



Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Meets Cornwall University Steering Committee

Members of the proposed-Cornwall University Steering Committee met with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and Deputy Minister David deLaunay to present their plan for a university to serve Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry and Akwesasne.

Visions of having a university located in Cornwall began taking shape soon after the Ontario Government announced plans in the summer of 2011 to create an additional 60,000 university seats to build a competitive workforce in the province.

To help make the vision of a Cornwall University become reality, a Steering Committee was organized in February 2013. The committee consists of 25 academic, business and elected leaders from the surrounding area. Recognizing the benefit of partnering with the community of Akwesasne, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Mitchell and Peter Garrow were invited to participate.

During the Minister's visit he was provided a tour of the NAV CANADA Centre, which provides an ideal location for an academic setting. He also heard from Steering Committee members on the economic and educational benefits of having a university located in the City of Cornwall.

One strong reason for a Cornwall University is the possibility of establishing an Aboriginal Studies program for the advancement of Haudenosaunee traditions, history, language, governance and research that can count towards a bachelor's degree.



NAV CANADA Vice-President Andrew Campbell, Cornwall University Steering Committee Member Gerry Benson, Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, NAV CANADA General Manager Kim Coe-Turner, Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Regional Chief Ghislain Picard, and Ontario Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David de Launay at the NAV CANADA Centre in Cornwall, Ontario on February 7, 2014.

The MCA looks forward to providing additional information as plans become more formalized on how this exciting initiative promises to be beneficial for Akwesasne post-secondary students and career professionals. ❖

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

It is my honor to present the Ennisko:wa/ March introduction of Onkwe'ta:ke. This newsletter is a wonderful tool for sharing and communicating with the community and includes updates and reports from council, as well as the departments and programs within the organization.

For the past (6) months, I have had the privilege to stay at home with my beautiful newborn baby boy, due to the benefits that I pay through Council called Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP). Although I will miss the invaluable time that I was able to spend with my baby, I am pleased to be back to work and hit the ground running upon my return.

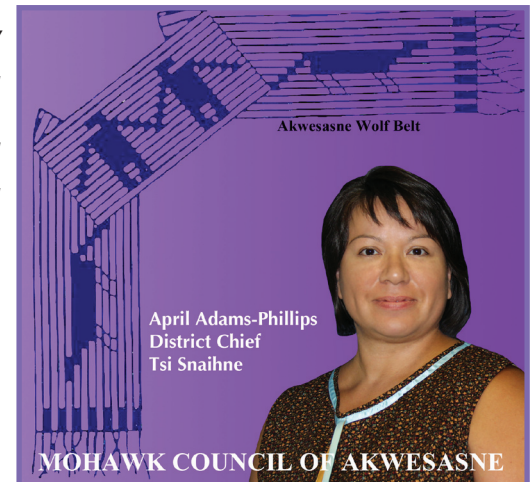
There were many initiatives that I began before I went on maternity leave and I want to thank Council for assisting me during my absence. I especially want to thank Steve Thomas and Brian David for their support in my portfolio Co-major, Tehotienawakon, which includes the programs: A'nowara:kowa Arena, Economic Development, Environment and Emergency Measures; as well as my fellow Tsi Snaihne Chiefs, Karen Loran, Joe Lazore and William Sunday for addressing and rectifying any areas of concerns in my scope of work. Niawen:kowa for your assistance.

The MCA Economic Development Program is pleased to announce that they have hired the consulting firm MNP LLP to conduct an economic leakage study within the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne. The study will seek to quantify the level and type of spending (by MCA, residents and businesses) that occurs outside the boundaries of the Akwesasne territory. It will point to opportunities for the recapture and recirculation of this spending. Objectives of this study will be to provide information to:

- develop strategies to create employment;
- establish new businesses and employment;
- strengthen the local economy
- develop a resource data base; and
- address and reduce economic leakage off the territory

I would like to encourage the community to participate in this study and reiterate the importance of having this information for community planning. I'd also like to take the opportunity to mention that the 2014 Akwesasne Business Directory is ready for distribution. Copies will be available at various outlets within the community so pick one up today and remember to SHOP LOCAL!

Another project that I was vocal with in establishing was the Employee Climate Survey. The MCA has employees that perform a vast array of services; therefore it is essential to the growth of the MCA to ensure that the overall employee work environment promotes efficiency, effectiveness and satisfaction. The survey will give the MCA Administration, Grand Chief and Council a means to identify areas of success and areas where improvement is required in order to stay on the course of being one of the leading First Nations Governments today and for future generations. I am eager to start reviewing the results and to see what type of changes we will need to



incorporate to ensure employee satisfaction, which directly will result to community satisfaction. Additionally, I am continuously working with my fellow Tsi Snaihne chiefs on the possible establishment of a Tsi Snaihne Diagnostic Health Facility and Financial Institution. This is just the first step in ensuring that the Tsi Snaihne district will have an equal opportunity to have these amenities in our district. We are optimistic that it can be established soon. Look for updates in the upcoming months.

In this months addition of Onkwe'ta:ke, pieces are featured on Mohawk Trapping, returning the Jake Fire stature to Kana:takon and the Winter Carnival. The Winter Carnival, which was held in the district of Tsi Snaihne, was very successful. The friendly, yet competitive game of broomball was held once again between the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. For the second year in a row, MCA can claim bragging rights for the title of broomball champions! Niawen for everyone who participated, attended and made the Winter Carnival a success!

In closing, I hope that as the weather begins to get warmer and spring nears us, everyone exercises safe ice bridge crossing practices. Enjoy the warm weather as it approaches us and be courteous to our mother earth. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Mohawk Government offices at 613-575-2348 ext. 2261.

Sincerely,

*Chief April Adams-Phillips
Tsi Snaihne District Chief*

MCA Welcomes New Pediatrician

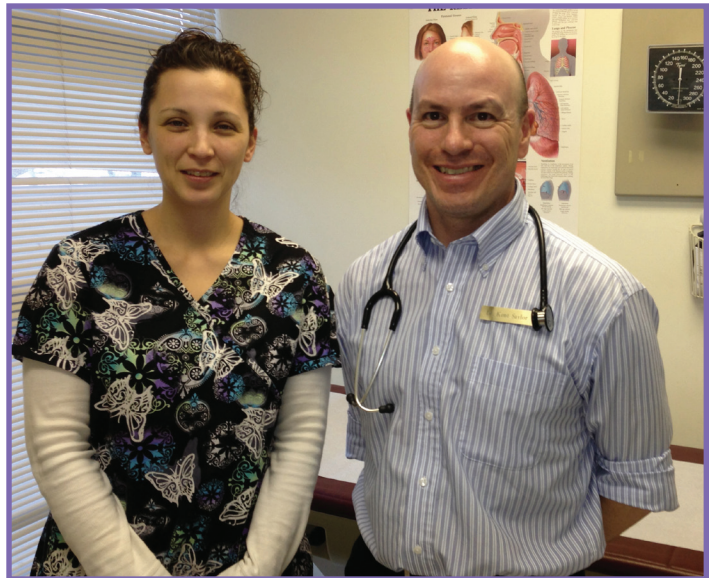
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Community Health Program is proud to announce that pediatrician Dr. Kent Saylor has joined the MCA medical team at Kanonhkwashteri:io's Akwesasne Medical Clinic.

Dr. Saylor hails from Kahnawake, Quebec and his primary practice is at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Every Friday, he will be in Akwesasne to treat children and infants in the morning at a walk-in clinic and in the afternoon by appointment. Some community members will recognize Dr. Saylor as he has previously worked with MCA and staff focusing on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Dr. Saylor attended medical school at Stanford University in California and studied pediatrics at the University of Washington. He completed his residency with the Montreal Children's Hospital and has been a licensed practicing pediatrician since 1999.

Dr. Saylor will work hand in hand with Amanda Garrow, Community Health Nurse, to ensure that patients' needs are addressed and that overall care is achieved. Garrow will be the point of contact for Dr. Saylor when he isn't available.

"We are very excited for the families of Akwesasne to have a licensed pediatrician in such close proximity," said Director of Health April White. "Obtaining licensed medical professionals can



RN Amanda Garrow and Dr. Kent Saylor.

be complicated due to the jurisdictional issues Akwesasne has so we are very appreciative to have Dr. Saylor's expertise, along with his familiarity with First Nations communities."

Dr. Saylor is available to treat children of all ages, from newborn to 18 years. Along with his regularly scheduled day of Fridays, he will have occasional Tuesdays available for appointments. To make an appointment, please call the Akwesasne Medical Clinic at 613-575-2341 ext. 3215.





Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs)

Enniska/ February 4, 2014

2013/2014 - #308 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
September 3, 2013

Voting: For - 9, Against - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #309 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
September 10, 2013

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #310 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
September 20, 2013

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #311 - Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal
Reappointment of Member

Voting: For - 9, Against - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #312 - To Accept MCA Organizational
Review & Risk/Liabilities Management Assessment
Scope of Work

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #313 - Snye Iron Worker Training
Building Concept and Conditions Survey

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #314 - AANDC Enhanced Women's
Shelter Funding 2013-2014

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #315 - 2014 Leases

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #316 - 2014 Addendums to Lease

Voting: For - 9, Against - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #317 - Draft Audit of The Community
Justice Program

Voting: For - 9, Against - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #318 - To Approve The Schedule Annual
Reconciliation Report For The Ministry of Health and
Long Term Care Tsiionkwanonhso:te Program

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #319 - MacDonald Sister Property Offer
to Purchase & Rescission of Previous MCRs

Voting: For - 10, Against - 0 CARRIED

Enniska/ February 11, 2014

2013/2014 - #320 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
October 1, 2013

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #321 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
October 8, 2013

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #322 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated
January 7, 2014

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #323 - Lease - Lot 1A - 6 Pilon Island

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #324 - 2014 Addendums to Lease

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #325 - To Approve in Principle the
Insurance of a Permit by The Minister of Indian Affairs
and Cornwall Electric

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #327 - Canada Mortgage Housing Corp.
Loan Agreement Acct. # 227 250 22

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

Enniska/ February 18, 2014

2013/2014 - #328 - Acceptance of the MCA Portfolio
Systems Terms of Reference

Voting: For - 7, Against - 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #329 - Acceptance of the Roads Programs
Annual Expenditure Report and Petition of Subsidy

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

Enniska/ February 25, 2014

2013/2014 - #330 - To Accept and Approve the March
31, 2013 Draft Audited CMHC Section 95 Schedule of
Final Capital Costs

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #331 Resolution in Support of AFNQL
Action of First Nation Education Act

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0 CARRIED

Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

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

TSIOTHORHKO:WA/JANUARY 28TH SPECIAL MEETING

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended District Meeting, although it was cancelled. Three people attended. Community members asked about community member's comments in the newspapers. Council has not yet been informed so we don't have information to share. Discussed water line issues. Discussed new bridge construction and how it has affected the houses on that road, which now have a 6-inch drop off from their driveways to the road. One resident couldn't stop in their driveway due to icy roads, and as a result of the 6 inch drop off they damaged their vehicle. Resident feels this is safety hazard that should be addressed. We will discuss with DTS. Discussed phone survey regarding cigarette taxes and contraband. Resident will bring recorded message to Council.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Tobacco Technical Table @ MAA
- Attended Economic Development Technical Table @ MAA
- Attended Chippewa of the Thames meeting on tobacco
- Attended Multi Jurisdictional Meeting @ MAA
- Attended AARPP planning meeting
- Attended CBSA, CIC meeting @ Ottawa regarding Border ID cards
- Attended District meeting

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Returned yesterday from maternity leave and received updates. Still have a lot of catching up to do. My son was born on September 12 he weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. He is 5 months and weighs 17 lbs. now. Everything is going well and it is nice to back!

