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For the People

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Akwesasne Youth Meet with Members of Parliament

On Saturday, February 16th, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) hosted an open discussion between Akwesasne youth and New Democratic Party (NDP) Members of Parliament (MP) Jonathan Genest-Jourdain, the Deputy Critic of Aboriginal Affairs, and Anne Quach, the Deputy Critic of Environment. During this discussion, MP Genest-Jourdain and MP Quach reviewed the lack of transparency of the Federal government (Conservatives), the implications of proposed legislature and went into great detail concerning the negative consequences of the two omnibus bills, Bill C-38 and Bill C-45. These bills, which recently stirred controversy in the media from the Theresa Spence hunger strike and the Idle No More protests worldwide, would have an affect not only on the environment and economy in First Nations communities across the country, but all Canadians.

MP Genest-Jourdain and MP Quach articulated how open discussions with youth are a great opportunity to discuss ideas and brainstorm solutions MP Genest-Jourdain, who was raised on the Uashat Indian Reserve, acknowledged how there is a need for more representation from First Nation members in Parliament. He and MP Romeo Saganash are the only two Aboriginal Members of Parliament currently in term. He stressed how meetings like these with youth are what can ignite change, and hopefully encourage First Nations youth to become future leaders at a community and federal level. During the meeting, MP Quach also explained and passed around a petition on behalf of MP Saganash. (This petition is available to sign at the Administration #2 Building and can be viewed on the website of MP Saganash). These petitions are just a start to make change; MP Quach stressed that in order for the government to listen, all people must act! Call and leave messages; or, email the Prime Minister (or MPs from the current Conservative government) and add her, MP Genest-Jourdain or another MP from the opposition party into the Carbon Copy (CC) to ensure that comments or concerns are delivered and addressed.



Visiting MPs were gifted with traditional Mohawk baskets. L-R: MP Anne Quach, Amanda Lazore, Breanne Caldwell, and MP Jonathan Genest-Jourdain.

Although the majority of the meeting included background information on the bills, MP Genest-Jourdain and MP Quach welcomed questions from the audience throughout. There was a great turnout of Akwesasne youth and it was determined after the discussion to hold additional meetings with more opportunities for youth's questions to be answered. In the upcoming month, there will be a "pre-meeting" between the Council and youth. During this time, they can voice their concerns or ideas, and have an opportunity to write out questions directed towards the MP's, with the option to remain anonymous. Following this "pre-meeting", Mohawk Council will host an additional question and answer open discussion between MP Genest Jourdain, MP Quach and Akwesasne youth. ♦

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

Enniskó:wa/March 2013

She:kon,

As the warmer winds of a new season slowly become much more pronounced, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to another edition of our newsletter.

I am Brian William David, re-elected to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne from Kawehnoke in June 2012. Currently, I am one of four council chiefs that co-chair the Economic Development Portfolio. I am also a member of three other portfolios and about twelve other boards and commissions. My motive in running for Council for another term was to continue to take a leadership role in: completing the water-line on Kawehnoke; to ensure our border-crossing and other rights are respected and protected; that our island community is safe and secure, and that all homes have access to fiber-optic technology. On a broader scale, I also wanted to assist in the completion of the developmental work on the Economic Recovery Strategy for the community.

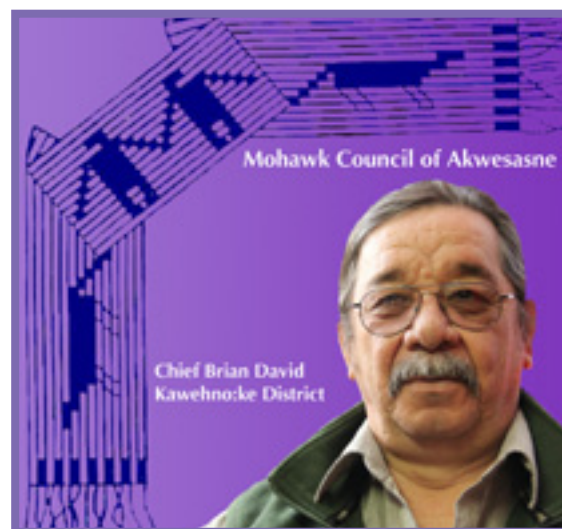
In the following pages you will see status reports and updates on the Economic Recovery Strategy, as well as some of the political work we've undertaken in Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec. What is economic development? In my view, economic development is about planning and building the kind of sustainable economy that brings the community to the standard of living and quality of life that the people envision. In other words, it is about creating an environment where businesses, big and small can flourish. It's about job creation for our youth, jobs that provide the kind of financial security to build communities. Creating a sustainable economy has to be done in a manner that fully respects our cultural heritage and values, and our natural environment.

For several years, the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec were asking the leadership what it would take to end the movement of contraband cigarettes across the St. Lawrence River. The leadership at the time explained to the outside Governments that there really wasn't a sustainable economy in Akwesasne and that the task at hand was one of rebuilding or recovering the economy. This became the impetus for the "Economic Recovery Strategy". This approach aims towards finding the right combination of projects that would create employment opportunities and good business development. The Grand Chief and fellow Economic Development Portfolio Chiefs were very instrumental in moving this agenda item forward at the highest political levels. Some recent changes in the technical staff had an extremely positive effect in supporting this overall initiative. There was good community consultation that took place at key points during this development and I expect this will continue into future as we move this file forward.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and we look forward to the future discussions on this topic. In the meanwhile, take care and enjoy the warmer winds.

Skennen,

*Brian William David
Chief, Kawehnoke*



Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY DESIGNATION

During the month of January, I traveled with the Director of Community and Social Services, the Program Manager of the Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS), the Executive Director, the MCA Comptroller and the Human Resources Manager to Toronto. We attended an orientation session with the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) to hear about the various governance structures of CASS in Ontario, along with an overview of the complex reporting requirement to the Ministry of Children and Youth Service (MCYS). The OACAS provided us with a detailed breakdown of the importance of reporting and of accurately forecasting numbers and the effects that these forecasts have on the funding provided to operate the CAS. The orientation session gave us a better understanding of the funding and human resources that will be needed in the future in order to maintain our CAS designation in Akwesasne.

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION (AMBE)

The Trustees of the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education meet on a regular basis on the first and third Wednesday of the month on a rotating basis between each district with the first Wednesday of the month's meeting having thirty minutes reserved for community comment, presentations and input. The AMBE trustees are elected by each district to represent them for a three year staggered term. For the last several months, the trustees for the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) have been meeting every third Wednesday of the month to review and update the AMBE policy handbook. The policy handbook includes policies pertaining to personnel and the daily operations of the school system. Several sections of these policies have subsequently been incorporated into the collective agreement with the teachers covered under PSAC. Therefore, the sections that have been incorporated into the collective agreement have been revised or omitted to reflect the changes. All new revisions to the policy handbook will be presented to Council in the future for ratification.

