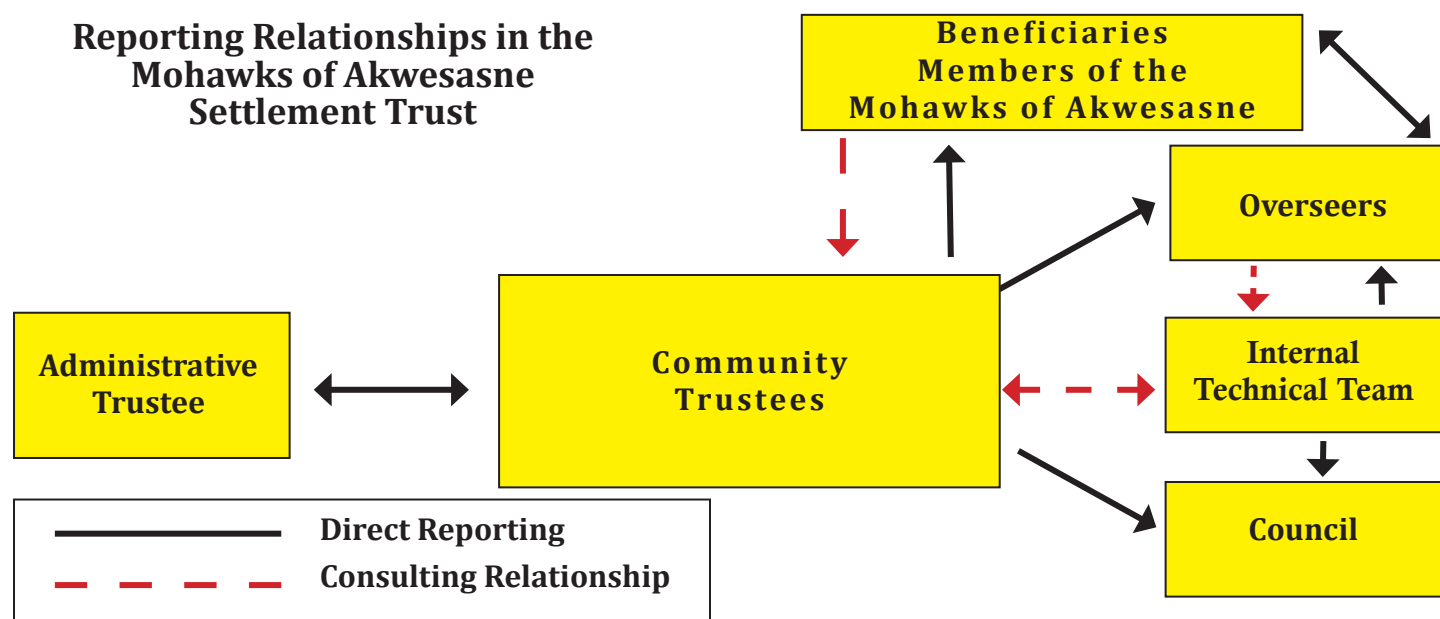
- Invest in authorized investments- invest prudently.
- Ensure funds are disbursed only for authorized purposes and on a timely basis.
- Keep clear and accurate records of all Trust activities. Keep Minutes of all Trustee meetings.
- Avoid and disclose any conflicts of interests.
- Be transparent and accountable to the Band Members, as Beneficiaries of the Trust.
- Hire agents as required per the terms of the Trust Agreement.

**Some Key Powers** Invest the Trust Property by purchase of authorized investments.

- Pay authorized expenses out of income or capital.
- Hire agents as needed (i.e. Accountants and Investment Advisors).
- Make rules regarding meeting procedures.
- Execute all documents necessary to administer the Trust.
- Institute, prosecute and defend any suits or actions or other proceedings affecting them or the Trust Property.

### Trustee Liability

- Trustees can be held personally liable for acts that adversely affect the Trust of the beneficiaries.
- Most Trusts contain terms that forgive legitimate mistakes made by Trustees acting in good faith or any other matter except willful fraud or wrongdoing.



# Respect Your Community, Do Not Burn Trash

Although burning trash is common in some rural areas, many cities have laws against the practice. Akwesasne does not have a bylaw against burning trash; however, you should always be courteous to Mother Earth and your neighbors.

## Please consider these facts:

- Burning plastic, rubber or other man-made materials creates dioxin and other dangerous toxics in the air, soil & groundwater. This endangers you, your children, your neighbors, your pets, birds and fish – with tumors, cancer, learning disorders, infertility, immune system problems, asthma, and other diseases. Children, teenagers & pregnant women are at the highest risk. The resulting ash is also toxic and can easily get into the ground and your well water.
- Backyard burning of trash in a barrel, pile or outdoor boiler releases smoke into the air. The content of the smoke depends on the trash that went into the fire, the temperature of the fire and the available oxygen.
- Trash fires in burn barrels can smolder and as a result produce greater amounts of harmful chemicals in the smoke. Harmful chemicals can also be present in the ash.
- Trash containing plastics, polystyrene (such as foam cups), CCA pressure-treated wood and bleached or colored papers can produce harmful chemicals when burned. For example, when CCA pressure-treated wood (which contains arsenic) is burned, arsenic can be released in the smoke or remain in the ash.
- Just 2 to 40 household burn barrels emit many of the most dangerous toxins at the same level as emitted from a 200-ton per day incinerator facility that serves 20,000 households.
- A healthy person may suffer non-specific reactions from burn boxes or barrels including

burning eyes, headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizziness and other symptoms. Some may develop an allergic hypersensitivity if the dose is high enough.

- Acids and other chemicals emitted by trash fires can cause severe bronchio-constriction in asthmatics and can increase the breathing difficulty of those with emphysema. The irritation of the lungs can reduce the amount of oxygen available to the heart and lungs- and can be dangerous for elders and those with heart disease.
- Even if you do not suffer immediate effects, the damage to your health can be more serious the longer you are exposed to the smoke. The effects

can include damage to your lungs, nervous system, kidneys and liver. Chronic diseases like bronchitis, emphysema and most cancer can take 20 years to develop and can be caused by low exposures to smoke and toxins which originally appeared harmless.

What is safe to burn?

- Ideally, you shouldn't burn anything, other than for cooking food or heating your house. Burning leaves, plant clippings, paper, cardboard, and clean, unpainted, untreated wood is less hazardous than plastics – but is still not a healthy practice.