Chief Karen Loran

- Attended Public Safety Portfolio meeting. Heard updates from Emergency Measures, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance, AMPS, and MCA Community Advocate.
- Participated in tour with Mexa Health. Group will be presenting to our Diagnostic Wellness Center Working Task Group in Feb. These individuals of MEXA, in order to prepare for the meeting, took a tour of the community, saw the outlying issues, and what we want for the future. This will help determine our needs and it assisted them in preparation for the presentation.
- Attended Health meeting update on the Eastern Ontario Health Unit Agreement. They are going to be looking at the accessibility for public health and we will be streamlining information to the community when it is available.
- Attended Akweks:kowa training session.
- Attended prescription drug symposium on behalf of grand chief. There were pharmacists, doctors, and more on the panel. The theme was prevention, treatment and enforcement. Leaving the meeting, we received a strong commitment from Minister Abrose to set up a meeting with First Nations. I presented her with a letter from IFN, requesting that invitation. Chiefs of Ontario also had sent out a letter of invitation in November to Minister Abrose and yesterday I was contacted by her Director of Strategic Planning and we will be setting up a meeting date in the near future.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended presentation in Cornwall by Coyote Canada Watch, which illustrated what happens with overcrowding of a specific species. In Cornwall, two years ago there was an overcrowding of beaver. Now it is the coyotes

coming in. This presentation shows how to live with the species and certain precautions residents can take. For example, in Cornwall, there is a by-law on the number of bird feeders that one can have in order to keep control over the amount of rodents in the area. I brought their information back, and I think this would be a good group to give a presentation to us.

- Our conservation officer was contacted to do a gun safety course. We are looking into funding. Although we may get funding for the course, individuals that attend could possibly still have to pay a fee. A presentation will be given before to figure out all the concerns and questions we have before anyone signs up.

Chief Larry King

- We need to pay attention to the rivers as some community members have noted in the past that they cannot access Akwesasne beaches due to non-Akwesasne residents docking their boats.
- Trustees for the Community Trust Fund have received training.
- We have had good dialogue with Transport Canada regarding the storage tanks and we have additional meetings set up. We are hoping that Cornwall and Transport Canada will continue discussions with us on the port.
- As I presented at this table in the past, I have been exploring and talking with people on what type of credentials that RCMP hold. They are considered a CBSA/RCMP officer. I thought this was a viable approach for the lack of alternative reporting in Kawehno:ke. They are here, so why don't we make use of them. We have a scheduled meeting later this week.
- Attended meeting with ITT. We are on draft 23. A resolution should have been completed two weeks ago, but things are still pending with the agreement, although we are getting close. The issue we are debating upon is access for purchasing land. It has always been our marching orders to get the land as money doesn't last forever. The question is if a community member purchases land, what could happen, but we need a unilateral approach.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended meeting in Ottawa with senior levels of Indian Affairs and CBSA. It was set up by them so that they could get information on the border particulars situations in Akwesasne as it relates to reporting and border ID cards. There were six representatives at the table with myself, Chiefs Brian David and Steve Thomas, along with MCA Staff. A presentation was given on the background of the location, relations with CBSA, and the card itself. We had met with representatives of Indian Affairs and CBSA in previous years and at that point response to our proposal was a flat no. Since that time representatives for Canada have changed, and at this meeting they wanted to look at it from our perspective. We explained how we have had other meetings with their U.S. counterparts in Washington. After that meeting they now have a clearer picture, and they are bringing our information to officials above them in order to have another meeting in the future.
- On the issue of bringing the Duty to Report back to Akwesasne, we have asked our directors to provide strategies. We want to get facts to the community.

ENNISKA/FEBRUARY 4TH SPECIAL MEETING

Chief Louise Thompson

- I'm working with AFN to assist in process of applications for personal credit. This is a program that was in the residency school settlement agreement. If there was a surplus of money left over this will go towards education for applicants. We have approximately 40 people that we've assisted in completing their forms for the common experience payment. All of these people would be eligible to apply for this personal credit. Personal credit would be a credit card of \$3000 to go towards helping them with schooling. If they did not want to use this personally, they could pass it down to someone in their family or they can pass it to an educational institute like AEDA or Skawatsira program. There is approximately \$123,000 available. We are going to make contact next

week to arrange for something.

- The fuel tax credit will be released by the end of this month, which was the last information that I received from Collectiva.
- I asked staff to find out additional information on people who are walking from Cornwall Island to Cornwall. Now that it is a short span, we will have a lot of people considering using this for a walk or bike path. Staff said that anyone walking from Kawehno:ke will have to report to CBSA. I think this should be checked on and accommodations made for walking and biking. No one else in Cornwall has to report before they go to Wal-Mart so why do we?

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Financial Administrative Law conference call
- Participated in site visit to “New Leaf Company”. Discussed their board of directors, organic vegetable farming “urban farming, lacrosse equipment, medicinal marijuana (licensing application not yet complete), business plan development. They plan to have 30-50 employees.
- Attended meeting with Intelli-quest Canada regarding an investigation and the scope of work
- Attended Strategic Planning Update meeting.

Chief Brian David

- Out last week due to bereavement but I wanted to make a comment in regards to the support the family received. I think I need to state the family was very pleased and surprised from the outpouring of gifts, food and monetary donations made. Emmy Mitchell did a lot of coordinating, and the recreation in Snye did a lot of volunteering. A post was put on Facebook that the family needed turkeys and 16 came in. The remainder was donated back for the next family in need. The outpouring was overwhelming. For those who don't know, the Abenaki in Vermont contact the family and asked how the funeral was going to be paid. They then offered to pay for the entire funeral. They were put in contact with Donaldson's Funeral Home and figured out the payment arrangements. The exposure was incredible and

the family was taken aback from the community support. We would also like to thank Council and the organization for their assistance.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- My first week back was a busy one. Attended financial administrative law via conference call with lawyers and staff.
- Attended meeting with a company in regards to a medicinal marijuana plant. They are trying to obtain a license and also discussed the possibility of organic farming, which could be put together relatively fast and on the market.
- Spoke to investigator in regards to the issue of a confidentiality breach. He is supposed to have a scope of work and proposal and costs included in a letter.
- Attended strategic planning update.
- Was approached with an issue in Snye regarding the waterline creating a kerosene smell or something peculiar in one individual's home. We are asking the environmental health officer and staff to look into it.
- Attended Diagnostic Wellness Center meeting with MEXA health and chiefs and staff. Mexa basis is diabetes. According to staff, we have so many active files and many undetermined people with diabetes, and we are in a health crisis. This is a major issue to address.

Chief William Sunday

- Attended Executive Committee meeting. Discussed finances and Finance Law
- Attended Land Code Task Force. Discussed creating a lands commission and lands tribunal
- Attended strategic planning update.

Chief Karen Loran

- Council needs to discuss internal investigation in regard to confidentiality breach. I think it is very serious and we need to follow up.
- Attended the FAL. It was my first meeting and had a lot of material to read. It was very interesting but a lot to go over. A lot of pros and cons to it.
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting on the 30th. We discussed the long-term disability, the RIWP schedule which will be given to employees, the climate survey and scheduling

and an update on our AFL.

- Attended strategic planning meeting. The first part of the strategic planning went well to see the snapshot of hearing where our departments are for our strategic goals of our goals, what we captured, what is ongoing. The second part, I didn't feel the same connection as the first part. I felt it was more of an orientation. But still very good to get the snapshot of where we are.
- Attended Akweks:kowa Board Meeting. Chief King will be presenting an MCR regarding that meeting.
- Held orientation for the Snye Diagnostic Wellness Center. It seemed very well received. I am very appreciative of staff who could assist with our diabetes issues of our community. We have a very strong skeletal framework so good collaboration or development is needed to get us to that next point.
- Heard presentation from Family Wellness Program on community survey. It was a great survey and results. Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy update – we are coordinating with staff to host two meetings in Snye to engage the community on this topic.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended 2-day workshop last week with ACFS for crisis prevention for foster parents. They are thinking of expanding it to the community and it turned out well.

Chief Larry King

- Attended Strategic Planning update meeting.
- Discussions continuing with Transport Canada regarding storage tanks and Trillium lease.
- Attended meeting with OPG joint implementation team. They have uncertainty with their own job security but we continue to meet and discuss employment opportunities. Discussed these opportunities with Akwesasne Area Management Board.
- Attended first Akweks:kowa meeting. There was some confusion regarding the McDonald property. We are going to clear that up with an MCR.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Our district meeting for January was cancelled out of respect to the David family. The Tsi Snaihne Science on the wall that I was to be a judge at was also postponed.
- I was away from January 16-24 for personal matters and used flex/personal time.
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting
- Attended part of the Strategic Planning Update meeting.
- Issue with school principal was resolved and principal will be back full time next week.

Chief Abram Benedict

- Was on vacation from January 21-28
- Attended luncheon in Cornwall with MPP Jim McDonnell and with guest speaker, MPP Vic Fadelli who is the conservative finance critic. Vic discussed the pre-budget consultations the government has been doing across the province and some of the common concerns that have been raised throughout those consultations. One of the common themes across Ontario, is the high tax levels that are there, and the high energy costs and how those are affecting business growth in Ontario. Also talked about Ontario debt and how the wind energy actually contributes that as wind energy was taxed and the agreements were signed and wind only blows mainly at night and the Government of Ontario buys that energy but must sell it for higher than they pay. So this is what costs a lot of debt in Ontario, which results in high electricity costs.
- Received call that there was a sign at the crossroads on Kawehno:ke stating that the old Enbridge Gas Line is leaking. This is inaccurate and the sign was removed.
- Attended executive committee meeting.
- Under education a notice was given to the community that we intended to develop a law. Through the process it says we will take comments in before we draft. No comments were received, so the working task group will continue drafting the law.
- Some post-secondary statistics: we are projecting it will cost 3.6 million dollars and our budget is for 3.7 million. There were 69 academic dismissals in the new semester,

17 withdrawals and 21 graduates who have reduced the amount of students being funded. Karen would like to see a strategy to get students back on track and encourage and motivate them to get back to school during the next semester or following year.

- Attended meeting with a community members regarding a birth registration under the Indian Act and some issues that occurred. We tried to get it settled.

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Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended the National Infrastructure Trade Show in Toronto, Ontario where they explained new ways to insulate homes to make them more energy efficient and environmentally safe.
- Attended the Finance Committee Meeting.

Chief Abram Benedict

- AMBE Board Meeting was cancelled due to the weather.
- Prime Minister Harper announced the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act that removes the 2% cap, a lot of oversight and a lot of oversight, as well as provides catch-up funding for the first four years. The Prime Minister wants the bill in place by September 2014. The funding is good, but the legislation is not—more reason to develop our own Akwesasne Education Law.
- Went with DCSS Director to review the Community Support Program issue.
- Attended the Finance Committee Meeting.
- Working with individual to purchase pharmacy, but needs to be a licensed pharmacist in Ontario.
- Attended an Adult Education Meeting at Iohahi:io to discuss what type of new programs can be offered that will benefit the community.
- Was contacted by an individual that is having a difficult time getting their child registered for a Social Security Number due to blood quantum, as well as being ineligible to be registered under the Indian Act for a Social Insurance Number.
- Met with the Healthy Homes Program.
- Council needs to explore the legal costs associated with implementing an Alternative Reporting Mechanism on Kawehno:ke, going to

be costly.

- Is there a need for the lawyer to review the Ethical Conduct Law and bill us as it relates to sensitive information being leaked?