YOUTH INJURY PREVENTION

On January 30, 2013, Chief Jocko, Chief Phillips-Jacobs and I hosted a tour and meeting with two



principal investigators, Dr. Ian Pike and Dr. Alison Macpherson, from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) Team for Child & Youth Injury Prevention. The investigators were accompanied by Dr. Rose-Alma J. Dolly McDonald, who is a member of the Executive Committee for the CIHR. The CIHR team is interested in partnering with a First Nation community to conduct a pilot project which could lead to a 3-5 year study and a capacity building partnership related to injury prevention for children and youth. Over the course of the day, we were able to sit down with representative from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Community Health Nurses, and the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education to become generally informed about the injuries that each program or department has documented for children and youth. We were also able to hear about the prevention measures that have been taken to create awareness of injury threats. Some of the common major threats identified were ATV injuries and dog bites. We learned about the extensive outreach conducted by our community health program on car seat safety; which in turn, limits the risk of injury to babies and young children. The day was concluded with a visit and tour of the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club who also expressed interest in participating in the pilot project and study. Additional follow up meetings will be scheduled in the future to determine our interest and extent of participation, if any. ❖

MCA Delegation Meets with NDP in Ottawa

Chief David Seeks Support for Eliminating Provincial Boundaries

On January 31st, a delegation from the MCA visited Parliament Hill. The visit was at the invitation of Anne Minh-Thu Quach (MP) and was organized through Victoria Irving, Government Office. In addition to a tour of the Parliament Buildings, the delegation had the opportunity to sit-in on “Question Period” in the House of Commons. A meeting also took place between the delegation and members of the New Democratic Party (NDP) namely Jonathan Genest-Jourdain, Romeo Saganash, and Anne Quach. The NDP were quite interested in knowing if the local leadership supported the Idle No More Movement and whether there were any concerns in this area. Chief David stated that the Mohawk Council had taken a formal position to support the movement. He further stated “this is primarily a peaceful youth movement at the grass-roots level which comes about after decades of frustrating attempts to improve the quality of life at the community level. It is a long time in coming and I think all levels of leadership need to take note. There are some serious issues among our youth that need to be identified and worked on”. Anne Minh-Thu Quach (MP) asked if she could meet with the Akwesasne youth to discuss this further. This meeting with the Akwesasne youth is being arranged to take place on February 16th, 2013.

Romeo Saganash (MP Abitibi, James Bay, Nunavik, Eeyou) is sponsoring the Private Members Bill that would require all future Canadian legislation to be in compliance with the United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Canada is a signatory to this Declaration. Mr. Saganash wanted to know if the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne supported this proposed Bill. Chief David responded that “if the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne were to take a formal position on the matter it would likely be one of full support. In my travels over the past



This photo was taken by Ian Oakes, MCA Communications Intern, who captured the diplomatic moment as Chief Brian David was building the case, to have the NDP sponsor a Private Members Bill to eliminate the provincial boundaries in Akwesasne.

several weeks, all I’ve heard from First Nation Peoples is broad support for this Bill”.

The NDP asked about Akwesasne specifically. Chief David informed the group that individual rights were still being violated at the Cornwall Port of Entry with national security being the catch-all justification. Chief David recommended that a “civilian oversight committee” is needed for the CBSA operations, and lastly he recommended that the NDP explore the possibility of a Private Members Bill to eliminate the provincial boundary in Akwesasne. He stated “it is a very artificial line that was previously the dividing line between Upper and Lower Canada during the colonial period. It is not our boundary line yet this line has an enormous impact on the daily lives of our people”. The NDP stated they would investigate the possibility and discuss this at a future meeting. The delegation returned home very enthusiastic about the future prospects of this initial meeting.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) December-February 2013

December 18, 2012 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #251 Approval of Special Meeting minutes dated July 10, 2012
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #252 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes dated July 11, 2012
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #253 Approval of Special Meeting minutes dated July 6, 2012
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #254 Approval of Special Meeting minutes dated August 7, 2012
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #255 Approval of Special Meeting minutes dated August 28, 2012
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #256 Appeals the Denial of the Acceptance for Funding by the Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #257 Approval of an Insurance Tender for the Period of April 2013 to March 31, 2016
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

January 3, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting

2012/2013 #258 Full Support of Chief Theresa Spence Hunger Strike
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #259 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Fully Against Bill C-45
Vote: For-11: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

January 4, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting

2012/2013 #260 Emergency Measures will Work in Conjunction with all Agencies for the Idle No More Rally
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

January 8, 2013 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #261 Approval of Ontario New Relationship Fund Application
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #262 Support of the Renewal of the AIF Fund (2013 – 2018)
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #263 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated December 12, 2012
Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #264 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated July 12, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #265 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated July 31, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #266 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated August 21, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #267 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated September 11, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #268 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated October 9, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #269 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated November 1, 2012
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED

2012/2013 #270 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated November 20, 2012 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-2 CARRIED
2012/2013 #271 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated December 18, 2012 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #282 Approval of Service Contract with AEDA for Mohawk Language Classes Vote: For-11: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #272 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated November 6, 2012 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	Tsiothohrko:wa/ January 22, 2013 Special Meeting
2012/2013 #273 Approval of Lot 141 St. Regis Village Joint Tenants Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #283 Support of Lloyd Phillips in the Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador Regional Chiefs Election Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-2 CARRIED
<u>January 10, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting</u>	2012/2013 #284 Contribution Agreement from the Minister of Education to Increase Transformation Funding Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #274 Approval of Mohawk Government Funding Application for the New Relationship Fund Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #285 Approval of Housing Renovation Loan Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
<u>January 15, 2013 Special Meeting</u>	2012/2013 #286 Approval of Housing Renovation Loan Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #275 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated October 2, 2012 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #287 Housing - Rental Strategy FY 2013 - Rescind Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #276 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated November 13, 2012 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED	2012/2013 #288 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Endorsees and Supports the M - 400 Motion Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #277 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting minutes Dated December 11, 2012 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #289 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated November 27, 2012 Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #278 Approval of all Addendums to Leases for 2013 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED	2012/2013 #290 Approval of Emergency Special Meeting Minutes Dated November 29, 2012 Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #279 Approval of all Leases for 2013 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED	2012/2013 #291 Approval of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Kanatakon District Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #280 Approval of Johannna Lazore Report - Akwesasne Tobacco Governance Study Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED	<u>January 29, 2013 Special Meeting</u>
2012/2013 #281 Approval of Wolfpaw Consulting Report- Akwesasne Tobacco Governance Study	2012/2013 #292 Approval of the Economic

Development AEDF Final Report for (2010 - 2011) Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #293 Approval of the Justice Draft Law of the Matrimonial Real Property Law Vote: For-6: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #304 Approval of the ATR Return of the Block 1 Lands - Seaway Claim Vote: For-8: Against-1: Abstention-1 CARRIED
<u>February 5, 2013 Special Meeting</u>	2012/2013 #305 Approval of the Ononkwasona Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Vote: For-9: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #294 Approval of the Akwesasne Police Association (APA) Collective Agreement Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #306 Approval of the 2012/2013 – 2014/2015 Strategic Plan Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-10 CARRIED
2012/2013 #295 Approval of Health Homes Imitative Focus Meeting Vote: For-6: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #307 Acceptance of the Road Program Annual Expenditure Report & Petition Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #296 Approval of Space Need Accommodation Strategy Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #297 Rescind MCR #319 that invested \$2 million US dollars Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
<u>February 12, 2013 Special Meeting</u>	
2012/2013 #298 Approval of Law Firm Gordon Scott Campbell to Pursue CBSA Test Case Vote: For-10: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #299 Approval of Special Meeting January 22, 2013 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-2 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #300 Approval of the Matrimonial Real Property Law Vote: For-9: Against-1: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #301 Approval of the Director Department of Community and Social Services Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #302 Approval of the Assistant Director of Health position Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	
2012/2013 #303 Approval of Financial Agreement With AANDC - ARFA (2011-2015)	

General Meeting

Agenda

March 6th, 2013

St. Regis Recreation Center

@ 6pm

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Rules of Order
- 4."5 Year Governance Strategy Plan"
Sponsored by Chief David
Sub-Chief Eric Thompson to present
5. Make Work Project
Sponsored by Chief Phillips and Chief Thomas
Joe Francis to Present
6. Progress on Trust Development
Sponsored by Chief King
7. Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law
Sponsored by Chief Phillips-Jacobs and Chief Phillips
Working Task Group, Joyce King and Micha Menczer to present
8. 2012-2015 MCA Strategic Plan
Sponsored by Council and Jamie Bay
9. Business From the Floor
10. Adjournment

Mohawk Conversation and Song

Oh niwenhnisero:ten non:wa ne atste?
What kind of a day is it today?