What's the alternative?

- Dispose of man-made materials at the dump
- Compost leaves & garden waste
- Reduce, reuse & recycle
  - Reduce: buy in bulk or larger quantities; demand less packaging on the products you buy.
  - Reuse: find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale, or donate it to a resale organization.
  - Recycle: paper, cardboard, metal and acceptable plastics. Compost: use a composter - or just let your garden waste decompose in a heap in a corner of your yard.



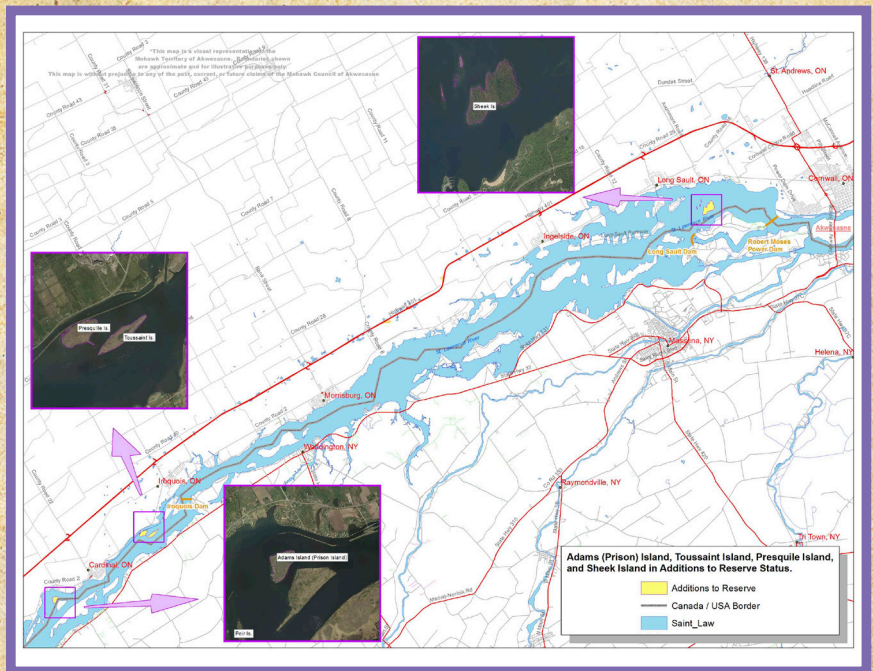


# Understanding Our History of the Western Islands and the Current Addition to Reserve Process (ATR)

The Mohawks of Akwesasne have recognized their traditional territory as a sustainable environment filled with abundant natural resources for many centuries. Unfortunately, some of these natural resources within the Island areas of Akwesasne were damaged by the early stages of construction of a large hydropower project in the 1950's. The Ontario Power Generation (OPG) of Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario (HEPCO) spearheaded the project. Due to damages sustained from the construction of the hydropower project multiple western islands belonging to Akwesasne were flooded. The western Akwesasne islands of Sheek, Presqu'ile, Adams and Toussaint are undergoing the process of being officially returned to the Mohawks of Akwesasne through the community ratified Final Settlement Agreement with OPG in 2008. The islands will then revert back to Akwesasne through the Additions to Reserve process (ATR).

Recent archaeological finds in Kanatakon, dating back up to 8,000 years, demonstrate that our ancestors used the natural resources on the western islands along the rapid areas of Akwesasne. The islands of the St. Lawrence had been used for hunting, fishing, and harvesting, and held great significance and value to the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Historically, many of the islands were held by individual community members, and were generously leased to non-native settlers in the area. The Mohawks of Akwesasne graciously agreed to lease multiple islands to HEPCO, the organization that developed Ontario Power Generation stations, to allow for the St. Lawrence power project. It was noted in the agreement that the islands being leased to OPG were to be treated with respect and would not be subject to environmental damages during the construction of the project.

In 1958, the St. Lawrence Power Project constructed three large dams (R.H Saunders Moses Power Dam,



Long Sault Dam and the Iroquois Dam) as well as many smaller dams to control the Long Sault Rapids. Many Akwesasne islands were flooded partially or completely along the St. Lawrence River.

The ratified Final Settlement Agreement in 2008 came after 15 years of negotiations between the Mohawks of Akwesasne and OPG. The Final Settlement Agreement included \$46 million in compensation over 10 years, recognition of friendship between the two parties, a comprehensive list of ways in which OPG would assist our community in the future, and the return of the flooded western islands.

These four western islands have been in the ATR process since the completion of the Final Settlement Agreement in 2008. The ATR process is Canada's process that, in cooperation with First Nations, returns lands to Reserve status and includes steps for environmental assessment and remediation, archaeological assessment, cultural properties protection, and addresses many other concerns. The MCA Additions to Reserve Working Group has met regularly with the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on the ATR in order to advance the return of these islands.



# Mohawk Nation Delivers Letters to CBSA Following Peaceful March

On Friday, May 17, 400 people from Akwesasne gathered at the Mohawk Nation longhouse and marched together over the two bridges of the Three Nations Bridge Crossing in a demonstration of their right to freely cross the international border.

The march was organized by the Mohawk Nation Council who called upon community members to take part in the “Day of Action” to “bring an end to Canada’s abuse and mistreatment of our citizens and their refusal to respect and honor the inherent sovereignty and indigenous rights of the Haudenosaunee to freely move about its traditional and ancestral territory without hindrance.”

Just before 10 a.m. the group, dressed in traditional attire, began crossing the first bridge. After a short rest on Kawehno:ke, they continued over the second bridge and walked past CBSA booths and into the traffic circle in the city of Cornwall. There, the Nation’s leadership delivered a letter to the Canada Border Services Agency’s Cornwall port director who stood expecting the group. The leaders told the port director that action is needed to address the issues that have resulted from the drawing of the international border through Akwesasne territory. The large group of marchers huddled around to hear and it was quiet in that part of the city as police had blocked traffic further north in preparation of the peaceful march.

The leaders then delivered a message to Cornwall City Mayor Bob Kilger as well, as the 400 participants gathered in the grass at the center of the Brookdale Avenue traffic circle. When the messages had been read and delivered, the marchers headed back across the bridge to Akwesasne.