Chief Larry King

- Attended the Government Secretariat Portfolio Meeting and received the following updates:
- The Aboriginal Rights & Research Office received a request from an archeologist seeking a letter of support to conduct archeology work in St. Anicet, Quebec.
- New York Land Claim: Was informed by community member that a document was sent by New York State to the Tribe—does not know what it states. Need to know if we still have a “unified” land claim, as New York is unaware of other Mohawk parties (MCA & MNCC). Jim Ransom has offered his assistance and knowledge of the New York Land Claim.
- OPG Settlement Agreement: OPG Inter-governmental Liaison is working with Ronathahonni Traveling College and the Ontario Power Generation Implementation Team on having Mohawk artists display their work at the RH Saunders Visitors Center. The first presentation will be Mohawk baskets made by the late-Salli Benedict.
- Diabetes Center will be having its grand opening on February 12th.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended the Iroquois Caucus at Kahnawa:ke and discussed the following items:
- Iroquois Caucus is sending six (6) singers and dancers to a conference in Halifax in July 2014.
- Picked-up a copy of the Iroquois Caucus’ consultation policy and Kahnawa:ke’s Draft Tobacco Policy that was developed by their community’s tobacco manufacturers.
- Discussed the need to identify goods, services and other items that can be used to revive First Nations trade network by July 2014. Technical Team is being established to explore trade opportunities.
- Iroquois Caucus signed a resolution formally opposing the First Nations Education Act (FNEA).

Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Snye Diagnostic and Wellness Center Working Group Meeting and discussed the following items:
- Look at doing a pilot project with Mexa Health (Re: diabetes), with an update provided on Akwesasne cases.
- Quebec doctor has expressed interest in working with Akwesasne and presenting a proposal for Council's consideration.
- Attended the Chiefs of Ontario Health Committee Meeting to discuss the prescription drug abuse strategy that is in development with the AFN, as well as receive updates on the following items:
- Independent First Nations raised concerns regarding health contributions and reporting requirements.
- Ontario Budget (2014-2015) looks stable, with no anticipated cuts—prescription drug abuse strategy will be priority for the province.
- Working with the Department of Community and Social Services on hosting two informational sessions on the MCA's ongoing prescription drug abuse strategy.
- National Team on non-Insured Benefits is being planned to address population growth and gaps.
- Attended the meeting at NAVCAN Centre with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and the proposed Cornwall University Steering Committee.
- Talked with Assembly of First Nations for Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) Regional Chief Ghislain Picard about the Quebec Health Tax Contribution. Quebec follows the Ontario model, but it will be reviewed and follow-up will be provided.
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Paul to discuss the Eastern-Ontario Health Unit Agreement and to view his health facility.
- Will be attending the Quebec Health Forum, the AFNQL Meeting being held in Montreal, and the next meeting with Quebec to discuss efforts to renew the Political Protocol with the province.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended the Iroquois Caucus at Kahnawa:ke and discussed Kahnawa:ke's Draft Tobacco

Policy. Kahnawake Tobacco Manufacturers are seeking the support from the Mohawk Council of Kahnawa:ke for the draft policy that will generate revenue for a community fund—similar to the Akwesasne Community Fund.

- Attended the Government Secretariat Portfolio Meeting where the ARRO Office discussed a letter they drafted for Council seeking to have the Remission Order accepted at the Dundee Port-of-Entry.
- Need to look at funding a video project that will interview Elders (Mohawk language speakers) on Akwesasne history and changes they have experienced. Can work with Traditional Medicines Program to identify speakers and topics.
- Attended General Meeting at Kanonhkwashteri:io, presenters Jim Ransom for Bridge Demo, Andrew Unger Legal strategy, Emergency measures Scott Peters, Human Resources Respect in the Workplace Policy with Lynn Roundpoint and Christie Cook.

Chief William Sunday

- Attended the meeting at NAVCAN Centre with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and the proposed Cornwall University Steering Committee
- Attended the Government Secretariat Portfolio Meeting and discussed the following topics: ARRO is working on the Additions-to-Reserve Process for the four islands to be returned to Akwesasne as part of the OPG Settlement Agreement.
- Attended the Healthy Homes Program Meeting.
- Attended meeting with people interested in selling property on Yellow Island.

Chief Brian David

(Noted that many of the meetings he attended have been reported on.)

- Attended the meeting at NAVCAN Centre with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and the proposed Cornwall University Steering Committee. Discussed the following items with MAA Zimmer:
- Proposed making June 21st (Aboriginal Day) into a national event that can begin with the

province. It was initially started by the AFN as a National Day of Action.

- Talked about recognition of Akwesasne's jurisdiction over our waterways and the need to have non-Native anglers obtain an Akwesasne fishing permit to support our conservation efforts, as well as address issues associated with summer boaters. Need to consider extending hours for Conservation Officers.
- MAA Zimmer said he is interested a water tour of Akwesasne this summer.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Contacted Steve McNaughton, CBSA Port Director, on the question of walkers and bicyclists crossing the TN Bridge. The Cornwall port is a "Mixed traffic Corridor" and all have to report to the CBSA office (not through the pills)
- Met with a community member requesting for fuel extension—explained the financial restraint in place and the member understood.
- Followed up with QLO on data and stats from Health (Diabetes) as the QLO may have located a funding source in Quebec.
- Finance Meeting agenda and updates: MCA audit, Additional Heating assistance, Corporation status, Iohahiio issue, and Lands.
- AMPC: met with the Tribal Police commission, assistance sought for policies, protocol agreement, meet monthly for one hour with AMPC. Also, AMPS is looking to utilize one of the empty units at Peace Tree Mall. Email sent to economic development.
- Community Fund applications (32) received, next meeting on February 25, 2014.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- AMBE Board Meeting cancelled due to the weather.
- Met with a community member on a proposed business plan. I encouraged them to do community education and the importance of having community support for any business venture to succeed.
- Attended the finance committee meeting. Agenda items included MCA audit, Additional Heating assistance, Corporation status, Iohahiio, and Lands.
- Snye School is planning a Literacy Night

Wednesday Feb 12 from 5 to 7.

- Gale at the post office received official notice that the post office will be closed on Saturdays beginning March 1. There will be notices posted in the post office and in the paper.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the Entewatathawi (Nation Building Program) Meeting and discussed the Governance Code and ensuring the protection of Aboriginal Rights.
- Was out sick last week.
- Was approached by a community member that is having difficulty recovering from drug addiction, but the medication needed is not covered by insurance. Will meet with Department of Health's non-Insured Benefits Program and Health Portfolio Chiefs to discuss.
- MCA Legal Counsel Bonnie Cole is drafting letter to a film company indicating that we do not want to be location of a reality show that can reflect poorly on Akwesasne.
- Need to locate funding for a Mohawk video project that will help preserve and promote the language.
- MCR was passed to accept an Agreement-in-Principle with Quebec to monitor individuals on probation through the Akwesasne Justice Department.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Attended the Chiefs of Ontario's Political Confederacy Meeting to discuss the following items:
 - Disengaging from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) due to national organization primarily dealing with issues that do not pertain to Akwesasne.
 - Looking at suspending the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) to reassess and look at future steps. Letters are being drafted for the Chiefs to review.
 - Chaired the COO Education Committee Meeting that passed a resolution opposing the First Nation Education Act (FNEA). The COO were not invited to the Prime Minister's meeting with the AFN on the FNEA.
 - Attended the National Infrastructure Trade Show in Toronto, with the opportunity to hear remarks from National Chief Atleo and

Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario. There was opportunity to provide comment and do planning related to the mandate from the Political Confederacy for Ontario First Nation Technical Service Committee to develop technical regulation for Ontario First Nations Water Legislation that will impact Akwesasne as well.

- In attendance at that Forum were German investors. They are interested in making a presentation to Akwesasne on a Native bankcard that will benefit the community being used, rather than the bank.
- Chief King and I met with Bank of Montreal representatives of Aboriginal Banking regarding a letter of apology from them for their past negative treatment of Akwesasne and their banking needs.
- Attended the meeting at NAVCAN Centre with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer and the proposed Cornwall University Steering Committee, which was also attended by AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard to discuss the issue of the Quebec Health Tax and the model that Ontario uses. The meeting was followed by a tour of Hamilton Island and the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, where a presentation was provided by Tehotienawakon Director Jim Ransom on the MCA's Economic Recovery Strategy.
- Submitted a letter asking for support to create a pipefitters and welders training program to be offered at Iohahio Adult Education Center.
- Was approached by a community member interested in selling land. Need to meet with Property Acquisition Team to review map and do follow-up.
- Need to repost waterway (no wake) and land (no trespassing) signage prior to summer boating season. Also, need to look at replacing the water way buoy and having AMPS patrolling on the waterway.

ENNISKA/FEBRUARY 18TH

Chief Larry King

- Attended opening of Diabetes Center of Excellence. Nice event and tour.
- Attended Akweks:kowa Meeting. Discussed McDonald property. Shared letter of support for

archeological dig in St. Anicet.

- Attended/participated in the MCA vs. Tribe Battle Royale at the Akwesasne Winter Carnival and gave the Tribe a whooping a broomball! It was a great event and the carnival was great also.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended the Akwesasne Winter Carnival. Chief Sunday and I refereed the broomball game, and ran the golf-chipping contest. We had a few successfully chip it in including a five year old. Also attended fishing derby.
- Discussed conservation regulations and season permits with conservation officer.
- Cultural Restoration Committee – I have to remove myself due to a conflict of interest so any other chief can take my place.

Chief William Sunday

- Attended Snye/Akwesasne Winter Carnival. Refereed broomball game with Chief Lazore.
- Attended Snye District Meeting. Community members asked why some college students couldn't get funding. Complaint also made about the bad road conditions on Wade LaFrance Road. When is the road going to be repaired?

Chief Brian David

- Attended preparatory meetings for meetings taking place this week
- Received invitation to speak in Washington on border crossing issues next month.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Akwesasne Quebec Political Protocol Agreement planning meeting
- Had meeting with Kana:takon resident on housing issue and Good Standing Policy
- Participated in Intelliquest interview and updates regarding public safety
- Attended Meeting with Chinese investor representative.
- Attended Tehotienawakon/Ec Dev portfolio meeting. The Comprehensive Community Development Plan will begin April 1, - March 31, 2015. Proposal made to OPA for \$90k funding. Discussed Huron/Wendat trade agreement. Meeting will be held in March to discuss the next steps. We've been notified that our Three

Nations Bridge demolition proposal has been denied by FBCL.

- Attended meeting with Grand Chief regarding political protocol and security leakage.

Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended Property Acquisition Team meeting. Went over proposals.
- Worked with Health on issue with professional contracts.
- Attended the Akwesasne Winter Carnival and cheered on MCA. We won every event except the small puzzle.
- Attended Quebec Protocol Meeting (planning meeting).

Chief Abram Benedict

- Attended Akweks:kowa meeting. We are finalizing the McDonald property purchase.
- Reviewed legal bills for Council, the Arbutus legal bill for January was \$38,390.26. Needs to be taken a look at, duplicating work.
- Pharmacy – interested buyers will tour Peace Tree Trade Center and we will set up a meeting with them for that.
- Had meeting with Seaway International Bridge Corporation staff who are retiring. A couple corporations under the Federal Bridge Corporation will be amalgamated into one. May change their management structure.

- Received call from community member regarding post-secondary education and we will make sure people have accurate information.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Attended AMBE literacy night Feb 12 at Tsi Snaihne School. Nice turn out from the community. The Board and AMBE staff along with Community Health staff put on a very nice event that included the Thanksgiving Address by Tsi Snaihne students, supper and 8 different activities that were held in the gym.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

- Attended District Meeting at Homemakers Attended Pre-meeting for Akwesasne/Quebec Protocol Agreement Attended Quebec Protocol Meeting Montreal with Chiefs and staff to have the Quebec Protocol be clear and meet the needs of MCA and its departments. It affects departments such as AMPS, DTS, Health and Justice. Attended prescription drug strategy update meetings on Thursday and Saturday

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

- Was absent from the Special Meeting to participate in the Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Laborador Chiefs Assembly in Montreal. A report on this meeting will be provided in the next newsletter.