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

Kwah i:ken tsi io'keren:en.
It's snowing a lot.

Kana'tarakhon:we Karen:na

Iowisto kenh ne atste?
Is it cold now?

Kana'tarokhon:we
Teiotthwe'non:ni
ne se' ni:i kwah wake:ka's

Hen. Iotho:re.
Yes. It's really cold.

Kana'tarokhon:we
Teiotthwe'non:ni
Onkwehon:we ronnon:nis

Wa'tesewisi:ia'ke kenh ?
Did you cross the ice?

Hen, wa'tkewisi:ia'ke.
Yes. Crossed the ice.

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

Iah tha'tewakewisiia:kon.
No. I didn't cross the ice.

**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**

Tehotiiennawakon: Economic Recovery Strategy

**Department of Tehotiiennawakon
Economic Recovery Strategy
February 20, 2013**

At the end of 2011, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne merged three programs into one department. The Economic Development Program, Environment Program and Emergency Measures Program were merged into the Department of Tehotiiennawakon (We will work together). James Ransom serves as the Director of the Department.

Within the Economic Development Program, there is an Economic Development Officer, Christopher Thompson, a Business Support Officer, William Papineau, and a Program Support Officer, Nola Benedict. Cathy Mitchell serves as the Administrative Assistant and is the first point of contact for visitors coming to the office. The core activities of the Economic Development Program focus on providing services to support business development in the community. This includes the operation of the Peace Tree Trade Centre and the Stanley Island cabins. The Economic Development Program also oversees the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund, a \$3.29 million grant program that supports small business development in the community (The renewal of the program was the feature story in the January/February 2013 edition of Onkwe'ta:ke).

Economic Recovery Strategy

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) has developed an Economic Recovery Strategy create an alternative economy that will lead Akwesasne becoming a self sustainable community. The strategy is based on legalizing the tobacco trade within the Territory of Akwesasne that is under the jurisdiction of MCA. It focuses on developing the tourism potential of the St. Lawrence River, building the infrastructure of the community to support business development, and strengthening and enhancing community laws and governance.

In developing its Economic Development Projects, MCA is mindful of the multi-jurisdictional issues that must be navigated as projects move forward. It requires coordination and cooperation with the Federal Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Government of Quebec. A Multi-

Jurisdictional Table between the three external governments and MCA was established for that purpose.

The projects that are being pursued through the Economic Recovery Strategy include:

Tobacco Strategy

MCA and the Government of Ontario have formed a Tobacco Technical Table that is having high level discussions to legalize tobacco trade through Akwesasne. A two-year Pilot Project to create an Akwesasne Tobacco Law and Regulatory Framework was started in late February 2013. Discussions are expected to resume in March with Quebec concerning establishment of a similar table. It is also planned to bring the Federal Government into the discussion as MCA works to address tobacco concerns of the various external jurisdictions.



A view of the low level bridge construction taken from Kawehno:ke

3 Nations Bridge Project

MCA has submitted an application to Ontario's New Relationship Fund for \$50,000 to hire a Special Project Officer with a Construction management background to spearhead efforts to obtain a federal First Nation set aside contract to demolish the 3 Nations Hi-level Bridge. MCA is searching for a construction partner in regards to joint venturing on the bridge demolition. Demolition of the bridge is expected to start in late fall 2013.

Seaway International Bridge Corporation Toll Booth Plaza Relocation

The Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) is planning to locate the Toll Booth Plaza permanently on the canal lands at the end of the new

3 Nations Bridge in Cornwall. The MCA has been advocating to have it relocated to the old CBSA Port of Entry on Kawehno:ke, or at the base of the bridge to the United States because of the serious economic harm to business development on Kawehno:ke from the tolls being charged to visitors to Akwesasne.

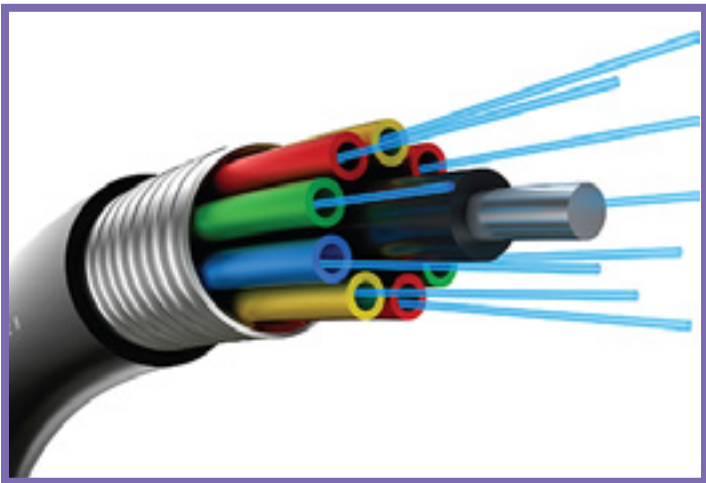
MCA recently received a letter sent by Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bentley to the SIBC urging them to consider Akwesasne's economic interests in making the decision on where to locate the toll booth plaza. MCA has also received a letter from U.S. Congressman Bill Owens urging SIBC to consider Akwesasne's economic interests in making the decision as to where the toll booth plaza will be located. Discussions are expected to continue in the coming months over the toll booth plaza's final location.

Financial Institution in Tsi Snaihne

The District of Tsi Snaihne presently has no financial institutions serving it and it is an issue that MCA is working to address. Economic Development staff undertook a community survey in December 2012 to gauge community support to put a financial institution (bank branch, credit union, etc.) in the Tsi Snaihne District. Over 200 surveys were completed and results are being tabulated. One of the major challenges that will have to be addressed is the shipment of large quantities of money into and out of the district through multiple jurisdictions.

Fiber Optics Broadband Project

Follow-up will be occurring with the province of Quebec regarding their commitment for partial funding for the \$5 million project to design and build a fibre optics broadband network throughout Akwesasne. Discussions will be taking place with the province of Ontario and federal government for matching funds. Its development will require possibly negotiating regulatory requirements within the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the State of New York, and the Canadian and American Federal Governments. Discussions are also taking place with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe for interconnection points between the Tribe's fibre optic broadband network and a future MCA network. MCA is also working with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to put a Point of Presence on Kawehno:ke that will allow for a connection to Cornwall through the new 3 Nations bridge.



MCA hopes to bring Fiber Optics Broadband to Northern Akwesasne

Quebec Link

Efforts will be increased in the coming year to look at the feasibility of building a bridge to connect the Kanatakon (St. Regis) and Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Districts across the St. Regis River. The idea was mentioned in a January 2013 meeting with senior representatives from AECON. Discussions are underway with an area engineering university regarding graduate students possibly doing some volunteer work to further the project along. A feasibility study is presently underway concerning ferry services from Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) which is located in Ontario to Kanatakon (St. Regis) and Tsi Snaihne (Snye) that are located in Quebec.