Although the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne did not organize the event, they offered their support, both emotionally and resourcefully as MCA’s Emergency Services and police service assisted in preparations for the event. MCA employees were permitted to take time off work to attend the march, and several MCA chiefs participated to show their support for the Nation. The international border affects all Akwesasronon and the march was open to all who wished to participate. Some travelled from other First Nations territories to take part in



*Mohawk Nation leadership delivers message to CBSA Port Director Steve Macnaughton.*

the march and show their support for Akwesasne’s right to move freely within the territory.

“The entire event was very well organized and very moving to witness and take part in,” said MCA Chief Brian David. “It was a peaceful event and I think it sent a powerful message to Canadian officials. Mohawks did not ask for an international border to divide our territory and as years go by it becomes a bigger and bigger problem for our people. We have the right to travel within our territory, end of story.” Recent events lead the Nation to decide that now is a good time to bring these issues to the attention of Canadian officials. CBSA recently implemented a practice of requiring identification from every person passing through Canada Customs. However, they refuse to accept the Nation’s “Red Card” as identification. Traditional community members hold the Red Card as their official ID for all intent and purposes and in many cases they do not carry or possess any other form of ID.

“It was good to see the traditional leadership express their feelings about our border situation in Akwesasne as well as other parts of Iroquois country,” said MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. “It was good to see everyone working together toward a common concern. The border issue affects us all and going forward our people have to be united to fight a common enemy.”





*Protesters begin to march peacefully over the North Span of the Three Nations Bridge.*



*CBSA Port Director Steve Macnaughton awaiting patiently to accept the message delivered by the Mohawk Nation.*



*Above: Marchers pass through the "Dome" on the bridge.  
Below: Protesters march through CBSA Port in Cornwall.*



# Kaweni:ios lakwata:ti We Speak Good Words

## Akwesasne Mohawk School Public Speaking Event

The Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education has had a public speaking event for students since 1997. The event was initiated by then Principal Louise Pritchard at Kana:takon School. Mr. Barry Montour, now AMBE Director of Education, was a Grade 8 teacher at the time. His then student, Jordan Thompson, won first place for Grade 8 at the very first Public Speaking event. Mr. Thompson returned as one of our judges for this year's event.

When Peter Garrow was AMBE Director of Education, he suggested the Hart family sponsor prizes for the winners of the contest. Through their local business, Village Currency Exchange the family was able to sponsor the prizes. After the family matriarch Louise Hart passed away in 2003, the Louise Hart memorial plaque was initiated and is an honor for the Grade 8 winner.

This year separate events were held at Tsi Snaihne School and at Akwesasne Mohawk School (AMS) due to the reconfiguration to community schools. This worked well, thanks to the school-based coordinators Joe Raso at Tsi Snaihne School and Lisa Zeran at the AMS Intermediate wing.

In Grades 1, 2 and 3, the students may recite a poem, sing a song, or tell a story. The speech is between one and two minutes. From Grade 4 on, the students prepare original speeches, and speak for three to five minutes. Students are awarded a bonus point if they incorporate the Mohawk language into their speech, for example an introduction, and some students may even choose to speak in Kanienke:ha.

Judges look for presentation style, use of language, creativity, confidence and poise.

The Haudenosaunee people are known for oral tradition and we are happy to celebrate this tradition. AMBE will continue to encourage the children to share their stories and let their voices be heard.

Niawenko:wa to our judges: Jordan Thompson, Wanda Tarbell, Norma Sunday, Cathy Lalonde, Vaugh Phillips, and Debbie Thomas. Our timekeeper Cece Thompson. Our sponsors: Village Currency Exchange and AMBE Parent Committee. Congratulations to this year's participants; they are all winners!



Grade 2: Dryden Adams, Keely Bova, Ashlyn Benedict-Bernier



Grade 3: Andyn Bero, Asia Thompson, Emma Martin



Grade 4: Kohia Thomas, Aava Adams, Annika Wolphagen



Grade 5: Ella Bero, Jessica White, and Anna Mitchell



There were 44 class finalists this year.

**Grade 1 finalists:**

Drey Thompson and Joseph Martin read the poem "Spring Cleaning"

Evin Smart and Alexander Thompson read the poem "Making a Kite"

Laquoia Tahy and Parris Thomas read the poem "May"

Makayla Point and Kaiya Thompson sang the poem "Springtime"

Aliyah Point spoke on King Cobras

Treyia Francis spoke on her Trip to NYC

**Grade 2 finalists:**

Ashlyn Benedict-Bernier; My Glass Turtle

Keely Bova; My Winks Club doll

Dryden Adams; My Special Box with marbles

**Grade 3:**

1st Emma Martin; My Horse Links

2nd Andyn Bero; My Trip to Myrtle Beach

3rd Asia Thompson; My Puppy

**Grade 4:**

1st Mikenzie Benedict; Wasting, Littering, Bullying and Me

2nd Jazmine Jacobs; My Cat Marley

3rd Hope Thompson; My Best Friend Mikenzie

**Grade 4 finalists**

Kohia Thomas "My Cousin", Aava Adams "My Family Trip to Florida", Annika Wolphagen "My Family"

**Grade 5**

1st Ella Bero; Lacrosse

2nd Jessica White; My Cool Mom

3rd Anna Mitchell; My Family

**Grade 6**

1st Brandon Cook; Space

2nd Tyra Johnson; The Cornwall Colts

3rd tied: Otsi Oakes; My Life Laney Tahy; Just a dream

**Grade 7**

1st Ariana Roundpoint; Uniforms in School

2nd Jenson Johnson; comparing games

3rd Michael Cook; my dogs

**Grade 8**

1st Elizabeth Gibson-Point; Execution- for or against?

2nd Zachary Williams; Barracudas

3rd Tehatenonwaratons Thompson; Creation of the NHL



Grade 6: Brandon Cook, Otsi Oakes, Tyra Johnson



Grade 8: Elizabeth Gibson-Point, Zachary Williams, and Tehetenonwaratons Thompsom

## Tsi Snaihne School Public Speaking Event Participants

Grade 1-Shaina Francis

Grade 2-Gabrielle Thomas, Gracie Laughing, Akenhiio Lazore, Carter Jackson,

Grade 3-Gavin Jacobs, Cassius Cook, Styles Benedict, Aubre Mitchell, Kiyah Francis, Dawson Lazore, Makenly White, Tessa Lafrance, Raiden Bush-Garrow

Grade 4-Norman Gray, Kayden Jacobs, Mason White, Connor Lazore

Grade 5-Stanley Cook, Will Swamp, Eddie Oakes, Kendall Jacobs





# Tsi Snaihne School Monthly Awards

Tsi Snaihne School held it's monthly awards assembly on Thursday, May 9th. Each classroom presented awards for student of the month, language, physical education and character club. Students of the month enjoy a pizza lunch with the principal. Language award recipients enjoy lunch with Mohawk teacher, Guzzy Lazore. Members of the Character Club are invited to a special event at the end of the term.