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko

Steel Hawk Homes

I attended the presentation of Steel Hawk Homes at the A'nowara'kowa Arena. Steel Hawk Homes is a Native-owned company based in Kahnawake, Quebec that designs pre-built steel structure homes. The company's goal is to address the lack of quality housing & increasing demands for First Nation homes. With the rising need for homes & continued cuts to housing dollars this company is focusing on quality housing at affordable price. Their company's approach is to offer significantly less expensive homes while offering a higher level of quality, sustainability, construction speed & continual savings on future utility bills. The company offers housing options that are not only affordable but also offer a healthier



indoor environment & lower environmental impact when compared to traditional site-built or prefabricated homes. This company approaches their business through a social & environmental friendly approach. The research they've done has shown that when a family lives in their own home they flourish & prosper in their lives. Research they've done has shown them some of the major overcrowding issues being experienced in the western First Nation communities. From an environmental approach by using the lightweight steel as a replacement for lumber, on average 20 acres of trees are used to build one home. By using alternative materials many homes would not face mold problems, which has proven to be a major problem in many First Nation communities. A new concept for them is using combined housing purchases to build purchasing power to attain larger discounts, which in the end will be passed down to the homeowner. The homes can be shipped with minimal supervision from Steel Hawk employees with the majority of the work to be done by contractors in their own communities; they do not want to take any jobs away from local contractors. Any design can be built; basically if it can be built by stick-build it can be built using their lightweight steel products. The presentation was very interesting for our community to explore as our housing needs increase & new ways to build are being explored. I was very impressed with their approach to home building, they are conscious of environmental impacts from the waste incurred from traditional builds; as well they have researched the health & social impacts of the housing crisis on First Nation people. Steel Hawk Homes is not just out to make money on their homes but their intentions are to make a change for all First Nations live in their communities. A future trip is being planned to visit the manufacturing plant in Kahnawake as well as a tour of a site home built in their community.

Kawehno:ke Waterline

With the scheduled start of Phase Two of the Kawehno:ke Waterline to be tentatively in the beginning of May many preparations are being done. Easement agreements from community members need to be signed then need to be

surveyed. Also some homes need septic system reviews, which also play a part in the timeline process. Continued meetings with AANDC in Toronto continue to secure funding for both phases of the waterline. This phase of the waterline will be the completion of the project for Kawehno:ke; it has been a long process but most of Kawehno:ke residents will be connected to the waterline. I have been working closely with Stephanie Ransom as well as Chief Florence Phillips to secure the remainder of easements for the completion of this project. Phase 1 of the project is substantially complete with restoration works will take place in late spring/early summer. Phase 2 tender packages are currently being prepared. There were many waterline easement issues to work through on Phase 2. Many more homes are in more remote locations, which creates challenges to reach these homes. Meetings are scheduled for the month of March so a more detailed report will follow in the next issue of Onkwe'ta:ke.

Iohahi:io Adult Education Meeting

This meeting was an accumulation of all originations that assist with educational resources on both sides of the territory of Akwesasne. It was a well-planned forum that gave input from all attendees as to the path that Iohahi:io may explore for future educational prospects for our community members.

Emphasis was placed on what are the possible careers & jobs prospected for the future of our community. We discussed all the post secondary programs that have been run & the graduates from those that are now seeking employment either on the territory or in our surrounding areas. There were representatives from AMBE, Area Management Board, SRMT, St. Regis Mohawk Casino, and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. With two programs ending this was the time to give suggestions as to the two upcoming post secondary programs that could be run. Past programs have included; business, social service worker, community justice, and office admin/legal/medical & registered nursing program. Iohahi:io runs 4 to 5 college programs annually and have also run university programs in partnership with St. Lawrence College, Algonquin & local universities such as Carlton & SUNY. They partner with

TR Leger for upgrading as well as high school diploma program. The students in the Vocational Preparation Program are working towards a high school diploma.

One suggestion is to have a college or training program for the Mohawk language; the concern for our young to learn the older dialect that our elders speak is imperative to carry on our language for our future generations. While there are many resources within the community for the learning of our language, a more intensive program may be something that could happen in the future. The Mohawk language program is just one suggestion made of many for potential programs. Many were discussed in order to promote potential students to attend Iohahi:io. In the past an ironworker program was run as well as carpentry; more trades programs were discussed, as there is currently a great need.

With all educational entities facing recent cut backs the meeting was to discuss ways to continue supporting prospective students so that no one falls between the cracks. Ultimately the

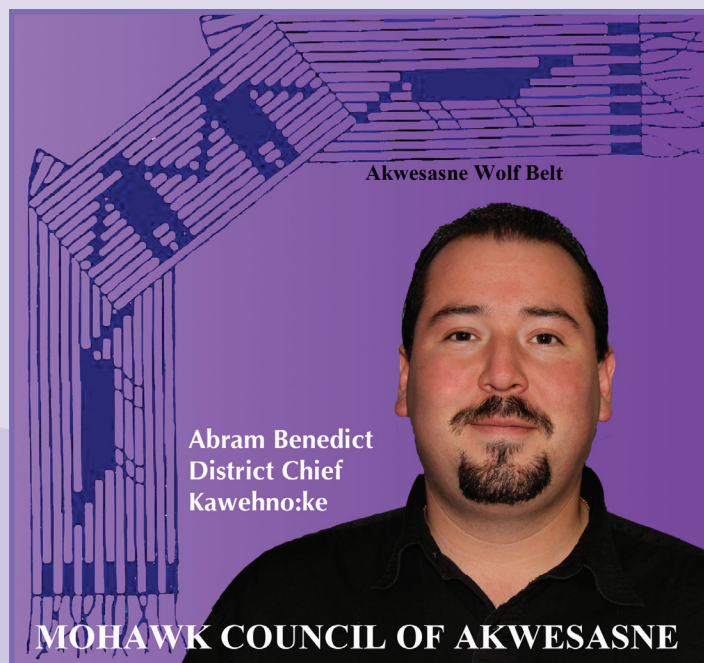
goal of all present was to help one another & to brainstorm how we can best help the students in our community to one day be gainfully employed. With each organization maxed out for employment opportunities we need to cultivate partnership/connections with surrounding companies to employ our community members. Many wish to only work for their community; while the ideal is commendable it may not be realistic, as we have limited number of new positions with our major employers in the territory. We need to support the students currently attending but also find the time to contact the students who may not have been successful in their program to see what more can be done. Discussions not only focused on education but also the creation of entry level positions in companies for people who may not wish to continue to post secondary. This was the first of many more meetings to come in order to identify the needs of our community members both in their education & development for a career.❖

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

I traveled to Toronto with Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Robyn Mitchell (Director of DCSS) and Rae Seymour (Program Manager of the Akwesasne Child and Family Service-ACFS) from January 13-15, 2014 to attend a session on Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy Engagement. The session was hosted by Independent First Nations (IFN), facilitated by Harold Tarbell, and sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). In January of 2012 the MCYS announced its intention of working with Aboriginal partners on the development of a multi-year Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy. The session we attended directly resulted from the announcement made two years ago.

A presentation was given on the 1965 welfare agreement which included a legal analysis of the agreement. A separate presentation provided participants with a snap shot of the current legal challenges underway against agencies with regard to the need for special treatment of Aboriginal children. The presentation also provided a legal



analysis of the Ontario Child and Family Service Act (1984) and several legal and political avenues were provided for our consideration. Many of the leaders present asked the presenters for options that would

assist First Nations in asserting our jurisdiction. An entire afternoon was devoted to the review and further development of best practices for First Nation communities. Throughout the three days, the main themes focused on were prevention and jurisdiction. A number of communities have successful prevention models but commonly face the challenge of adequate resourcing. All of the recommendations made and models discussed will be rolled up into a final report for the IFN leadership, and a separate report will be compiled for the MCYS—as part of the Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy development. After the final report is completed, we will be able to share our copy with the community. The report will also be used at an upcoming leadership roundtable meeting with the Minister; a meeting that Akwesasne representatives will also be attending.

EDUCATION

On August 27, 2013 Council passed MCR 2013/2014 - #165 to establish a Working Task Group to develop an Akwesasne Education Law. In December 2013 a public notice was sent out by MCA to announce our intent to develop an Akwesasne Education Law and a call-out for written comments on the proposed law

was issued with a deadline of January 3, 2014. No written comments were received and the Working Task Group was directed by Council to proceed with developing an Akwesasne Education Law.

The regular monthly public meeting for the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) occurred on January 8, 2014 at the Tsi Snaihne School. One community member was present to invite the AMBE trustees and Education Portfolio Chiefs to attend the annual Science on the Wall competition as judges. The annual event was originally scheduled for January 29, 2014 but was subsequently postponed until February 19, 2014. The Director of Education updated the board on the upcoming development of the Akwesasne Education Law and that there has been a leak in the roof at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School. A heating issue at two of our schools was raised and will be followed up on.

OTHER

From January 21st—28th I was out of the office on vacation. During that time a Kawehno:ke District Meeting was scheduled but was then cancelled due to a tragic event that affected the entire community. The General Meeting that was scheduled for January 30 was later postponed until February 6, 2014. ❖

MCA DONATIONS

DECEMBER:

- Individual Donation - \$4,490
- Group Donations - \$1,500
- Funeral Donation - \$1,000

JANUARY:

- Individual Donation - \$2,800
- Group Donation - \$0
- Funeral Donation - \$2,000

Clara's Big Ride



Bell

Let's Talk

Clara Hughes is calling on you to support mental health in your community.

Join MCA in welcoming Olympic Medalist

Clara Hughes to our community!

March 25, 2014

Akwesasne Mohawk School

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy Update Meetings



MCA's team of staff and presenters for the PDAS meetings. Back row, left to right: Chief Joe Lazore, Chief William Sunday, Native Inmate Liaison John Maracle, Chief Karen Loran, Chief of Police Jerry Swamp. Front row: Director of Health April White, Director of Community and Social Services, Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte, Director of Justice Joyce King and Wholistic Health Program Manager Lesley Bero.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted two community meetings this past month to provide updates on the organization's Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy. The first session was held on a weeknight, Thursday, Feb. 20, and the second was held on a Saturday morning, Feb. 22, in order to accommodate as many community members' schedules as possible.

MCA directors, program managers, chiefs, and other staff along with community members attended the first session and updates were provided from the following individuals:

- Sheree Bonaparte, Executive Director, provided an update from the Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education;
- Jerry Swamp, Chief of Police, provided an update from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service;
- April White, Director, provided an update from the Dept. of Health;
- Robyn Mitchell, Director, provided an update from the Dept. of Social Services
- Keith Gordon, MCA staff, provided an update from the Akwesasne Justice Department;
- Lesley Bero, Program Manager, provided an update from the Wholistic Health & Wellness

Program; and

- Catherine Lelievre, Program Manager, provided an update from the Family Wellness Program

During the second session, Director of Justice Joyce King introduced special guest speaker John Maracle who has spent 25 years working as a native court liaison, helping Natives once their drug addiction has led them to jail/prison.

Both sessions provided the community with the opportunity to ask questions, gain feedback, and talk to representatives set up from various programs. The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program, Akwesasne Child & Family Services, Community Health Program, and Ionkwanonsasehtsi Adolescent Treatment Centre had informational tables and staff prepared to share information and answer questions.

MCA offers numerous services for those seeking substance abuse help for themselves or their family members. To contact any of our counseling or medical services, including Wholistic Health and Traditional Medicines, please call 613-575-2341 and someone can assist you. If you are experiencing a substance/drug related crisis, please call: 1 800 480 4208. ❖

MCA Victorious Over SRMT in Akwesasne Winter Carnival Battle Royale

Staff from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe showed their community spirit on Feb. 14th when the annual Battle Royale competition was held between the two teams of staff as part of the Akwesasne Winter Carnival. This afternoon-long event is the source of much good-natured teasing, taunting and bragging throughout the year between the two entities.