Casino and Bingo Hall Project

Council will be initiating a Gaming Market assessment concerning a casino and bingo hall project in the community on Hamilton Island. Three bids have been solicited from gaming companies to undertake the work. Council will be funding the study. The Council is interested in working with the province of Ontario on licensing requirements for both a casino and bingo hall.

Hotel and Entertainment Centre Complex

A Transfer Payment Agreement was signed with the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs for \$50,000 for a hotel and entertainment centre complex feasibility study. It is expected that the feasibility study will be completed before the end of this fiscal year. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is interested in working with the province on licensing to hold Mixed Martial Arts events.



Efforts are being made to build a natural gas distribution system

Natural Gas Distribution System Project

A meeting is being scheduled with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to discuss a joint community-wide effort to design and build a natural gas distribution system. It is envisioned that such a system will service the American and Canadian side of the Akwesasne community, including all three districts under the jurisdiction of MCA. Its development will require negotiating regulatory requirements within the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, the State of New York, and the Canadian and American Federal Governments.

Strengthened and Enhanced Community Laws

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has submitted a proposal to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for a two-year project to create an Akwesasne Drinking Water Regulatory Framework. The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has provided a letter of technical support for this project. A similar letter has been requested from the Quebec Ministry of the Environment.

Comprehensive Community Development Plan

Discussions are underway with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding funding for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to develop a Comprehensive Community Development Plan (CCDP). The plan's development is expected to take one year to complete. The Council is also considering undertaking an Economic Leakage Study as part of the CCDP process to examine how much the Akwesasne community is spending in neighboring communities for goods and services. ❖

Peace Tree Trade Centre



The Peace Tree Trade Centre, located on Kawehnoke is an eight unit retail centre that opened its doors in 1993. It has had its ups and downs over the years with various businesses coming and going. The latest challenge for the tenants is the border/bridge situation which has forced retailers to become more creative in attracting new or outside customers. The current tenants are the Bank of Montreal, Akwesasne Economic Development Agency (AEDA), Purple Ribbon Gift Shop, Assembly of First Nations Head Office, and Akwesasne Sports who recently expanded into their neighboring unit. Available for lease at this time is the restaurant unit. It is 2,000 square feet in size and has recently been renovated. If interested, lease applications may be obtained at the Economic Development office located at CIA #3 building on Kawehnoke.

Future plans for the Peace Tree Trade Centre include a 20 year Anniversary Celebration in the fall of 2013. With interest and participation, a Community Outdoor Market/Farmer's Market may become a reality this summer season. Community members interested in this type of market are invited to contact our Economic Development office to discuss.

*To Contact the Economic Development Office
Please call (613)575-2250 Ext. 1053.*

Economic Development: Meet the Staff



Christopher Thompson
Manager/Economic Development Officer

Christopher Thompson is the Manager/Economic Development Officer for the Economic Development Program. He is the son of Connie and Jerry Thompson of Kawehnoke and is married to Shannon Thompson of Owen Sound. He is also the brother of Kelly and Jordan Thompson. Chris has a degree in Psychology from Trent University and has studied Economic Development at the University of Waterloo working towards his designation. He has over 11 years of experience with the Canadian Federal Government in Community Development. The first five years he spent as a Program Officer for Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC) and the last six years as an Economic Development Officer with the Federal Economic Development Agency (FEDDEV). Chris manages the day to day operations of the Economic Development Program, works on various projects and represents MCA on various committees. Chris has an interest in showing community members where they spend their money so look out for an Economic Leakage study in the near future. He promotes spending money at Akwesasne businesses in order to help the local economy grow. When he is not at work, you can find him at local sporting events, pool halls or somewhere in Akwesasne playing tug of war with his big dog, "Hank". Chris can be reached at 613-575-2250, extension #1050.



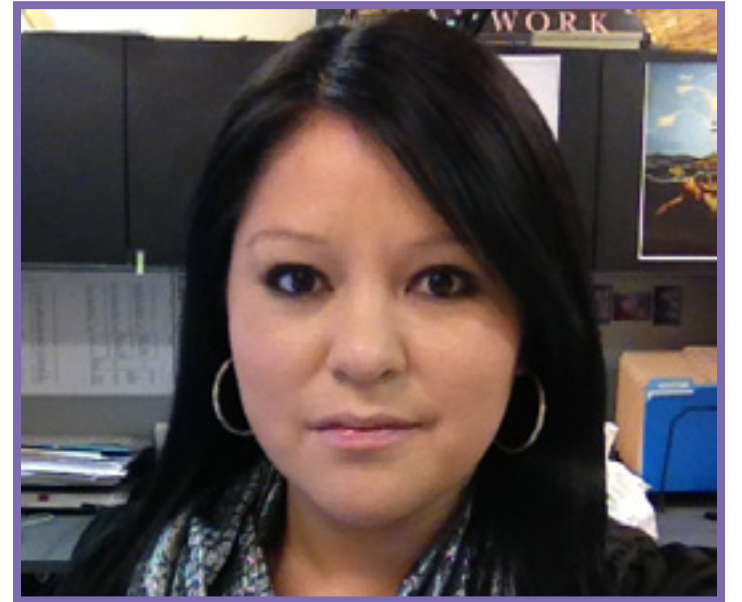
Nola Benedict
Project Development Officer

Nola Benedict is the Project Development Officer for the Economic Development Program. She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Mitchell from Kawehnoke, the daughter of the late Gladys Smoke (Mitchell) from Raquette Point and is married to Keith (Keesee) Benedict of Kawehnoke. Nola has a 3 Year Business Administration Diploma with an Accounting Major from St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, Ontario. She has over 13 years experience working in various programs/departments within Mohawk Council of Akwesasne which has aided her in managing various projects. Some of the projects she is responsible for include the Peace Tree Trade Centre, Stanley Island Cabins, Community Business Workshops and various committees such as Staff Relations Committee, Good Standing Policy Review Committee, Akwesasne Community Workshop Committee and International Job Fair Committee. Nola also has an interest in promoting agriculture within our community so keep your ears open for announcements of related workshops and events. When Nola is not at work she enjoys working on various craft projects and during warm weather being on the boat with her husband. Nola can be reached at 613-575-2250, extension #1052.



William Papineau
Business Services Officer

William Papineau is the Business Services Officer with the Economic Development Program and has over 30 years of experience in various areas of Management, Administration, Economic Development, Business, and Government. William enjoys working in the community and building for the future of the community, which includes his grandchildren. William holds a Bachelor of Science Degree with a double concentration in Management and Marketing from Clarkson College of Technology. William also enjoys modified dirt car racing at Mohawk International Raceway where he helps his son David with his # 188 modified. While at work he manages the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund, Small business grant program, Business registry, Access to territory, and Training Assistance. William is available to assist you with your business ideas. Please telephone for an appointment at 613-575-2250, extension #1054.



Cathy Mitchell
Administrative Assistant

Cathy Mitchell is the Administrative Assistant for the Economic Development Program. She is the daughter of Sharon Mitchell-Ransom and the late Dean Ransom from Tsi Snaihne. Cathy has a Certificate in Office Administration from St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, Ontario. Her previous employment has been in various MCA programs most recently at Operational Support and Executive Services. Cathy assists with the administrative functions of the Economic Development program, their various projects, assists staff and is usually the first person you meet when you come to the Economic Development office. Cathy also lends support to the Director of Tehotienawakon Department. When Cathy is not at work she enjoys baking, playing pool, spending time with her niece and nephews and managing her cat, "Pree's," modeling career. Cathy can be reached at (613) 575-2250, extension #1053.