*Members of the Character Club demonstrated the character trait 'generosity' throughout the month of April.*

*Back: Mason White, Warren Oakes, Dawson Lazore-Jackson, Eddie Oakes Front: Akenhiio Lazore, Garin Thompson, Roman Cook, Shalia Francis*

*A student of the month is selected in each classroom. The recipient comes to school prepared to work, always does their best and consistently acts respectfully with others.*

*Back Row (L-R): Colton General, Ashtin Johnson, Cassidy King-Lazore, Connor Lazore Front Row: Alexia Mitchell, Tayven Edwards, Sky Mauel-Meltingtallow, Anson Herne*



*Ms. Leaf chooses students who demonstrate good sportsmanship and always puts forth their best effort.*

*Back: Makenly White, Gavin Jacobs, Casey Oakes Front: Tessa Laffin, Brighton Sutherland, Kaide Sunday*

*Mohawk Language award winners in Ms. Lazore's class.*

*Back Row: Iohseriio Tabor, Jace Cook, Kaneratiio Peters, Koy Peters Front Row: Daylen Sutherland, Carter Jackson, Kyle Cuillerier, Brighton Sutherland*



## Heritage Week at Tsi Snaihne School

On Thursday, May 2nd, Kenny Tahawisoren Perkins was our speaker about Jake Fire Day. He explained to the students about how Jake Fire day came to be. He told the students about our history and the difficulty that was placed upon our community by the Indian Act/government, etc. He sang songs of thanks and did one dance with the entire student body. Students were encouraged to wear their ribbon shirts in honour of Jake Fire Day.



*Tahawisoren stands with reading tutor Dori Benedict, K4 student Marhall Lazore and grade 4 student Connor Lazore.*



*In the afternoon, the school held it's annual Tom Longboat Run. Students in each class race against their peers. All children who completed the event earned a certificate. The boys in Mrs. McDonald's pre-kindergarten class start the race.*





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### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION CHECK LIST

#### U.S. INSTITUTION (New Student)

IF ATTENDING A U.S. INSTITUTION, DID I:

- ☐ Register for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) by May 1<sup>st</sup> (do this sooner if you want to get a financial aid package from a private school)
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) right after you receive your PIN
- ☐ Complete the New York State Indian Aid Application - ask Rod Cook for a copy at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal (SRMT) Building (518) 358-2272 - make sure you mail to Albany before the application deadline (listed below) (only students attending institutions in NY State are eligible for this grant)
- ☐ Complete the BIA Application and return to Rod Cook at the SRMT
- ☐ Complete the Tribal Trust Application and return to Rod Cook
- ☐ Complete all the forms required by the institution you hope to attend (Verification, Housing, ID, etc.)
- ☐ Complete the Express TAP Application (ETA) - check all the answers to make sure they are accurate; if so, sign, date and mail to Albany (only students attending institutions in NY State are eligible for this grant)
- ☐ If attending a Community College get a county residency letter at the county clerk's office in Malone
- ☐ Complete the top of the beige AMBE financial aid form and have my institution financial aid office complete it and mail or fax back to Norma
- ☐ Tell Norma where I'll be living while in college (ex. Dormitory, apartment)
- ☐ Complete everything required for AMBE Post-Secondary Assistance:
  1. Application
  2. MCA Membership Confirmation Form
  3. Essay about academic & career goals (two paragraphs) - use the same one for the NY State Indian Aid application
  4. Copy of Institution acceptance letter
  5. Copy of High School Diploma or GED

Lastly, (1) call Rod Cook - SRMT 518.358.2272, (2) Norma Sunday - 613.933.0409 & (3) Your Institution to make sure they have all the paperwork necessary for you to receive financial aid. Or e-mail Norma at [norma.sunday@ambe.ca](mailto:norma.sunday@ambe.ca)

#### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES

AMBE Post-Secondary Program	July 26 (fall)	November 21 (winter/spring)
New York State Indian Aid	July 15 (fall)	December 31 (spring)
SRMT Higher Ed Program	July 15 (fall)	October 15 (spring)
SRMT Educational Trust	July 15 (fall)	December 31 (spring)



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### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION CHECK LIST CANADIAN INSTITUTION (NEW STUDENTS)

IF ATTENDING A CANADIAN INSTITUTION, DID I:

- ☐ Complete the OCAS application at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) or OUAC application at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
- ☐ Give Norma a copy of my HS transcripts to mail with the OCAS or OUAC application (only if your HS doesn't send it for you)
- ☐ Give Norma a copy of the last page of the application which lists my name and OCAS application # (only if your HS doesn't send it for you)
- ☐ Respond to OCAS on-line when necessary
- ☐ Show Norma every document I've received from OCAS, or call her if I have a question about it
- ☐ Give Norma my acceptance letter and tuition bill
- ☐ If I decide to live on campus, give Norma copies of those bills, and complete the application forms for the residence and meal plan and mail back to campus
- ☐ Notify Norma about my residence (on campus, apartment in college town, or commuting from home)
- ☐ Complete everything else required for AMBE Post-Secondary Assistance:
  1. Application
  2. MCA Membership Confirmation Form
  3. Essay about academic & career goals (two paragraphs)
  4. Copy of Institution acceptance letter
  5. Copy of High School Diploma or GED

Lastly, call Norma at 613.933.0409 or e-mail at [norma.sunday@ambe.ca](mailto:norma.sunday@ambe.ca) to make sure she has all the paperwork necessary for me to be funded, and my institution to make sure they have everything they need from me

#### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINES

AMBE Post-Secondary Program	July 26 (fall)	November 21 (winter/spring)
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### NEW POST-SECONDARY STUDENT CHECK LIST

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University \_\_\_\_\_  
Major/Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