The main event of the Battle Royale, that draws an audience of cars parked around the rink beeping their horns, is the coveted broomball game. Teams compete in a hockey-like game wearing regular boots on ice, chasing a ball around and trying to score and stay on two feet at the same time. This year the game was held at the Snye Recreation's outdoor rink. MCA crushed the SRMT defending their championship title for

another year. Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell and Chief Larry King helped to represent MCA staff on the ice, showing their support of employee wellness activities. Chiefs William Sunday and Joe Lazore served as the game's referees, and they took part in many other winter carnival events also, supporting the community event held in their district of Tsi Snaihne this year. Each year the carnival rotates to another district.

Following the broomball victory, MCA went on to win horseshoes, tug-o-war, the obstacle course and the large puzzle. The SRMT won the small puzzle competition.

The event is all in good fun and staff appreciated the afternoon of fresh air, friendly competition and Akwesasne Winter Carnival fun.

MCA staff who registered for the Battle Royale were: Dwight Bero Jr, Curtis Lazore, Brendan White, Wanda Thompson, Cody Back, Conrad Lazore, Shane Francis, Everett Lazore, Lorrie Caldwell, Ahtkwironton Skidders, Alfred Papineau, Bryan Sharrow, Sweets Jacobs, Shea Gibson, Stan Cook, Richard Johnson, Enrnie King Jr., Shannon Burns, Tracie Jacobs, Jamie Bay, Dawn King-Lazore, Caroline Peters, Carol Lafrance, Tina Mitchell, Hilda King and Theresa Connors.

Thank you to all MCA and SRMT staff for participating!



MCA staff competing in horseshoes.



Left: MCA staff watching the broomball game in action and above: MCA staff racing to put together puzzles.



Clockwise from top: MCA Broomball champions, ref Chief Joe Lazore, Grand Chief Mike Mitchell and Chief Larry King competing with staff, MCA staff in action, ref Chief Bill Sunday and center: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe broomball participants.



Quebec Fuel Tax Settlement Finalized

In June of 2011, an agreement was reached between the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador and the Quebec Revenue Agency for a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit involving fuel tax that was paid by registered Indians on reserves within the province. On December 9, 2011 the Superior Court of Quebec approved the agreement between AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard and Revenue Quebec—ordering the province to pay a monetary amount of \$27 million. The individual amount paid depended on the final number of claims that were accepted.

MCA is formally notifying the community that Collectiva Class Action Services has finalized the application and appeal process for the Quebec Fuel Tax Settlement. The settlement amounts per age category have now been determined and checks will be mailed to recipients on February 28, 2014, with an anticipated delivery date as early as March 4, 2014. The total number of applicants that will be receiving a portion of the compensation is 29,298.

“The settlement is less than what we anticipated,” stated MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. “We consider it a major victory however, in that we got all of Akwesasne considered eligible—even if they reside outside of Quebec. MCA has always fought hard to have Akwesasne recognized as one community, one people”.

Through efforts overseen by Kawehno:ke District Chief Louise Thompson, all Akwesasne members were eligible to receive a portion of the settlement amount regardless of residency. For the purposes of filing a claim, Akwesasne residents were considered as belonging to one community residing in the province of Quebec. Having Akwesasne recognized as one community has been a long-standing position of MCA in negotiations leading up to final settlement agreements.

Though the settlement amount each individual will be receiving had not been determined or finalized before this week, forged and false information was distributed within Akwesasne and on Facebook that claimed the base amount would be as high as \$900, when in fact it is \$249 for the lowest age bracket. Each age bracket thereafter increases by \$249.

MCA encourages the community to celebrate this settlement and keep sight of the fact that this was a successful court case in Quebec that

resulted in monetary awards to thousands of First Nations people.

MCA also wishes to inform community members that the settlement each person receives does not need to be claimed on tax forms or reported to social assistance or pension programs. The settlement each community member receives is considered a refund of tax dollars already and unnecessarily paid.

“We want to acknowledge the work of AFNQL Regional Chief Picard, who was responsible for initiating the class action against Revenue Quebec for illegally taxing First Nations people in the province,” noted the Grand Chief. He added, “The settlement amount of \$27 million is now being divided by all First Nations of Quebec, with the entire community of Akwesasne being one of the beneficiaries.”

It is anticipated that future fuel purchases on First Nations territories will receive tax exemptions. To ensure this recognition for Akwesasne members, MCA will be engaging the Government of Quebec on the making and execution of a tax-exempt card. When developed, forms will be made available at the MCA's Mohawk Government Building for individuals to apply and receive the tax-exempt card.

The Grand Chief concluded by stating that, “We also want to acknowledge District Chief Louise Thompson for coming across this file and for convincing Council to take serious note that Akwesasne residents may benefit from this settlement. Chief Thompson attended the preliminary hearings and followed-up on the court process, as well as, with the support of Mohawk Government Staff, helped community members in following the procedures agreed upon for community members to be eligible for the settlement.”

If you have any further questions regarding the settlement, please contact Collectiva at info@collectiva.ca/1-800-287-8587, or the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2348. ❖

FINAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS FOR FIRST NATIONS RESIDENTS OF QUEBEC AND AKWESASNE

Category	Amount of Settlement On-Reserve (100%)	Amount of Settlement Off-Reserve (50%)
1 - 18 to 24 years	\$249.92	\$124.96
2 - 25 to 34 years	\$499.85	\$249.92
3 - 35 to 44 years	\$749.77	\$374.88
4 - 45 to 54 years	\$999.69	\$499.85
5 - 55 to 64 years	\$1,249.61	\$624.81
6 - 65 years and over	\$1,499.54	\$749.77

Kanien'kéha (Mohawk Lesson)

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

Oh niwenhni'tò:ten?
What month is it?

(say month here) niwenhni'tò:ten.
Tsiothohrkó:wa (January)
Enníska (February)
Enniskó:wa (March)
Onerahtókha (April)
Onerahtohkó:wa (May)
Ohiaríha (June)
Ohiarihkó:wa (July)
Seskéha (August)
Seskehkó:wa (September)
Kenténha (October)
Kentenhkó:wa (November)
Tsiothóhrha (December)

Oh niwenhni'tò:ten ó:nen?
What month is it presently?

Enníska niwenhni'tò:ten.
It is February.

Kwah í:ken tsi iothó:re, wáhi ?
It is very cold isn't it?

Hen. Kwah í:ken tsi iothó:re.
Yes. It is very cold.

E:son ón:kieren'ne wáhi?
It snowed a lot didn't it?

Hen. Kwah í:ken tsi é:son ón:kieren'ne.
Yes. It did snow a lot.

KARÉN:NA (SONG)

*(As our themes pertain to the Universe during Sha'tekohséhne/
midwinter, our song is Twinkle, twinkle little star.)*

Otsísto, Otsísto
Otsísto, Otsísto (*star, star*)
Teiohswáthe (*It is so bright*)
È:neken ne karonhiá:ke (*Up in the sky*)

Wahsontí:io (*It is a nice night*)
Tewatkahkwí:roks (*It is sparkling*)

Otsísto, Otsísto
Teiohswáthe
È:neken ne karonhiá:ke

Tóhsa lonkwá:ti Kanien'kéha Tewatá:ti

Let's Not Lose It Let's Speak Mohawk



MESSAGE BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE
PROMOTING OUR MOHAWK LANGUAGE

Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

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

Pre-Contact Era

Introduction

The origins of Akwesasne history starts predominantly in Mohawk oral traditions and these teachings have been passed down from generation to generation in meticulous detail. The Mohawk people's history has a very long beginning all the way to the Haudenosaunee roots of origin. While this section has been called the Pre-Contact era, for it represents anything that came before contact with European explorers. This is only a first step into the very complex and exciting history of Akwesasne with plenty more to come in future articles. The next article will deal with Akwesasne's history of contact with Europeans.

Oral History – Connecting Seven Generations

It was the duty of the older generation to impart their teachings to the younger generations through oral stories. A person grows up listening to the stories and lessons told by them by their parents, grandparents and sometimes their great-grandparents. Who then in turn imparts the same knowledge to their children, grandchildren and their great-grand children. In this way knowledge is able to travel between seven generations in precise detail.

THE CREATION STORY

The first story is the Haudenosaunee Origin story or also known as the Creation Story. While outside cultures will try to belittle this story as myth, it should be viewed as the Haudenosaunee interpretation of how the environment and the world formed. Every culture in the world has their own interpretation of their universe and their creation story is usually a reflection of those culturally experiences.

Skyworld

In the first section of the Creation story is the setting of the Skyworld and the cosmic forces that inhabit this world. Skywoman starts off a child being confronted with the death of her uncle and mentor. As she grows up in the Skyworld and the duties of

celestial beings are expressed in a narrative story. Soon Skywoman grows up and begins a relationship with the Skyworld leader, who has been troubled with dreams.

Dreams are shown to have enormous importance and the interpretation of dreams is highly sought after. Soon the Skyworld leader, who is keeper of the 'World Tree', has it uprooted in order to understand his dreams message. From this large unknown opening, the now pregnant Skywoman falls and begins her decent into the world below.

Skywoman

The fall of Skywoman is one of the most important images in Haudenosaunee culture and has profound influence. The symbol of a celestial dome with a plant on the top is founded, reflected in many places like on clothing and artwork. With her fall into a new world, there is no land and only a select number of water fowl and water animals are present, who help and shelter the fallen Skywoman. A large turtle allows her a place to stand upon and she in turn helps the turtle become the base from all land masses on the world. With aid from the animals, Skywoman then gives birth to her daughter and she brings the first new life into this newly forming world.

Mother Earth

Skywoman's daughter grows up in her mother's care and guidance and thus starts the cycle of a matriarchal society. Soon the daughter grows up and begins being courted by different cosmic forces disguised as animals. Soon one of the winds comes and gives the daughter two arrows; this indicates to Skywoman that her daughter will give birth to twin boys.

As the narrative continues the daughter gave birth to the two boys but tragically dies in childbirth from one twin's birth complications. Skywoman mistakes the twins and blames the wrong twin for causing the death of her daughter. The daughter is buried in the earth and from her body grows the first major food and medicine plants. From this point she becomes known as Mother Earth and from her body life and medicine is created.

The Twins

Soon the Twins grow up and each has the gift of being able to form new life and have it multiple through the world. One twin is of a peaceful mind and creates the gentle and tame animals and plants. The other twin that is favored by his grandmother and has a chaotic and destructive nature he imbues on his creations. The rest of the world becomes populated with these two opposing forces of nature.

During this creation phase, humans were created and were tasked to keep the balance between the forces. While both forces of nature can influence human beings they are expected to continue carrying out their duties, just like the rest of nature.

Eventually, the twins fight over who should lead this world and this caused a great struggle between the two forces of nature. Every competition the twins tried ended in a tie, and they finally agreed to equally share control of the world. One would take control of the night with his grandmother's guiding light. While the other one befriended his grandmother's brother and has him shine down on the earth during the day. Everything in nature is equally divided between the two opposing forces of nature.

The creation story sets the stage for the environment and shows the Haudenosaunee understanding of nature, being of opposing but equal forces that perpetuate life. Everything in Haudenosaunee culture is to maintain this balance between the environmental and cosmic forces.

Ceremonies of Thanks

Ceremonies were created as a way to collectively give thanks to specific aspects of nature. A message of thanks is given to all plants, animals and cosmic forces. This respect for the environment is paramount instruction from the Creation story and that all of creation needs to feel appreciated for the work they are tasked.

FORMATION OF THE CLANS STORY

Soon after creation the human population reached large numbers and the people began moving out to different areas. In order to maintain some order, a plan had to be developed, and in the Clan story this was explained.

When people were becoming too large to manage, a young boy was given a dream in which instructions were related to him. He instructed to the people to move north and when they reach a



large river they should cross a natural vine bridge. As the people crossed, only half made it across the river then the bridge broke and the people were separated into one northern group and the other southern group. The boy then said to the matriarch of each family to go to the river and collect water the next morning. One by one each elderly woman went to the river and witnessed an animal come up to them. The boy explained that animals chose the family that best represents their animal qualities and they should now take that animal as their family clan.