Fruit and Nut Tree Workshop

- Do you have concerns about food security?
 - Do you want to provide freshly picked, organically grown, local fruit to your family?
- If the answer is yes, then we have a workshop series coming your way!
- The first workshop will be: *Fruit and Nut Trees: How to grow and care for them*
- Lunch will be provided.

Kana:takon Recreation Center
Saturday, March 16, 2013 11am until 2pm
Guest Speaker: Bill MacKentley from St. Lawrence Nurseries.
Only the first 20 registrants to pay a \$20 fee will be accepted and that guarantees them 2 apple trees for Spring Planting.
Contact: 613-575-2250 Ext 1038, 1040, or 3242

Update: The Entewatatha:wi Process

On behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Entewatatha:wi Program, I am pleased to provide you with this update on our MCA Jurisdictional Process.

In 1999 the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne entered into this process of Nation Building, now known as the "Entewatatha:wi Process". This process is to negotiate new arrangements with Canada to create a government to government relationship and provide formal recognition of expanded jurisdiction for Akwesasne over our people, lands and resources.

The Akwesasne negotiation team is comprised of working groups: Wendy Adams, Coordinator; Angie Barnes, Senior Negotiator; Shara Francis-Herne, Jr. Policy Analyst; MCA Portfolio Chief, Louise Thompson; MCA Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte and Assistant Executive Director Donna Roundpoint; Joyce King, Director of Justice; Leona Delormier, Office of Vital Statistics; Micha Menczer, Legal Counsel and Akwesasne Elders Bernice Lazore and Patricia Benedict.

The objective of these negotiations is to look at the Indian Act, as it applies to Akwesasne and retain those parts that are beneficial and protect the rights of Akwesasronon and to replace those parts of the Indian Act that do not meet Akwesasne's modern needs with Akwesasne's control and lawmaking power. Please keep in mind, this piece of legislation, the Indian Act was imposed onto Indians in 1876, with no consultation. After nearly 137 years, we have come to the conclusion that this Indian Act needs to be looked at in light of our current and future needs keeping helpful parts and replacing outdated sections with our own authority.

This Entewatatha:wi Process is all about the establishment of our own system of government: the laws, regulations, policies, practices and institutions we live under. It may sound simple to set out our own system but the process is actually quite complex in that great care must be taken to ensure that due process, fairness, equity, accountability, transparency and openness are all built into the system. In addition, there is a requirement to negotiate and conclude agreements with external jurisdictions to cover areas including the range of jurisdiction we are undertaking, reciprocity, funding, access and so forth. The volume of work and research that is required is enormous, but gains we



Wendy Adams, Coordinator, Entewatatha:wi can make on behalf of the people of Akwesasne are more so. At the conclusion of this Entewatatha:wi Process, if accepted by the community, the people of Akwesasne will have a system of governance that has been designed by us and is completely our own. Under the existing regime, we are subjected to a variety of laws from external governments. For example, if a person is stopped for speeding in Akwesasne they would, depending on where they were speeding, be subject to the laws of Ontario or Quebec. The matter would be handled in a Provincial Court with the original infraction being a breach of external law. Any fine payable would be to an external Receiver General with no guarantee that fine money would be returned to Akwesasne. Under this Entewatatha:wi Process, if we had a Final Governance and Lands Sectoral Agreements with the external jurisdictions, the matter would be handled in Mohawk Court as a case of a breach of Akwesasne Law, essentially an infraction against one of the laws of Akwesasne as set out by the people of Akwesasne.

However, in order to get to the point of fully exercising our jurisdiction the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne must complete a process that involves several steps. For the past several years, MCA has prepared our community by building upon professional staff and the technical systems in order to sustain this Entewatatha:wi Process. Research has been done to see what other similar processes aboriginal people have negotiated. Community Consultation, being one of the major important concepts, is on-going, in order to make sure that we are following the community determined mandate.

On March 27, 2012, Grand Chief and Council accepted by Mohawk Council Resolution the two agreements and authorized the Grand Chief to sign the agreements and begin Final Agreement negotiations. On May 30, 2012, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Canada reached a milestone in this process by initialing both Agreements in Principle. Once these agreements have been accepted by Cabinet, the Federal negotiation team would then be given a mandate to negotiate Final Agreements with Akwesasne for Governance and Lands & Estates.

Once a proposed Final Agreement has been negotiated with Canada it will be presented to Akwesasne's membership for ratification. *No change can be made unless the membership approves the Final Agreement through a vote or other community approval process.* It is anticipated that Final Agreement negotiations will take a further two years and throughout that time the community information activities will continue.

It is important that community members understand the process and that no change in the present legal arrangements will be made without the clear approval of Akwesasne members.

To accomplish this, the MCA Entewatatha:wi Program has (over the past few years) distributed pamphlets to community members, hosted information meetings both in family and District meetings, prepared videos on the process and appeared on CKON radio shows to inform the community and answer questions.

We will continue and expand these initiatives to provide Akwesasronon with information so that they have a better understanding of the intent and purpose of the Final Agreement negotiations.

Part of our work is also to create a comprehensive Governance Code consolidating matters such as the Election Law, conflict of interest rules, law enactment procedures, financial management and other governance rules currently found in different Akwesasne laws and regulations and to address additional matters such as access to information, appeal and review mechanisms and others that are required to function as a modern government. Much of the groundwork has already been done in the governance structure and procedures area and we seek to put this together in a Governance Code and fill areas in response to member needs.

Negotiation of a Final Agreement on governance will provide clear formal recognition by Canada of

Akwesasne's governance institutions and address the relationship of Akwesasne's and Canada's laws.

Related to the Final Governance and Relationship Agreement is a Lands and Estates Final Agreement which will be negotiated at the same time. A Final Agreement on Lands and Estates will ensure that Akwesasne's lands and resources are managed under laws made by the community and disputes in Lands and Estates are resolved through community processes, while ensuring that Canada remains responsible for any past mismanagement of Akwesasne lands or estates. Community meetings and information material will be provided to make sure Akwesasronon are informed about this aspect of the Entewatatha:wi Process. The Lands and Estates Final Agreement will also have to be ratified by Akwesasronon before it can be effective and legally in force.

On January 31, 2012, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes a framework for estate administration. This agreement sets out the rules for a new government-to-government working relationship to streamline estate administration in Akwesasne. The intent of this process is to review Akwesasne Estate files here at MCA, rather than files being reviewed in Brantford, Ontario. The MOU provides a framework for: establishing a relationship between the Department and MCA in respect of estate administration; enabling the MCA to implement traditional practices with respect to the conduct of its Members and Registered Non-Member residents in estate administration; and transferring a greater degree of responsibility to the MCA with respect to estate administration. To date, this process has served to be successful to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Estate files have been reviewed and almost 12 files have been closed over the course of one year under this new process.

Finally, the community needs to be aware that Canada is proposing several new laws such as Water/Wastewater legislations and Matrimonial Real Property laws that will impact First Nations, Akwesasne included. Part of the objective of Nation Building is to shield Akwesasne from certain aspects of these laws (bills) that are not beneficial to Akwesasne and give recognition for Akwesasne laws on these matters. For the past few months or so there has been a lot of debate and discussion on Bill

C-45, not only across the country but throughout the world.

On December 14, 2012, the Federal Government of Canada passed the Jobs and Growth Act, also known as Bill C-45, through Senate. Bill C-45 is a 437-page omnibus bill that would affect or make comprehensive changes to numerous pieces of legislature including, but not limited to: the Indian Act, the Fisheries Act, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, the Navigable Water Act and Canada Labour Code.