#### FIVE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

- ☐ AMBE PSP Application
- ☐ MCA Membership Confirmation
- ☐ High School Diploma or GED with grades
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Institution Acceptance Letter

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION (only check one)

- ☐ Completed Financial Aid Form (U.S.) - or-
- ☐ Tuition Bill (Canadian Institution)

#### LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (only check one)

- ☐ In Residence on campus (dormitory)
- ☐ Off-campus Apartment
- ☐ Commuting from Akwesasne

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### CONTINUING POST-SECONDARY STUDENT CHECK LIST

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University \_\_\_\_\_  
Major/Course of Study \_\_\_\_\_

#### THREE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

- ☐ AMBE PSP Application
- ☐ Current semester grades
- ☐ New schedule

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION (only check one)

- ☐ Completed Financial Aid Form (U.S.) -or-
- ☐ Tuition Bill (Canadian Institution)

#### LIVING ARRANGEMENTS (only check one)

- ☐ In Residence on campus (dormitory)
- ☐ Off-campus apartment in same town as school
- ☐ Commuting from Akwesasne

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# MCA Employees Complete HazWoper Course

During the week of April 29th the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne conducted a 40 hour HazWoper Course at Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department Station One. The course was taught by Adrian McDonald, Training Coordinator from Human Resources. Adrian is a certified Hazardous Materials Response Instructor. The course was funded by MCA Emergency Measures.

Thirteen employees and two community members learned all about hazardous materials and waste response during the week long course and participated in an exercise that incorporated all the knowledge and skills they learned that week. The exercise had the participants create a plan for dealing with a small incident. Once a plan was complete and understood all the participants took on a role and set up a command post, staging area and a decon line.

Six of the participants wore respirators and dressed in chemical protective clothing, otherwise known as "moon suits". Two entry members went in to reconnoiter and report their findings. Once done, they were coming back when a simulated emergency took place. A backup team came in to assist and all went well.

MCA now has trained members for the planned HazMat team. Congratulations to:

Mike Boots  
Pat Chubb  
Theresa Connors  
Craig Delormier  
Michael T. Francis, Jr.  
Thomas Francis  
Jade Gabri  
Jay Herne

Cheryl Jacobs  
Lawrence Jock  
Michelle Laffin  
Wade Mitchell  
Chris Sawatis  
Brooke Terrance  
Dwayne Thomas



*Entry Team*



*Going Through Decon*



*Decon Complete*



*Command Post*





## Mohawk Conversation and Song

*-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters*

Tekwanonhwera:tons Ratiwe:ras.

We offer our thanks to you thunderers  
Tekwanonhwera:tons Ratiwe:ras tsi  
sesewake:tohte.

We offer our thanks to you thunderers that you  
have arrived again.

Tekwanonhwera:tons Ratiwe:ras tsi  
sesewake:tohte tanon a:se entsitsion:ni tsi  
kahnekaron:nion.  
sesewake:tohte.

We offer our thanks to you thunderers that you  
have arrived again and renewed our waters.

Tekwanonhwera:tons Ratiwe:ras tsi  
sesewake:tohte tanon a:se entsitsion:ni tsi  
kahnekaron:nion tanon tsi ietshihtorara:kon ne  
katsi'noniowa:nens.

We offer our thanks to you thunderers that you  
have arrived again and renewed our waters and  
keep the prehistoric life below.

Ratiweras Raotiren:na

Io ho  
ka io wa ne e e e  
ha na io o o o  
ha na we ha na io  
ka io wa ne io  
ha io ho  
ha na we ha na io  
kai na wi ia he ia

Kanientara:ke  
Wakerennatshen:rion  
Wa'tekhenonhweratonhwe  
Ratiwe:ras  
Tahontenniehte  
Kai na wi ia he ia

(written by Bear Fox)

*"Everyday Mohawk" brochures and CD's are available at the Ahkwesahsne 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.*



# Empowering Our Youth 2013 Akwesasne

On Saturday, May 4th the Akwesasne Area Management Board hosted over 60 local youth in Grades 6-12 for a day of empowerment. Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB), MCA Department of Health, and National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy (NAYSPS) sponsored the *Empowering our Youth 2013 Akwesasne* event. Some of the younger MCA employees offered their assistance for the day. The day focused on interactive and educational workshops for students to think critically about bullying, education, summer employment, and health initiatives.

As special guest presenter Dr. Barbara Walker, Owner and Executive Director of COPE Consulting Services, presented on bullying. Bullying is on the rise and she has created seven steps aimed at controlling and preventing bullying behavior. Her presentation was tailored to helping bullies, victims, and bystanders.

Other speakers consisted of various positive role models from our community. Dwight Bero Jr. and Kelly Thomspson, two Aboriginal Rights and Research Office employees, were on hand to present their struggles and triumphs within their education. Kelly Thompson bravely discussed her journey of being a university student with a learning disability. Dwight Bero Jr. shared how he was able to balance obtaining a higher education and being an athlete.

Bero was impressed with our youth and shared some of his thoughts on the event, "I thought I was going to be talking to the older students because I was talking about college. I ended up talking to the younger students and before I presented, I wasn't sure how well my presentation was going to be received because I thought they were too young, but I was surprised by them. Most of the younger students already had college on their minds they knew where they wanted to go and what they wanted to do."

Other speakers include Sarah Lee Skidders-Wheelchair Bound, Herbie Francis-Journey to Africa, Daylan Adams-Walking Two Roads, and Aronhiaies Herne-Our Mohawk Teachings of Respect. The rap group R.E.D.D performed for the students.

The session ended with youth creating a wishlist for programs and events that they would like to see



held in Akwesasne. Requests from the youth include a drama club, environment/clean up club, homework club, academic support, implementing district sport teams, adventure club, more opportunities to gather recreationally, and more job opportunities. These requests will be passed along to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne as well as the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.



*Role models offer words of wisdom and encourage youth to speak up for the changes they wish to see in their community.*

"It was uplifting to hear them talk about protecting the environment, helping each other succeed, providing assistance for the families in need and all together launching more youth initiatives," remarked Shara Francis-Herne.

Meals were provided. Every student received a duffle bag full of goodies at registration. Students were also entered to win a grand prize along with winning various prizes for participation. The event was a success and the youth are looking forward to more gatherings for their voices to be heard.

# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

## 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program

### Empowering Our Youth

#### **“Through Positive Employment Opportunities with MCA”**

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program. The diversity of career opportunities within MCA is advantageous to youth seeking career direction. We are seeking you as our future leaders, health care professionals, administrators, and educators.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Human Resources is currently accepting applications for the 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program. The 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program will operate June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

#### **The MCA Summer Youth Employment Program will operate as follows:**

- Youth between ages 19-29 years -12 weeks, starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013
- Youth between ages 14-18 years -8 weeks, starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

#### **Eligibility Requirements for Youth:**

- Between the ages of 14-29 years;
- A valid Social Insurance Number (SIN);
- Is a member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne

#### **Deadline for Submitting Youth Applications:**

- Youth between ages 19-29 years is **Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**
- Youth between ages 14-18 years is **Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

All interested youth must submit a completed application and resumes by 4:00pm on the noted deadlines above to:

Alley Bero, Summer Youth Employment Coordinator  
Administrative Building 1  
Kanatakon

Phone: 613-575-2250, ext. 2151

Fax: 613-575-2181

Email: alexandra.bero@akwesasne.ca





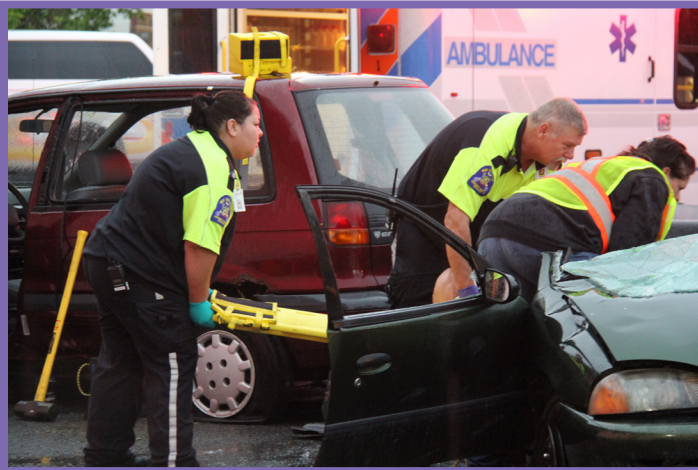
# Extrication Demonstration in Honor of EMS Week

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is an event held annually in the month of May. This year EMS week was celebrated May 19-25, 2013 and the theme was "One mission, One team". It's a week dedicated to emergency service providers across the nation and to recognize all their (our) hard work. You can search "EMS Week" for further information regarding the topic.

This year, the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance in conjunction with the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department put on a mock extrication

open to the public. Many people do not know what is involved during an actual accident or how extrication's are done. We also wanted people to realize just how closely AMA, the Fire Department, and Police services (on both sides) work together.

The demonstration was held to raise public awareness as to what Emergency Medical Services do on a daily basis. Although the turn out was not as good as we had hoped, we would love to make it an annual event that can only get better.



*Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance demonstrate an extrication.*



*Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance work closely with the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department.*

## Akwesasne Junior B. Indians Volunteer at Iakhihsohtha

The Akwesasne Junior B. Indians are to be commended for their volunteerism. On May 24th, twelve Junior B. lacrosse players along with their coach Willie Whelan dropped by Iakhihsohtha. The players worked outdoors and did a number of jobs that would have taken staff at least a week or more for staff to complete.

The young men tilled and prepared gardening beds, ran the weed eater, moved crushed stone, placed patio furniture and loaded up firewood. Their efforts and hard work were greatly appreciated by Iakhihsohtha Residents and Activity staff.

The Residents and Staff at Iakhihsohtha were very grateful that these young men chose to spend their Saturday in such a productive manner. They would like to say Niawenko:wa and good luck during your upcoming lacrosse season. Come back and visit us soon, our door is always open.



*Akwesasne Junior B. Lacrosse players: Trey Square, Koby Johnson, Brady Mitchell, Grayson Phillips, Skye Sunday, Ky Tarbell, Kason Tarbell, Oakley Thomas, Trey Adams, Trevor Roundpoint, and Dalton Roundpoint.*



# Iohahi:io Personal Support Worker Students Graduate



This one year certificate program began with 24 students in September 2012 at Iohahi:io. After completing coursework, students participated in placements and consolidation at Iakhihsohtha, Tsiionkwanonsote, Home Care/Home Support and St. Joseph's Villa. 22 students were recognized at the closing ceremony for successful completion of the Personal Support Worker program. Students will be recognized at the St. Lawrence College convocation ceremony on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. where they will receive their Personal Support Worker certificates.

## Recent MCA Job Postings

**T**he Mohawk Council of Akwesasne posted the following positions recently.  
The following positions will close on June, 13, 2013 at 4:00pm.

Case Aide, Ionkwanonhsase'tsi Adolescent Treatment Center, DCSS  
Permanent Full Time Position  
Salary: HS 01-\$45,635-\$49,358

Community Support Worker (2 Positions) Akwesasne Child and Family Services  
1 Permanent Full Time Position, 1 Term (June-November 2013) Position w/ possibility of permanency  
Salary: HS 15- \$26,844-\$29,035 (Salary Under Review)

Program Manager Environment, Tehotiiennawakon  
Permanent Full Time Position  
Salary: MG 08-\$53, 918-\$58,317

Cook, Iakhihsohtha, Dept. of Health  
Permanent Full Time Position  
Salary: GST 10 \$35,912-\$38,863

Case Supervisor, Ionkwanonhsase'tsi Adolescent Treatment Center, DCSS  
Full Time Term Position (June-October 2013)  
Salary: DS 01-\$55,412-\$59,934

**F**or current and active job postings, visit [www.akwesasne.ca/jobpostings.html](http://www.akwesasne.ca/jobpostings.html)  
For 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.*



# Community Health Events

## JUNE 2013

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		★ Every Tuesday Circuit Training with Lorrie		★ Every Thursday Circuit Training with Lorrie		1
2	3 BIG BIKE event @3pm	4	5 Breastfeeding Support Group Luncheon 12-1	6	7 Deadline to order Green Food Box	8
9	10	11	12 Prenatal Circle 5-7	13	14 YOKE making 9:30-2:30	15
16	17	18 Green Food Box Pick up day Kanatakon 11- 4	19 Prenatal Circle 5-7 Green Food Box Pick up day Island 11- 4	20	21 HOLIDAY	22
23	24	25	26 Prenatal Circle 5-7	27	28	29
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## Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