The boy further explained that just as Skywoman gave her essence and guidance to her daughter and grandsons, so will the matriarch of each clan become the Clanmother. Through this process the Haudenosaunee clan system is explained and family lineage is based from the Creation Story. Kinship ties are created and just as each animal has a specific role in the environment, so to shall each clan family have specific duties and responsibilities.

Longhouse

From the Clan Story the term Haudenosaunee is created, "People of the Longhouse" a way of living with extended family in a community based society. A clan lives; hunt, and grows food together to ensure survival and unity. This was unique in the eastern woodlands as the Haudenosaunee were able to be agriculturally based villages that can accommodate large populations in multiple-family homes organized by clan relationships.

Migrations

From these oral traditions humans begin to become populous, migrations occur that relocated people to different environments. Archeological and linguistic evidence points out these human migrations did occur and that gives weight to oral histories. Linguistics can theorize how and why certain language traits spread, which also follows many oral histories in regards to human relations and cross-cultural exchanges that occurred before documented history in North America.

THE THREE SISTERS

One of these cross-cultural exchanges and migrations is encapsulated in the story of the Three Sisters. In the creation story the three sisters, Corn, Beans and Squash developed from Mother Earth and from oral traditions the story is further elaborated.

The basic story is that the three sisters grew together in the wild but were taken one by one from the environment by humans. After they are reunited in a field and with each other's company the three grew stronger and produced more food for the humans. This story then affirms the domestication and cultivation of these three substance crops.

Archeological evidence points to how three crops and in particular corn was domesticated in Central America and would have gradually journeyed north along what is known as the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys to central New York State. Here oral history simply interpreted the historical domestication of the Three Sisters into a narrative story.

THE GREAT LAW OF PEACE

While the creation story and clan stories is considered the first major stories and aspects of Haudenosaunee culture and identity the next story

is what truly separates Haudenosaunee people from any other woodland's people. This story has been studied and retold from many varying perspectives and details, but the core fundamental story has always stayed the same.

Troubled Times

Oral History states that some time after the people received their clans, the people then got so numerous they began fighting over resources. Here is when an era of endless warfare began. The stronger groups would attack the weaker ones, who in turn would retaliate. It reached such violent proportions that people were afraid to even enter the forest as many would not return.

This heightened state of bloodshed and warfare is also recorded in archeological evidence as many early Haudenosaunee settlements started small and then grew with populations quickly. Many of these groups erected large fortifications around the longhouses. Also there is a large development of arrow heads and weaponry in these early Haudenosaunee settlements.

The Peacemaker

The story continues to say that a boy was born among the Algonquin nation, who were also in constant warfare, along the northern shores of Lake Ontario. This boy's birth has supernatural elements and strongly suggests his purpose as being a divine messenger to the people to accept a renewed sense of Peace. When this boy grew up he fastened a water vessel that would take him to the most disruptive and war-like people.

Jigonhsasee

Along the southern shores of Lake Ontario an entrepreneurial woman by the name of Jigonhsasee, lived and used her neutral stance to take advantage of any travelling war parties. She would gather and spread information to opposing war parties in the hopes to create more conflict and business for herself.

Eventually the Peacemaker reaches her camp and explains to him his mission to bring peace to the people, and after hearing him, she explained the best approach to accomplishing this goal. She then used all her collected knowledge and told the Peacemaker the nation to talk to first would be the Kanien'keha:ka also known as the Mohawk Nation.

With thanks the Peacemaker bestowed on her the title of Clanmother of the Great Law and that her knowledge would be used to secure a peacefully future.

Hiawatha

On the Peacemakers journey he came across a man from the Onondaga that has faced great hardship and was on a self-imposed exile. His mind was distorted with his grief and he took pleasure from causing misery to others. The Peacemaker was able to raise this man out of his depression and restore his mind to a peaceful state. Performing the first condolence ceremony the Peacemaker was able to ritually take away his grief and raise him up with a clear mind and purpose.

Wampum

It was said that the Peacemaker used wampum strings to mark his words as he spoke with Hiawatha, and these strings continue to be used to relay those same words of peace in the condolence ceremony.

One story elaborates on Hiawatha, who shortly after accepting the message of Peace witnessed a lake full of water fowl. When he approached they all flew away but took the water with them. On the dry lake bed Hiawatha saw a pattern of wampum that showed a white path connecting five shapes. He took this as a symbol of peace and created a wampum belt that would show this continuous path of Peace connecting the Five Nations.

Mohawk Nation

The Mohawk were known as the most war-like and wrathful people of the Haudenosaunee. Even the outside nations referred to them as cannibals, and the word 'Mohawk' comes from the Huron term meaning 'man-eater.' The Kanien'keha:ka name themselves 'People of the Flint,' from a region in central New York state where flint was plentiful and weapons could be easily created. This natural resource gave an advantage to this nation and allowed them to regularly attack their neighbors for resources.

When the Peacemaker journeyed to these people he was met with much skeptical belief that he was carrying a divine message. After a series of tests the Kanien'keha:ka people accepted the Peacemakers divine message of Peace and formally adopted the Onondaga, Hiawatha as one of their own.

Peacemaker's Journey

With the backing of the Kanien'keha:ka, the Peacemaker journeyed to the neighboring Oneida Nation. They have always had a connection with the Mohawk Nation and after hearing the message of Peace, the 'People of the Standing Stone,' quickly followed the Peacemaker.

Soon the group reached Onondaga Lake and there, 'the People of the Hills,' were too scared to do anything that could bring the wraith of their warlord. The Peacemaker simply carried on his journey west reaching the swamp lands of the Cayuga. After hearing the message and seeing the following, 'the People of the Swamp,' too joined the Peacemakers journey.

Eventually the large group reached the western edge of Haudenosaunee territory and home to the Seneca Nation who were located along shore of Canandaigua Lake and the Genesee river. After hearing the message and seeing the gathering force, 'the People of the Great Hill,' agreed to join the Peacemaker.

Tadadaho

After getting the four nations to embrace the message of Peace and the last obstacle was to get the Onondaga Nation to join, but that would mean confronting the most powerful and wicked person, Tadadaho. It is said he was a cannibal and delighted on causing pain and suffering to his Onondaga people. He was considered powerful enough to control storms and the lake waters and would destroy any attempt to reach him.

When the Peacemaker reached the Onondaga people he described how the five combined nations have a greater strength and used a bundle of five arrows to represent this unity. With this combined united the Peacemaker argued that they would be able to withstand any power Tadadaho had. In unison the people of five nations confronted the wicked Tadadaho and reasoned with him.

Hiawatha combed the snakes from his hair and removed the knots in his body. His warped mind and body was a metaphor for his malicious thoughts and poisoned way of thinking. Afterwards with a clear mind and good body Tadadaho accepted the message of peace and would use his acquired powers to speak on behalf of the confederacy and protect its message of Peace. An agent of destruction is reasoned with, to become an agent of peace. The

Peacemaker sets the Haudenosaunee perspective of diplomacy over brute strength in any conflict.

First Council

After all the people assembled in Onondaga, the Peacemaker outlined how the five nations can have continued unity and described a government system of equal representation by nation and clan. Each nation would have their own council that dealt with local issues and would have appointed clan representatives by the Clanmothers known as the Royaner or "Good Minded." Decisions would be by consensus and through a very lengthy system of debate to ensure full understanding and compliance.

If an issue would affect the entire confederacy then a Grand Council made up of each nation representatives would convene in Onondaga and they would decide with the Firekeepers a decision by consensus. The representatives would be separated into three groups; the Elder Brothers made up of Mohawk and Seneca leaders, the Younger Brothers made up of Oneida and Cayuga leaders and the lastly the Firekeepers and Onondaga leadership. The Peacemaker's main objective was to ensure that no one person or nation has higher authority than another representative, and that any motion would require total consensus in order to maintain a one mind.

Tree of Peace

To further illustrate the message of Peace, the Peacemaker used the metaphor of a Great White Pine Tree to symbolize the ever growing and steadfast nature of Peace. The needles grow in bundles of five just as the Five Nations originally joined. The Tree is home to an Eagle which symbolizes a guiding divine power. Lastly the Peacemaker spoke of casting all weapons of war under the tree and allowing the underground waters to wash them away forever. This would show that the people no longer need to use force when they understand the message of Peace, Power and Righteousness.

The account of the Peacemaker and his journey has well documented and translated by multiple people but the most widely accepted written version is the John Arthur Gibson account, named Concerning the League. This version was originally written in Onondaga and then translated using linguistic methods and interpretation.

Today the different Councils still meet on a

regular schedule to discuss issues that impact them. Grand Council still convenes on the Onondaga Nation Territory and welcomes any to attend their meetings. They have also recently scheduled oral retellings of the entire Great Law of Peace and one has been scheduled to be in Akwesasne in the near future.

Continuation

This work does not claim to be the authority on any one of these oral histories and instead wishes to be only an outline and to show the connections between these stories. Everyone has their own views and have heard the story in a slightly different way and it is the hope that this article can help promote a sharing of these stories. Do not let one version or story stop you from enjoying every story that is available to learn from. Everyone should take pride in sharing everything they have learned and to promote a brighter future for the community.

We will be looking in future articles into the other origins of Akwesasne's history and will present the complex and integrated history that makes up the community's past. Only by sharing our experiences and stories can Akwesasne look back at where we came from in order to have a clear vision of the future.

—Written by Phillip White-Cree ARRO, Researcher

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MCA Youth Representative: Wabigonikwe Tenasco

Kwey kakina, She:kon akwe:kon,

My name is Wabigonikwe Tenasco and I am a member of the Wolf Clan. I am Algonquin-Mohawk from Kitigan Zibi and Akwesasne. Recently I returned from Moncton, New Brunswick, where I was attending New Brunswick Community College in the Office Administration: Medical program, to complete my course practicum with the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance, which helped me graduate with Honors. I work for the Department of Health Administration as the Administrative Clerk at the Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io Health Facility in St. Regis and I am attending night classes for EMT: Basic training with plans of working with the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance again.

Being passionate about health and our collective histories, I have tried to be an active member of every community I live in; whether that is hosting food drives, running relays, fundraising and volunteering or like recently, being asked to sit at the MCA Youth Council Table with other MCA youth

employees. After joining I was asked to travel to Six Nations to attend a Chiefs of Ontario Youth Engagement Forum with Kyrie Ransom. It was a great opportunity to meet other like-minded youth from neighboring communities, making lasting connections and discussing youth issues within their communities.

Currently I have been creating awareness and opening dialogue between nations about the history and effects of colonization on First Nations Peoples within Canada through the 2013 Nation to

Nation Bike Tour and performing the Kairos Blanket Exercise to various audiences upon request.

Just recently I have been asked to work on a mental health event welcoming Olympic Medalist Clara Hughes to the community. Our evening event will take place at the Akwesasne Mohawk School on Cornwall Island on March 25, 2014.

I encourage all the youth within the community to reach out to the MCA

Youth Representatives with any ideas or visions they for the youth. Migwetch and Niawen:kowa.❖



Saiowisakè:ron: Protector of the Council Chiefs

Proposal to Relocate John Saiowisakè:ron Fire Statue to Kana:takon

Every year on the first Friday in the month of May, the community of Akwesasne honours an important Akwesasronon named John Saiowisakè:ron Fire. This year, on the 115th anniversary of his passing, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proposing a special event in his honour that will include, if the community agrees, the relocation of the memorial wooden statue from its current location on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) to Kana:takon (St. Regis) where he lived and died.