Bill C-45: Jobs and Growth Act and Bill C-38: Jobs, Growth and Long-term Prosperity Act, contain provisions to implement the 2012 Federal Budget and contain changes to over 90 federal laws. These changes were introduced without consultation with First Nations and rushed through Parliament with limited opportunity for review and engagement.

Successful conclusion of a Final Agreement and its approval by Akwesasronon can serve to reduce the impact of some aspects of the proposed

federal legislation as allowances are made for self-governing First Nations and in many examples (Water /Wastewater legislation, Matrimonial Property legislation, Bill C-45 amendments of the Indian Act land leasing etc.) the federal legislation will not apply if Akwesasne successfully completes Final Agreement negotiations on Governance and Lands and Estates and Akwesasronon approve the Agreements leading to passage of Akwesasne Laws on the matters otherwise prescribed in the new federal legislation.

As will be clear to those looking at the Entewatatha:wi Program, the Agreements in Principle that have been negotiated to date and the work plan to conclude Final Agreements for ratification by Akwesasne members, have the intent to better serve the interests of all Akwesasronon through gaining greater recognition of our jurisdiction and authority over our lands and resources and shielding us from further imposition of new federal laws that do not meet our needs or interests. ❖

Kidney Awareness Month

How do Kidneys work?

Inside each kidney there are more than one million tiny units called nephrons. Each nephron is made up of a very small filter called a glomerulus, which is attached to a tubule. Water and waste products are separated from the blood by the filters and flow into the tubules. Much of this water is reabsorbed by the tubules and the wastes are concentrated into urine.

The urine is collected from the tubules in a funnel-like renal pelvis and then flows through a tube called the ureter into the bladder. The bladder stores urine until you urinate. Urine passes out of the body through a tube called the urethra. The kidney normally makes one to two litres of urine every day depending on how much you drink.

The normal kidney has the ability to greatly increase its workload. If one kidney is lost, the other kidney can enlarge and do the work of two.

Why are Kidneys so Important?

Your kidneys are important because they do three essential things:

Kidneys regulate water

For your body to work properly, it must contain just the right amount of water. One of the important jobs of the kidneys is to remove excess water

from the body or to retain water when the body needs more.

Kidneys remove wastes

Many of the substances in the blood and body fluid must be kept at the correct level for the body

to function properly. When the kidneys are working properly, excess minerals, such as sodium and potassium, are excreted from the body in the urine. The kidneys also help to regulate the levels of other minerals, such as calcium and phosphate, which are important for the formation of bone.

Normal Blood Value Ranges

Wastes, such as urea and creatinine, must also be removed from the body. Urea and other wastes are made when the body breaks down protein, such as meat. Creatinine is a waste product of the muscles. As kidney function decreases, the levels of urea and creatinine in the blood increase. Many waste products are toxic (poisonous) if they are not removed from the body fluids. For example, when certain drugs are taken, chemical wastes are produced which must be removed from the body by the kidneys.

The amount of each substance in the blood can be measured in several ways: for example, millimoles (mmol), micromols (µmol) or grams per litre of blood (g/L). The numbers in the table show the range of the normal levels of various substances in the blood of a healthy person.

Kidneys produce hormones

Urea	1.8 - 8.2 mmol/L
Potassium	3.5 - 5.0 mmol/L
Phosphate	0.8 - 1.4 mmol/L
Calcium	2.0 - 2.6 mmol/L
Creatinine	60 - 110 µmol/L (females) 70 - 120 µmol/L (males)
Hemoglobin	120 - 140 g/L (females) 140 - 160 g/L (males)
GFR*	90 - 120 ml/min (1.5 - 2.0 ml/sec)

*The GFR, or glomerular filtration rate, is a blood-related lab test. It provides a useful measure of kidney function. Sometimes it is called the eGFR or estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Normal kidneys also make important chemical messengers called hormones. These hormones circulate in the bloodstream and regulate some body functions such as blood pressure, the making of red blood cells, and the uptake of calcium from the intestine.

Warning Signs

Kidney disease usually progresses silently, often

destroying most of the kidney function before causing any symptoms. Therefore, people at risk of developing kidney disease should be evaluated regularly. These people include those with diabetes, high blood pressure or blood vessel diseases, and close relatives of people with hereditary kidney disease.

Sometimes even people with serious kidney disease may not have any symptoms. That is why a blood or urine test may be necessary to check for kidney problems. However, the signs and symptoms listed below may indicate kidney disease and if they are present, a medical assessment to check out the kidneys would be advisable.

Signs and Symptoms That May Indicate Kidney Disease

- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Puffiness of the eyes, hands and feet
- Passage of bloody, cloudy or tea-coloured urine
- Presence of protein in the urine (uremia)
- Excessive foaming of the urine
- Frequent passing of urine during the night
- Passing less urine or difficulty passing urine
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite or weight
- Persistent generalized itching

Risk Factors

Kidney disease usually progresses silently, often destroying most of the kidney function before causing any symptoms. Therefore, people at risk of developing kidney disease should be evaluated regularly. These people include those with diabetes, high blood pressure or blood vessel diseases, and close relatives of people with hereditary kidney disease.

Members of certain ethnic groups are also at high risk because of the greater incidence of diabetes and high blood pressure. These include people of Aboriginal, Asian, south Asian, Pacific Island, African/Caribbean and Hispanic origin.

You may develop kidney disease even if you do not fall into one of these groups. Recent estimates suggest that as many as two million Canadians have chronic kidney disease (CKD) or are at risk for it—most are unaware of it.

If you are over the age of 50 or fall into any of the aforementioned risk categories ask your doctor for a blood test. One simple test will indicate what is your estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) or kidney function level. ❖

Mohawks and Russians Share Stories of Cultural Preservation, Threat of Language Loss, and Being Indigenous

On February 14, 2013, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chiefs Brian David and Steve Thomas joined the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council in welcoming special guests to the community. A group of men and women representing indigenous people of Russia (Far East Russia, Siberia) travelled to North America to share stories and culture with First Nations/Native American people.

While First Nations people in Canada and the United States are struggling to preserve their language and culture amidst a rapidly changing world and society, they are not alone. Indigenous people all over the world face similar struggles and barriers. The Russian delegation shared their personal stories of government influence, threat of extinction in smaller Indigenous communities, and the need to preserve Indigenous languages, among many other issues. The Mohawks who met the group were interested in discovering similarities in their struggles.

“Through their interpreter we found out where each of the delegates hailed from and what their individual roles were for their region and people,” said Chief Thomas. “They were very interested in how we secured the right from the government to manage our affairs, including the taking over of various government services and having our people run them. The dissolution of the Communist regime



Chief Brian David of MCA and Alexander Gavrilievich Grigorev of the Association of the Indigenous Nomadic Clans meet and exchange admiration for each other's traditional attire.

really hit them hard, as there was no recovery plan with the government on Indigenous trade.”

Russia, like North America, has multiple Indigenous groups and the threat of culture loss varies in urgency among them. Some languages have many thousands of speakers while others have just a few hundred.

The group's visit to North America was organized through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, and the Russian delegation travelled to Washington, New Mexico and New York to meet with various Indigenous people. In Akwesasne, the SRMT's staff and Council escorted them over a two-day period to places such as the Akwesasne Freedom School and Akwesasne Library. They showed great interest in Mohawk language and culture. During one of their final activities, the guests sat with SRMT and MCA chiefs exchanging stories and culture. One by one the Russian guests explained where they worked and lived, who they represented, and what challenges their individual communities face. Some face a lack of ancestral lands to live on others are losing their hunting and fishing rights, while others fear their language will cease to exist if something isn't done to preserve it.