## June 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
	*REMINDER* DR. YOUNG'S CLINICS HAVE A 40 PT LIMIT		JOELLE REGNIER'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT		1 NO CLINIC	2
3 NO WALK-IN DR LEVAC 1-4 pm BY APPT	4 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	5 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY Appt. 5-8 Walk-In	6 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	7 WOMANS CLINIC DR V UDOEYOP 10 am- 3pm BY APPT	8 JOELLE REGNIER WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm	9
10 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm – 4 pm BY APPT	11 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	12 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY Appt. 5-8 Walk-In	13 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	14 JOELLE REGNIER 8:30am-12pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	15 JOELLE REGNIER WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm	16
17 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am DR LEVAC 1-4 pm BY APPT	18 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	19 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY Appt. 5-8 Walk-In	20 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	21 CLOSED NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY	22 NO CLINIC	23
24 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm – 4 pm BY APPT	25 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN	26 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1-4 BY Appt. 5-8 Walk-In	27 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	28 JOELLE REGNIER 8:30am-12 pm ELDERS CLINIC 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT	29 NO CLINIC	30



Important Dates for your renewal:

## GET FIT + Program

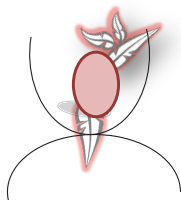
JUNE 2013

June 3rd	9:00-2:00	Kanonhkwashteri:io
June 4th	9:00-2:00	Kanonhkwashteri:io
June 5th	9:00-5:00	Kanonhkwashteri:io
June 4th	9:00-2:00	Kanonhkwashteri:io
June 26th	3:00-6:00	Anowara'ko:wa Arena
June 28th	9:00-5:00	Kanonhkwashteri:io

Remember to please call and schedule an appointment, we will **no longer take walk-ins**. Bring along a copy of your completed workouts or your Get Fit+ Passport with your 10 documented attendance at approved Get Fit classes. Contact Lorrie Caldwell at 613-575-2341 ext. 3239 or Kyle Thompson at ext. 3220 to schedule your appointment.



## GET FIT +



Community Health Group Fitness

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Walking Group</b> 11:30- 12:30 Kana:takon School Gymnasium	<b>Walking Group</b> 11:30- 12:30 Kana:takon School Gymnasium	<b>Walking Group</b> 11:30- 12:30 Kana:takon School Gymnasium	<b>Walking Group</b> 11:30- 12:30 Kana:takon School Gymnasium	<b>Walking Group</b> 11:30- 12:30 Kana:takon School Gymnasium
<b>Walking Group</b> With Rachel 2:00-2:45 A'nowarako:wa Arena	<b>Circuit Training</b>  With Lorrie 5:30-6:30 Snye Rec Center	<b>Zumba</b>  With Jamie 4:30-5:15 Mohawk School Gym	<b>Circuit Training</b>  With Lorrie 5:30- 6:30 Kana:takon School	<b>Zumba</b>  With Jamie 4:30-5:15 Mohawk School Gym

Sponsored by: the Community Health Program. For further details contact Lorrie Caldwell 613-575-2341 ext. 3239

## Pregnancy Circles Schedule

Wednesday  
June 12 - The nine months of pregnancy.

Wednesday  
June 19 - Pregnancy wellness.

Wednesday  
June 26 - Breastfeeding, labor and delivery.

Evening session from 5-7pm in the Kanonkwatsheri:io Board Room. Please register with Janet Tatro at 613-575-2341 x3231. Deadline to register is June 10.



## BUSINESS PROGRAM

In Partnership with St. Lawrence College

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

This two year college diploma program is intended for students looking for a broad, well-integrated business education and the opportunity to study in more than one area of specialization.

Graduates will be effective communicators, trained in problem solving, teamwork and quality management.

They are skilled in the use of computer software applications in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation graphics. Two years at college will get you started in a challenging career in business.

#### SEMESTER 1

Introductory Accounting I  
Intro to College Communications  
Basic Computer Applications  
Human Resource Management I  
Introduction to Marketing I  
Business Mathematics  
Native Studies I

#### SEMESTER 3

Managerial Accounting  
Microeconomics  
Recruitment and Selection  
Professional Selling  
Advertising and Sales Promotion  
Introduction to Entrepreneurship  
Introduction to Project Management

#### SEMESTER 2

Introductory Accounting II  
Business Communications  
Advanced Computer Applications  
Human Resource Management II  
Introduction to Marketing II  
Mathematics of Finance  
Native Studies II

#### SEMESTER 4

Computer Applications in Accounting  
Macroeconomics  
Introduction to Personal Finance  
Organizational Behaviour  
Training and Development  
Strategic Account Management  
Career Strategies

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent
- Advanced Grade 12 English,
- Advanced Grade 11 Math

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 2:00 PM on FRIDAY, June 28, 2013

Applications must include high school and/or college transcripts, Canadian Social Insurance Card, and Photo ID

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## SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM

In Partnership with St. Lawrence College

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The SSW program gives you the opportunity to learn to work with many different populations of people, such as those with mental health problems, addiction problems, seniors who require extra support, children with behavior problems, women who have been abused, people living in poverty and/or are homeless, and adolescents who live in group homes. This program includes several field placements, professors with experience in the field, relevant classes emphasizing skill-based learning, hands-on activities, and practical assignments. Graduates are eligible to join the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, and use the title "Registered Social Service Worker".

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent
- Advanced Grade 12 English
- Advanced Grade 11 Math

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Applicants are advised that CPIC's are required for programs with field or criminal placements. Certain criminal convictions may prevent participation in field placement and program completion may not be possible.