John Saiowisakè:ron Fire was born in the year 1847. He lived in Akwesasne's village of Kana:takon with his wife Teiohsirá:ke and their daughter Sarah. Saiowisakè:ron and his younger brother, Jacob Ohnehtó:take, grew up together in the village of Kana:takon and observed their elders and clan mothers interacting with the life chiefs. They were counselled on the traditional practices of the Mohawk community governments, where they learned that the traditional chiefs and clan mothers of that time were very strong in protecting their community customs and traditions.

Saiowisakè:ron in his middle life became an advisor to the "Longhaired Chiefs" or Life Chiefs who were still governing under a traditional clan system and were guided by their clan mothers. Saiowisakè:ron supported his brother Ohnehtó:take who had gained the honourable position of being Life Chief within the community.

Akwesasronon, including Saiowisakè:ron and his brother, saw changes in the way the newly formed Canadian government was treating all Onkwehonwe people across the country. The federal government created and attempted to impose laws designed to break down the traditional system of self-government and force an elected system of governance into all Onkwehonwe communities.

Akwesasronon tried very hard to keep their own traditional laws and system in place, while the new Canadian laws continued to be forced upon them. Even after years of writing letters of protest to the government, Canada imposed the Indian Act that was first passed in 1876 and required all Onkwehonwe communities to hold elections, which were overseen by an Indian Agent.

In the year of 1899, the Dominion Police were sent to Akwesasne to arrest the Life Chiefs, who were



(from left) William Sunday, Anne Thompson and Ernie Benedict at the dedication ceremony. May 7, 1999.

seen by the Indian Agent as the "illegal" leadership because they were not elected under the new Indian Act rules. Saiowisakè:ron had become the political advisor to the traditional Life Chief council. He had taken on an important role and was seen as a protector of the council chiefs. At this stage of his life, Saiowisake:ron had matured and gained wisdom. One example of his generosity towards his community was that he had the foresight to recognize that education was going to be important to the Mohawk people of Akwesasne and donated land for the first school to be located in Akwesasne. His image as a fighter in his younger days had now changed into a mature leader and advisor for his council. When he heard the Life Chiefs had been arrested, he immediately ran to find where his

brother, Ohnehtó:take, and the other Chiefs were being handcuffed and held in the Indian Agents office.

John Saiowisakè:ron Fire was shot and killed by Kernel Sherwood of the Dominion Police on May 1, 1899. Newspaper reports at the time noted that police viewed him as a threat, even though Saiowisakè:ron was unarmed and only went to the Indian Agent's office to ask about his brother. The killing of Saiowisakè:ron became a turning point in Akwesasne history, as it solidified a widely held view among Akwesasronon that the Canadian Government was an enemy.

In memory of Saiowisakè:ron, a wooden statue of his image was created in his honour and unveiled on the 100th anniversary of his passing. Akwesasronon see the statue as a symbolic figure of a man who defines strength, bravery and community pride. Currently, the statue is located on Kawehno:ke.

Through community discussion, it has become identified that many Akwesasronon would like to see the wooden statue of Saiowisake:ron return to Kana:takon; his place of birth and death. Although in the past there were apprehensions that vandalism would be committed on the statue, community

elders are confident that this would no longer be a concern. Mohawk Council is positive that the community would no longer tolerate the defacing of a historic figure of such an important stature.

Before the Saiowisake:ron statue is relocated to a new location in Kana:takon, general support from the community would be needed to identify where it would be situated. MCA would like to invite discussion as to where the statue would be positioned for its final location. Some have already suggested the statue be placed at the fork entrance into the village. Another recommended site is at the Kanonkwatsheri:io Health Facility at the foot of the entrance. Also proposed is the site by the river near St. Regis Catholic Church, or near the Kana:takon Community Centre overlooking the St. Lawrence River. The statue should be kept in a place that is well protected from vandalism, yet easily accessible.

Mohawk Council is anticipating that the relocation would take place on or before May 1, 2014, the 115th anniversary of Saiowisake:ron's tragic death. ❖

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OUTSIDE FACILITIES



Animal Trapping with Gary Gray

Few people still venture into the deep marshes and woods of Akwesasne and even fewer continue to practice animal trapping techniques. Utilizing a versatile all-terrain vehicle known as an Argo, which he jokingly refers to as a small tank, Gary Gray is one of a few Akwesasronon that continue to make their way into the remote areas of Akwesasne to trap.

Taught by his grandfather at a young age, Gary normally sets more than 100 traps each year to catch a wide assortment of fur-bearing animals and critters. It's a hunting technique that he finds challenging to keep alive and pass onto the younger generations with the advent of video games and portable electronic devices.

"Kids these days," he says as he stokes the fire in his wood stove located in the shop that he constructed inside his garage on Route 37. "They're too busy to spend time in the woods." That hasn't deterred him however, as he is always willing to share his knowledge and experience with eager young apprentices.

Above: Mohawk trapper Gary Gray displays a fisher recently caught using trapping techniques he learned as a boy.

During the Winter Cultural Youth Camp in December 2013, he taught a workshop that was attended by 42 youth over the course of several days, which included treks on his Argo to check traps that he placed in the marshes located in Tsi Snaihne. He shared in their excitement when one trap resulted in catching a 40-pound beaver.

In recent years, friend Shane Hasty joins Gary in making his rounds checking and re-setting traps. Shane, in turn, has just started teaching his 6-year-old son Oakley what he has learned. The possibility of catching something is evident on Oakley's face as he eagerly helps his father. Using a long stick, he pokes through a hole that was bore through the ice feeling for the bottom of the pond and, possibly, a beaver or muskrat.

Gary's day typically begins in the early-morning, as the sun is beginning to break over top of the trees that surround his property. Inside his garage,

Gary gathers the tools he'll need for his daylong trip within and around Akwesasne—a trip that can average upwards of 50 to 75 miles and last from dawn to dusk.

Gary gathers deer and other animal meat to use as bait, which often comes from road kills that he finds during his travels. "It doesn't have to go to waste," he says in explaining that the meat from one deer is enough to set as many as 100 traps and snares.

He notes that the tools and techniques for trapping have changed over the years, with traps becoming more humane. He positions his newer traps inside wooden boxes that he built that uses a 'conibear' trap that catches animals on the neck to kill them quickly. This was an improvement over the 'leghold' method that typically catches the animal by the paw.

Gary states that just as his types of traps have changed, so too have his reasons for trapping. In addition to the price that highly-sought after pelts can garner, he often sees his role as being a



Right: Pelts from foxes, beavers, bobcats, coyotes and other animals trapped around Akwesasne.

Below: Shane Hasty and son Oakley checking beaver traps.





conservationist. He provides a service that many landowners appreciate and have no problem granting permission for him to trap on their property.

In recent years, his services were utilized by the Akwesasne Department of Justice's Conservation Unit to help control the local beaver population. In a two-year period, he was able to successfully reduce the number of beavers that constructed as many as a ten dams in the creek that runs alongside Cook Road toward Tsi Snaihne.

No longer contracted for his work, Gary realizes the importance of keeping the beaver population under control. His work results in lower-water levels and the recovery of farmland and woods from the effects of flooding. He notes however, that it's an ongoing battle as the number of beaver lodges he sees during his treks is on the rise.

Gary finds that with fewer hunters and trappers that the populations of many animals, not just

The water vapor from an animal's breathing chrySTALLIZES on one of the numerous branches that cover the beaver's lodge,, an indication that it is currently occupied.





Above: Gary resets one of his traps that is placed inside of a wooden box with bait.

Right Top: The pawprints of bobcats (shown) and coyotes are becoming more common around Akwesasne as few people hunt.

Right Botton: The evolution of traps.



beavers, are also increasing. A drive on his Argus into the woods and fields surrounding Akwesasne reveals a wide array of paw prints. The most common are coyotes, followed by deer, turkey, raccoons and the occasional bobcat.

Lately, he has become more watchful venturing into the woods following sighting of a mountain lion in the area. With a hunting radius of 50-square miles, they possess tremendous strength and can prey on dogs and cats if allowed to venture close to houses.

He says it's all the more reason why it's important that our youth learn to trap and hunt, so they can help keep our community safe and healthy. ❖



Akwesasne Youth Attends University of Ottawa Mini-Medical School

For the past six years, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the University of Ottawa have been strengthening their relationship for the benefit of university students and Akwesasne youth. The joint projects and activities undertaken have taken a natural progression and, some would say, have now come full circle.

In 2009, the relationship began with the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) hosting Ottawa's Aboriginal Studies Course in making annual visits to tour and learn about the Akwesasne community. This hospitality and educational exchange was reciprocated with Ottawa and AMBE co-sponsoring a science camp at the Ahkwesasne Mohawk School for students in grade K-3 that was instructed by the university science and engineering students.

The latest relationship-building initiative is part of the University of Ottawa's recruiting strategy, with the university hosting Aboriginal high school students that are interested in medical careers. Offered through the Aboriginal Program at the University's Faculty of Medicine, the Mini-Medical Schools (MMS) "Come and Walk in our Moccasins" sessions provide Aboriginal youth with the opportunity to experience "a day in medical school."

There were two sessions of the Mini-Med School for the Winter 2014 session, with the first one being held on January 18th and the other on February 22nd. Akwesasne youth Colin Benedict, son of Owen and Alison Benedict, was fortunate to apply and be accepted to attend the latter session. For one day, he went to medical school.

Colin arrived and was greeted by volunteers, who were Aboriginal medical school students that helped organize and present this highly successful initiative. He was directed to the amphitheater where he learned about the day's activities, as well as to meet fellow high school students that share the same dream of being a doctor.

Following a smudging ceremony conducted by Algonquin Elder Albert Dumont, Colin and other high school students were divided into groups to participate in Case-Based Learning activities. There was also a presentation by Aboriginal Program Coordinator Dr. Darlene Kitty on her experience as an Indigenous physician in the First Nations



Colin Benedict (left) and fellow high school student Lukasi Tuukkiapik (right) attended the respiratory system workshop.

community of Chisasibi.

One of the learning sessions that Colin participated in during the morning was on the respiratory system and was instructed by University of Ottawa Aboriginal medical school students.

In the afternoon, Colin visited the Medical School's anatomy lab, followed by a casting and suturing workshop. He attended the workshop wearing a cast, but was able to put a cast on another student and cut it off. The excitement continued as he learned how to do sutures on an artificial limb, but his "favorite part of the day was touching an actual human heart".

The "day in medical school" concluded with a panel discussion by Aboriginal Program students, who shared their personal experiences and insight into studying medicine. They offered words of encouragement and hopes that students, such as Colin, will join others that have made the decision to pursue their dream of becoming a doctor through the Aboriginal Program at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine.

For more information, or to register for an upcoming session of Mini Medical Schools (MMS) "Come and Walk in our Moccasins", please contact Lisa Abel, Aboriginal Program Coordinator at (613) 562-5800 ext. 8687 or at mdaborig@uottawa.ca. ❖

Akwesasne Mohawk Court Fine Payments

—Submitted by Cheryl Jacobs, Akwesasne Mohawk Court Administrator

The Akwesasne Mohawk Court would like to 'Welcome' its new Akwesasne Mohawk Court Clerk, Ms. Kim Loran. Kim comes to the Mohawk Court from the Mohawk Security Program. Kim recently successfully completed her employment probationary period and has been doing an outstanding job in fulfilling the roles and responsibilities of the Court Clerk.

Kim is currently conducting the Annual File Review on the Court's outstanding fine payments. This process will continue into the middle of March 2014 and will entail letters being mailed to individuals that owe fines.

If you have recently received a letter in the mail from the Court, please note that you may contact Kim or Cheryl Jacobs, Akwesasne Mohawk Court Administrator, to discuss your file and the payment options that are available. Both can be reached at (613) 575-2250 ext. 1025 or ext. 1026.