#### SEMESTER 1

Current Social Issues Resource  
Introduction to College Communications  
Computer Skills for SSW  
Wellness  
Professional Standards of Practice  
Developmental Psychology  
Native Studies I

#### SEMESTER 3

Child Abuse & Family Violence  
Behaviour Measurement & Assessment  
Field Practice Seminar I  
Basic Counseling II  
Health Care and Pharmacology  
Field Practice I

#### SEMESTER 2

Theories of Personality & Intervention  
Working with Exceptionalities  
Behaviour Management in Everyday Life  
Communications for SSW  
Basic Counseling I  
Overview of Addictions  
SSW Work Practice II Group  
Native Studies II

#### SEMESTER 4

Seminar  
Field Practice Seminar II  
Case Management Practicum  
Starting Your Career  
SIMSOC  
Field Practice II  
Abnormal Psychology  
Community Development

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# Ohiarí:ha / JUNE

Awentatokehti:ke / Sunday	Awentatawen'ke / Monday	Ratironhia'kekronon:ke / Tuesday	Soséhne / Wednesday	Oharistiahne / Thursday	Ronwaia'tanentaktonhne / Friday	Entakta / Saturday
School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm After-School Program Hours: 2:45 - 5:30 pm All schools are "Allergy Aware".			All schools need updated contact information when changes occur. Please be sure to inform your child's school of any changes. Information is also needed for distribution of parents packets.			1
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EQAO Testing - Onerahtohkó:wa/May 27 - Ohiarí:ha/June 7						
			Public / In-Camera Session 6 pm @ Ahkwesahne Mohawk School			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					STURDYOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rákeni Raonísera / FATHER'S DAY	The last day for After-School Programming and breakfast & lunch is Ohiarí:ha/June 26th		End of Year Awards Ceremony @ 9:30 am @ Kana:takon School	End of Year Awards Ceremony @ 9:30 am @ Ahkwesahne Mohawk School AkenhnhAke Wakiokenhnhonzi / first day of SUMMER!	NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY TSI KONTEWEERSTAHEKWA WENTIAN'RON / BOARD HOLIDAY	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	K5 Graduation & Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony @ 9:30 am @ Tsi Snahne School	K5 Graduation @ 9:30 am & Grade 8 Graduation @ 7 pm @ Ahkwesahne Mohawk School	K5 Graduation & Grade 6 Moving Up Ceremony @ 9:30 am @ Kana:takon School	Ohne'kénkhka Wenhniseriste / Last Day of School	Tsi Tewarishwahnraht / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS	

AMBE Office: 613-933-0409 Ahkwesahne Mohawk School: 613-932-3366 Kana:takon School: 613-575-2323 Tsi Snahne School: 613-575-2291



## Household Domestic Waste/MCA Facilities Collection Schedule

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**Sunday/ Monday:** All operations Closed

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**Tuesday: Recycling, all districts Estimated Start time 08:00 Am**

All Three Districts Recycle Program. Blue Recycle Bin collection and excess in Clear Plastic Bags or clean dry cardboard box, only.

**Kawehno:ke** : From Cross Roads Heading East, all side roads, both North and South side of Cornwall Island Rd. From East end heading West all Cornwall Island Rd.

**From** Cross Roads heading West all side roads both North and South side of Cornwall Island Rd. to the West end of the Island. From the west end , back to the cross roads all of Cornwall Island Rd., estimate 12 noon estimate to **Kana:takon** , complete Kana:takon, estimate 2pm travel to **Tsi Snaihne**.

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**Wednesday: Starting at 08:00 Am Large Blue Dumpsters**

Administration, Government Building Housing Developments and contracted Commercial sites. \*\* Represents specific housing developments that will also be collected for regular domestic household waste collection.

**Kana:takon**: all MCA facilities

**Tsi Snaihne**: All MCA facilities, and, \*\* Woodland Rd. Housing sub division, Hemlock Street Sub division

**Kawehno:ke**: All MCA facilities, and \*\*Kawehnoke Apartment Road Sub division.

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**Thursday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00**

**Tsi Snaihne**: District starting at River Road west end. (near Ice Bridge Crossing) all sites except Hemlock and Woodland as noted earlier.

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**Friday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00**

**Kawehnoke**: **Starting at Cross Rd. heading East**, all side roads, North and South side of road to the East end of Kawehnoke. Returning back heading West all of the Cornwall Island Rd. to the Cross Rd. (except for the Kawehnoke Apt. Rd as noted earlier.)

From Cross Rd. heading West, all side roads, both North and South side of Island rd, to the West end of the Island. Returning back to the Cross roads, all of Island Rd.

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**Saturday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00**

**Kanatakon : Entire district**

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If domestic waste is not collected as scheduled, it will be collected as soon as possible or the following day.

Please note there is a \$15.00 service charge and must be paid to the driver at the time of pick up, for the collection of refrigerators, Air Conditioners/ water coolers / dehumidifiers/freezers, any item with a refrigerant. There is a \$5.00 fee per tire for regular tires and must be paid at time of pick up to the driver.

Large items will be collected in your area on the collection date as they are put out, please try not to put out excessive amounts of bulk items.

**All Domestic waste must be in clear plastic bags** as required by the land fill site we are currently contracted with, materials in **BLACK bags will not be collected!**



## Akwesasne Assists Kashechewan First Nation in "State of Emergency"

**THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE'S** Emergency Measures assisted the City of Cornwall in housing the Kashechewan First Nation who were evacuated from their territory due to flooding. The Kashechewan First Nation derive from the James Bay area. A total of 368 evacuees were housed at the Navcan Center in the City of Cornwall. Akwesasne made its presence as a member of the Community Control Group (CCG) within the City of Cornwall's Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Arriving to Cornwall with only three-days worth of winter clothing, MCA's Emergency Measures put out the call for donations and the Mohawks of Akwesasne answered the call. Our guests were in need of various spring / summer items, footwear, playpens, bassinets, and single strollers. As always, Akwesasne responded and your generosity was overwhelming!



MCA's Emergency Measures worked with Cornwall's Social Services and the Kashechewan First Nation liaisons to organize recreational activities for our guests. The Kashechewan membership were very excited to visit Akwesasne and participate in the various activities scheduled for the next couple of days. We made a request for our guest to play Radio Bingo with Akwesasne and it was very successful. However, the call for Kashechewan's return home came too soon. A total of ten (10) flights were arranged for Thursday, 9th, Onerahtohko:wa / May 2013 and the members began returning home.

MCA's Emergency Measures would like to say, "Niawenko:wa / Thank you" to CKON 97.3 FM Radio, Akwesasne Child & Family Services, Scott Peters, MCA's Environments Division, the City of Cornwall, Akwesasne Boys and Girl Club, the SRMT's Emergency Planning Office, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino and everyone else who took the time to volunteer and participate in our planning efforts.



*Niawenko:wa  
Akwesasne!*

**Brought to you by  
MCA's Emergency Measures**