The Mohawk Court would also like to note for the benefit of the Akwesasne community the following administrative changes:

Effective April 1, 2014; All traffic fines (including outstanding), compliance fines, and filing fee payments for Mediation or Peace Bond Hearings

WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED at the Akwesasne Justice Department Building located at the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building in Kanatakon.

Community members and the general public will now be able to make a cash or debit card transactions for 'out of court payment' or an 'outstanding fine' payment at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Administration Building #1, directly across from the Justice Building. You will be able to make payments directly with the Finance Department's Accounts Receivable Clerk, located downstairs.

Or,

Community members can also make cash, money order or cheque payments directly at the Akwesasne Mohawk Court located at CIA #3 Administration Building located at 101 Tewesanti Road, Kawehnoke.

Or,

If you elect to mail a fine payment please make the cheque or money order out to: Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and mail to the Akwesasne Mohawk Court CIA #3 Administration Building, 101 Tewasateni Road, Kawehnoke, ON K6H-5R7. Money orders mailed from the U.S. must be an 'International Money Order'.

Please note, if a community member or the general public elects to make an 'Out of Court Payment,' as long as the payment is made prior to the court date indicated on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Information/Uniform Traffic Ticket you will not be required to attend court.

If you have any questions please contact us at 613-575-2250 ext. 1025 or 1026, we will be glad to help you. ❖



Akwesasne Mohawk Court Clerk Kim Loran and Court Administrator Cheryl Jacobs.



Hazard Help Sheet

Fire Safety Tips



SUMMARY

A **fire extinguisher** is an absolute necessity in any home or office. While there's a good chance that the extinguisher will sit on the wall and collect dust, it could end up saving your property and even your life.

THREE ELEMENTS OF A FIRE

There are three essential elements involved in a fire. They are:

- **Extreme heat**
- **Oxygen** (or similar gas)
- **Fuel**

Fire extinguishers are designed to remove at least one of these elements so that a fire will die out. There are several different ways of doing this.

REMOVING ELEMENTS OF A FIRE

Now that we know that there are three essential elements involved in producing fire - **heat, oxygen** and **fuel**; let's see how to put the fire out by effectively removing one of these elements.

- To **remove heat** is to dump water on the fire. This cools the fuel to below the ignition point, interrupting the combustion cycle.
- To **remove oxygen**, you can **smother** the fire so it is not exposed to air. One way to smother a small fire is to cover it with a heavy blanket. Another way is to dump nonflammable material, such as sand or **baking soda** on top of it.
- To **remove fuel** is the most difficult approach for most fires. In a house fire, the house itself is potential fuel. The fuel will only be removed once the fire has burned all of it up.

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



OPERATING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:

- | | |
|----------|---|
| P | Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism. |
| A | Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire. |
| S | Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly to discharge the agent. |
| S | Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side to completely extinguish the fire. |

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

It's important that you have an Family Emergency Plan for your household because your family depends on you to keep them safe. Once complete, practice and exercise your plan regularly.



Hazard Help Sheet

Fire Safety Tips



SMOKE DETECTORS

A **smoke detector** also called a smoke alarm is a device that detects smoke, typically as an indicator of fire. Commercial, industrial, and mass residential devices issue a signal to a fire alarm system, while household detectors, known as **smoke alarms**, generally issue a local audible or visual alarm from the detector itself.

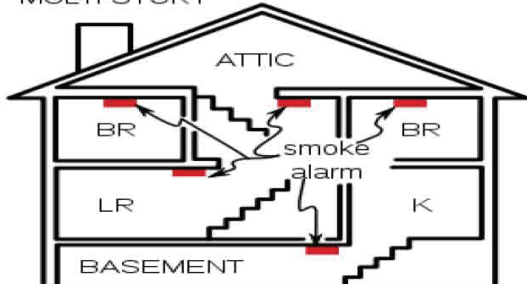


INSTALLATION & PLACEMENT

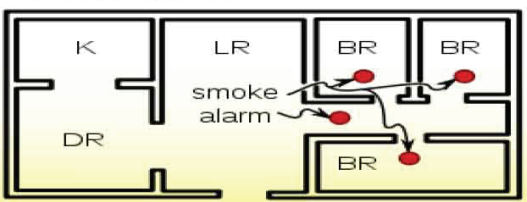
Laws governing the installation of smoke detectors vary depending on the locality. However, some rules and guidelines for existing homes are relatively consistent throughout the developed world. For example, Canada require a building to have a working smoke detector on every level. The United States NFPA code cited in the previous paragraph requires smoke detectors on every habitable level and within the vicinity of all bedrooms. Habitable levels include attics that are tall enough to allow access.

PLACE ONE SMOKE ALARM ON EVERY FLOOR AND SLEEPING ROOM

MULTI-STORY



SINGLE LEVEL



TESTING YOUR SMOKE ALARM

You should always test smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly throughout the year.

CHANGING THE BATTERIES

Just because a smoke alarm is hard-wired doesn't mean it won't have a battery. However, how often you change the batteries plays a major factor in the safety category. So, you should change your batteries in your alarms bi-annually (twice a year). Which means, when you change your clocks in the Spring & Fall, change you batteries in your smoke alarms too!

WHEN YOU ARE ON FIRE



STOP



DROP



ROLL

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY
Call Central Dispatch
(613) 575-2000

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
www.ehow.com

WHATS ON YOUR MIND?
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TALK TO?
JOIN OUR
MEN'S TALKING SERIES

KANONKWATSHERI:IO—BEAR ROOM
St.Regis Health Facility
(3rd Level Top of the Stairs on Right)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

MARCH 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 2014

6:00pm-8:30pm

FACILITATOR: HARVEY HERNE



This is a **MENS ONLY** group

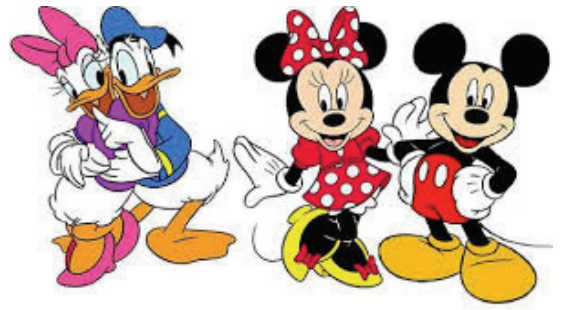
Refreshments will be served

Confidentiality is a **MUST!**

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT THE AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Kristy-Lynn MacIntosh: (613)-937-4322 x 1520





Music 4 Miracles is hosting a Trivia Night on March 28, 2014

Held at Brass Horse Grill & Lounge

Doors open @5pm trivia starts at 6pm.

Walt Disney Theme!!

Have your team come dressed as your favorite Walt Disney character
and you can win!!

TEAM consists of 4 ppl 2 adults and 2 children

(approx. 8 yrs–15 yrs)

\$60. team/\$20. Per adult \$10. Per child

The team that registers and pays in full by March 22, 2014 will receive
200 pts

Silent Auction Raffles Door Prize Food

Money raised will go towards the **Music 4 Miracles** show on June 21, 2014



Music 4 Miracles is a non-profit organization that hosts annual musical shows to raise money for children/families in need of medical assistance, travel expenses due to serious medical conditions. The show has a variety of different musicians that come together to play for the community.

Newborn Registration Service

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

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

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Department of Health
Community Health Program

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

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

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

Hours

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

Yoga Classes



Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:30

At the A'nonwarako:wa Arena

Must Pre-Register

Limited class size

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



Schedule All classes are 90 minutes

Time	Instructor
7:00pm	Wednesday with Shirley (Shanti) Williams

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



MCA Community Health

Get Fit+ Program

613-575-2341 ext 3241

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

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

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

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

More information can be found on our website at:
www.srmtenv.org



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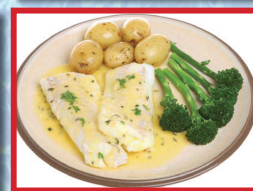
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Kentenhk:wa/November 2013



AKWESASNE FAMILY GUIDE TO EATING LOCALLY-CAUGHT FISH

Pullout Map Inside!



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

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Environment Division**

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

(Traditional Mohawk Teaching)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

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

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

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

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



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



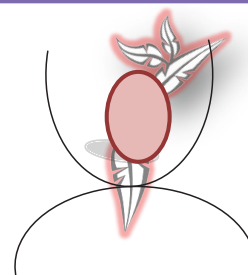
Please come in and meet your Community Health FLU SHOT team



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



GET FIT



Community Health Group Fitness

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

Sponsored by: Community Health

Classes are FREE and open to ALL Community members



Wahta (Maple) Workshop

March 25, 2014

9 am-noon

at SRMT Training Center

(located behind the HUD office, formerly known as
Let's Get Healthy Bldg)



Nutritional Snacks & Drinks will be provided.



Workshop Presenters:

- Eddie Gray
- Darrell Thompson
- Aronhiaies Herne

Topics of Discussion:

- tobacco burning & translation
- harvesting of the sap
- maple ceremony
- purposes of the maple sap
- Medicinal purpose of the trees.
- Honoring the maple tree

*This workshop is being sponsored by the
Ononhkwaon:we/Traditional Medicines
Program and the SRMT Traditional Support
Unit.*

*For more information please contact TMP
office @ 613.575.2341 ext.3115 or Traditional
Support Unit @ 518.358.2728*

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

RECONNECT SERVICES

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



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

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

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

ALL SERVICES/INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

Tetewatskà:hon Green Food Box Program

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

It's that simple!

Important Dates:

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

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

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

A'nowarako:wa Arena Party Package Rentals

Friday Night Public Skating Package

Includes:

Turtle Room
 (Choose 2 hours \$35 or 3 hours \$50)
 +
 Food Item and Drink
 (Turtle Cafe @ 20% discount)
 15 sm popcorn & juice box \$18 OR 15 sm nachos & juice box \$40 OR 15 sm
 poolside & juice box \$48
 +
 Discounted Skating Admission
 (Reduced rate of \$1.00 per child for 15 children)

Private Rentals - Sundays Only

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

Did you know?

Turtle Room Rentals available
 Fridays: 3-8pm and Sundays: 2-6pm
 2 hours \$35
 or
 3 hours \$50
 &
 Save \$1 per admission purchased
 for public skating and skates are
 available
 &
 When you book your party you are
 eligible to receive a 20% discount
 from D&T Cinemas and/or
 Bounce-N-Bounce if rentals are
 used at the Arena
 D&T:
 518-521-0909/facebook
 Bounce-N-Bounce:
 613-937-4707 or
 613-551-1069/facebook



Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education

"Ye thi ka hon:nien - We make the road for them."

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

Barry M. Montour, Ph.D., Director of Education
 Theresa Thompson, Chair

Deborah Terrance, Associate Director
 Tasha Thompson, Co-Chair

Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule

School Year 2013-2014

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

- Seskehkó:wa/September 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School
- Kenténha/October 2, 2013 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Kentenhkó:wa/November 6, 2013 @ Ahkwasasne Mohawk School
- Tsiiothórrha/December 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School
- Tsiiothórrhkó:wa/January 8, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Enniska/February 5, 2014 @ Ahkwasasne Mohawk School
- Enniskó:wa/March 5, 2014 @ Kana:takon School
- Onerahtókha/April 2, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School
- Onerahtóhkó:wa/May 7, 2014 @ Ahkwasasne Mohawk School
- Ohiri:ha/June 4, 2014 @ Kanataton School

Akwesasne's 1st Beader's Showcase

Saturday March 29, 2014

10:00am to 5:00pm

Kawehnoke Rec. Center

Beader's Showcase is a community of artists that work with beads, or just starting we don't mind. Come and join us to share, learn and just have fun.

- ~Open Beading Tables Available**
- ~Items on display and Items for sale.**
- ~ Bead vendors will be on site**
- ~ 1st 50 people will receive a Beading Matt**
- ~ Full Concession will be Open**

Tables \$10.00 for the Day or for more Info

Call Tracey 613-932-8866