The delegation was given traditional Mohawk baskets as tokens of friendship.



Tribal Chiefs Paul Thompson, Randy Hart and Ron LaFrance, Tribal Sub-Chief Eric Thompson, and MCA Chiefs Steve Thomas and Brian David, enjoyed their visit with the Indigenous Russian delegation. The guests were: Alexander Gavrilievich Grigorev, Liubov Vladimirovna Passar, Evgeniia Gennadyevna Tynetegina, Olga Yurievna Khuriun, Fedor Sergeevich Mygun, and Aleksei Victorovich Kudravtcev. Also pictured is David Staddon, SRMT Director of Public Information.

Thesimilaritiesbetween theRussiansandMohawks were hard to miss as they shared stories of the changing world.

The guests were happy to share some of their traditional songs and dance, performing for Akwesasne leadership in the SRMT's boardroom. Tribal chiefs Ron LaFrance and Eric Thompson reciprocated by singing the traditional Stomp Dance. “It was a pleasant experience to speak with them and share information about our culture and heritage,” Chief Thomas said.

Chief David added, “I would like to firstly thank the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe for the opportunity to be part of the receiving delegation which included my colleague Chief Steve Thomas. It was an honour to sit down with the indigenous people from Russia and I think this diplomatic exercise opens the door to future discussions on topics that may be mutually beneficial. The Russian delegation invited us to their communities to carry on a higher-level discussion on possible trade opportunity and the Council is currently looking at this prospect favourably.”



The delegation, with their two translators, had a very good meeting with Akwesasne chiefs, sharing history and culture and learning what struggles Indigenous people worldwide share.



During their visit with Tribal and MCA chiefs, the Russian visitors shared components of their culture including song and dance. Tribal chiefs reciprocated by singing the Stomp Dance.

MCA Represented at Iroquois Caucus Meeting

On February 4th, 5th, & 6th Chiefs from the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, along with the Government Support Manager, traveled to the Oneida of the Thames territory in London Ontario, for the purpose of attending the quarterly Iroquois Caucus two (2) day meeting. Chief Brian David, and Chief William Sunday attended the session, as representatives of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. The Government Support Manager, W. James Bay, was brought along with the Chiefs, as a technician, for the purpose of providing administrative and technical support to the Caucus meeting, on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. In recent weeks, the Iroquois Caucus had lost both of the technicians (coordinators) that provided administrative support for its agenda development, communications, sessions facilitation, financial and administrative support. The Iroquois Caucus is comprised of representatives from each of the seven (7) First Nations Iroquois communities, including Kahnawa:ke, Kanehsata:ke, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Wahta, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Oneidas of the Thames. The mission of the Iroquois Caucus is "to present a unified voice on common issues to protect and enhance the rights, language, culture, lands, environment and resources for the benefit of our people."

The agenda for the two (2) day meeting included day one (1) discussion on "re-focusing" the Iroquois Caucus, and included a review of their mandate, the role of the Caucus Chiefs, coordinator positions status and responsibilities, and the identification of a contact person from each Iroquois community that would be responsible for follow-ups. Within this discussion, the Caucus reviewed its terms of reference document, a position paper drafted by

Russell Diabo from November 9, 2012 entitled "Harper Launches Major First Nations Termination Plan: As Negotiating Tables Legitimize Canada's Colonialism." A significant outcome of the discussion by the Caucus on these various topics was the identification of the need for direct communication and consultation between the Iroquois Caucus and the Prime Minister in the future, via a possible meeting. The Caucus decided that a position paper would need to be drafted, on behalf of the Caucus, addressed to the Prime Minister. The MCA Government Support Manager utilized the material handouts at the Caucus session to draft an initial position paper that could be shared among the various Caucus communities, for their review, input and modification in working toward a finalized, future document that would be sent to the attention of the Prime Minister.

Discussion on day one (1) also included a review of the recent AFN/Prime Minister meeting and discussion on the Caucus position on the subject, a review and discussion on Nation Building, and on the Bill C-45 legislation. Day two (2) of the Iroquois Caucus focused on discussion among the Caucus Chiefs on Matrimonial Real Property Law impacts on Iroquois communities, and the role of the Iroquois Tribunal. A presentation by Kahente Horn-Miller, of Kahnawake, on the "Community Decision Making Process" utilized by Kahnawake was provided in the early afternoon. The Caucus ended its discussions on day two (2) with review and discussion on CRA/ Taxation, Free Trade Agreements, Border Crossing, and a future Nation Building Workshop. The next meeting of the Iroquois Caucus was determined to be for May 2nd and 3rd 2013, in Tyendinaga. ❖

Support a Drug Free Community!



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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

Portrait Viewing at Library Archives Canada

On January 31, 2013 Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) travelled to Gatineau, QC to visit the Library Archives Canada (LAC) storage facility for a guided tour of their storage vaults. Also accompanying ARRO was Doug Cuthand, Plains Cree from Saskatchewan as well as a Producer from Blue Hill Production who is working on a documentary of the Four Kings.

Led by LAC Archivist Shane McCord, ARRO was able to get an up close view of the portraits "Four Indian Kings", which were painted in 1710 by court painter Jan Verelst to commemorate a diplomatic visit from the Iroquois Confederacy to England that same year.

This delegation of Mohawk and Mahican Chiefs travelled to the Court of Queen Anne in London to solidify an alliance and garner British support against competing French interests. These portraits serve as a record of early cultural and political diplomacy between the Haudenosaunee and the British demonstrating both discourse and negotiation.

Painted as European nobility, each "King" is depicted with a red cloak, a gift from Queen Anne upon their arrival, as well as their respective clan within an imagined landscape of North America. The original framework is elaborately decorated in gold leaf with intricate carvings along the border. These oil paintings represent some of the earliest known surviving live portraits of First Nations people and hung in Kensington Palace until Queen Elizabeth II made a gift of them to the LAC in 1977, personally unveiling them in Ottawa as a gift to the Canadian public.



ARRO staff members Curtis Lazore, Cheavee Willie, Rasennes Pembleton, Dwight Bero Jr. and Sheila Oakes view one of four portraits, "Four Indian Kings", at Library Archives Canada.

Housed in an art conservation laboratory specific to preserving and restoring original artwork, these paintings are currently being prepped by Mary Hough, Head Conservator of Paintings for the Art and Photography Section of Library Archives Canada, for travel to Bonn, Germany as a featured part of the exhibit, "On the Trails of the Iroquois".

ARRO was also allowed access to the secure storage vault housing original paintings in a climate controlled environment. Paintings acquired by the LAC are all required to represent Canadian history or cultural relevance. Such artwork includes paintings created for diplomatic reasons, such as a portrait of a Premier or depictions of treaty negotiations, stamp designs, important artist portfolios, early landscapes and also a collection of globes dating back to the 17th century. The last visit was to the secure vault housing the picture records, including rare and early images of photography. ❖



Four Mohawk Kings painted by Jan Verelst, 1710. From left to right: Etow Oh Koam, Sa Ga Yeath Qua Pieth Tow, Ho Nee Yeath Taw No Row and Tee Yee Ho Ga Row.

Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education



PUBLIC / IN-CAMERA SESSION

Enniskowa/March 6, 2013

Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk School

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

The first 30 minutes of all Public/In-Camera Sessions is open for community members to voice concerns and/or recommendations regarding the education system.

The Ahkwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education holds public and special meetings of the Board to make decisions in the best interest of all children. Should you wish to speak before the Board, please contact the AMBE Office at 613-933-0409.

Public/In-Camera Sessions are held the first Wednesday of the month.

****Meetings are subject to change.****

Your Board members for school year 2012-2013 are as follows:

Kanatakon District

Connie Hall
Cecelia King

Kawehnoke District

Tasha Thompson, Co-Chair
Laura Morris

Tsi Snaihne District

Theresa Thompson, Chair
Darlene Adams

MCA Portfolio-Holders

Co-Chairs—Chief Abram Benedict, Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Chief Joe Lazore

General—Chief Florence Phillips, Chief Joanne Jocko, Chief Karen Loran, Chief Brian David

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



The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System
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SEAWAY NOTICE NO. 1 - 2013

Opening of the 2013 Navigation Season and Maximum Allowable Drafts

The opening of the 2013 navigation season is scheduled to take place on the following dates and times:

- Montreal / Lake Ontario March 22, 2013 - 0800 hours (D.S.T.)
- Welland Canal March 22, 2013 - 0800 hours (D.S.T.)

Vessel transits will be subject to weather and ice conditions. Restrictions may apply in some areas until lighted navigation aids have been installed.

Sault Ste. Marie Locks and Canals

United States Soo Locks will open March 25.

Allowable Draft

In the **Montreal / Lake Ontario Section**, the draft will be **80.0 dm (26' 3")** until the South Shore Canal is ice-free or April 15th, whichever occurs first, at which time, if water levels are favorable, the draft will be increased to **80.8 dm (26' 6")** for all vessels. In addition, there will be **zero tolerance** for ship's draft in excess of 80.8 dm (26' 6").

Mariners are reminded that for ships loaded to a draft greater than 80.0 dm (26' 3"), speeds will be monitored carefully between St. Lambert Lock and St. Nicolas Island.

In the **Welland Canal**, a maximum allowable draft of **80.8 dm (26' 6")** will be in effect from the start of the navigation season for all vessels. In addition, there will be **zero tolerance** for vessel drafts in excess of 80.8 dm (26' 6").

Please note that, for vessels loaded to a draft greater than 80.0 dm (26' 3"), speeds will be monitored carefully between the upper entrance to Lock 7 and former Bridge 12 in order to reduce bank erosion in this area.

February 15, 2013

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Hazard Help Sheet

Fire Extinguisher Safety



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 for years, collecting dust, it could end up saving your property and even your life.

In this Hazard Help Sheet, you'll understand:

1. Three elements of a fire;
2. Removing elements of a fire;
3. Fire extinguisher design;
4. Types of fire extinguishers; and
5. Operating a fire extinguisher.

Fire is the result of a **chemical combustion reaction**, typically a reaction between **oxygen** in the atmosphere and some sort of **fuel** (ex. wood or gasoline). Of course, wood and gasoline don't spontaneously catch on fire just because they're surrounded by oxygen.

For the combustion reaction to take place, the fuel has to be heated to its ignition temperature. An **ignition temperature** is the minimum temperature at which a substance will ignite.

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.



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

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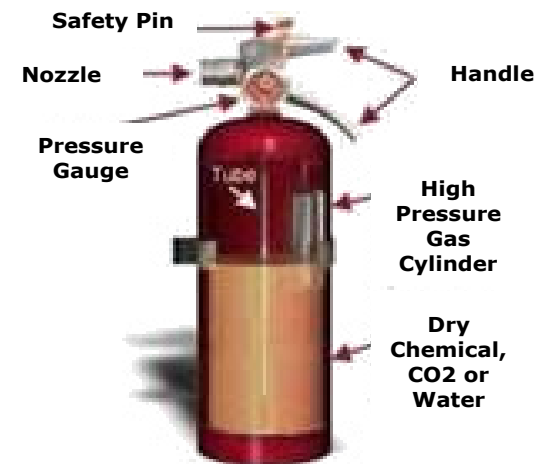
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FIRE EXTINGUISHER DESIGN

Fire extinguishers are sturdy metal cylinders filled with water or a smothering material. When you depress a lever at the top of the cylinder, the material is expelled by high pressure, similar to the way material is forced out of an aerosol can. The diagram below shows a typical design.



TYPES OF EXTINGUISHERS

Water is the most familiar extinguishing material and it is one of the most effective. But it can be dangerous in the wrong situation.

Water extinguisher—can put out things like burning wood, paper or cardboard, but it does not work well on electrical fires or fires involving inflammable liquids. In an electrical fire, the water may conduct the current, which can electrocute you. Water will only spread out an inflammable liquid, which will most likely make the fire worse.

Carbon dioxide extinguisher— the carbon dioxide is kept in pressurized liquid form in the cylinder. When the container is opened, the carbon dioxide expands to form a gas in the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide gas is heavier than oxygen, so it displaces the oxygen surrounding the burning fuel. This sort of fire extinguisher is common in restaurants because it won't contaminate the cooking equipment or food.

Dry chemical extinguisher— has foam or powder, typically made of sodium bicarbonate (normal baking soda), potassium bicarbonate (nearly identical to baking soda), or monoammonium phosphate. Baking soda starts to decompose at only 158 degrees Fahrenheit (70 degrees Celsius), and when it decomposes, it releases carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide, along with the insulation of the foam, works to smother the fire.

Most fire extinguishers contain a fairly small amount of fire-suppressant material that you can use it all up in a matter of seconds. For this reason, extinguishers are only effective on relatively small, contained fires. To put out a larger fire, you need much bigger equipment (ex. fire engine) and the professionals who know how to use it. But for the dangerous flames that can pop up in your house, a fire extinguisher is an invaluable lifesaver.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
www.howstuffworks.com

Recent MCA Job Postings

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne posted and/or filled the following positions recently.

Policy Writer, Human Resources Office
Full Time Term Position (3 years - 2016)
Salary: Pay Band-08 \$47,931.34-\$59,010.51
Closing Date: February 28, 2013

Medical Transportation Coordinator
Full Time Term Position (possibility of permanency)
Salary: Pay Band-03 \$28,708.12-\$35,344.01
Closing Date: March 7, 2013

Assistant Director Community and Social Services, Department of Community and Social Services
Permanent Full Time Position
Salary: Pay Band 10 \$62,557.51-\$77,017.61
Closing Date: March 7, 2013



Clerk/Receptionist, Diabetes Strategy/Community Health Program
Permanent Full Time Position
Salary: Pay Band 3 \$28,708.12-\$35,344.01
Closing Date: March 7, 2013

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

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

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808

March 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUN.
PLEASE TAKE NOTE* *DR YOUNG WILL BE ON VACATION March 20th-April 1st.	*REMINDER* DR. YOUNG'S CLINICS HAVE A 40 PT LIMIT		JOELLE REGNIER'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT	1 WOMANS CLINIC DR V UDOEYOP 10 am- 3pm BY APPT	2 JOELLE REGNIER WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm	3
4 DR. TREMBLAY WALK-IN 8-11 am JOELLE REGNIER, NP 1pm – 4 pm BY APPT	5 DR. YOUNG WALK -IN 8:30-11:30	6 DR. YOUNG 8:30-11:30 WALK-IN JOELLE REGNIER, NP 5pm – 8 pm WALK-IN	7 JOELLE REGNIER 1 pm -4 pm BY APPT 5pm-8pm WALK-IN	8 WOMANS CLINIC DR V UDOEYOP 10 am- 3pm BY APPT	9 JOELLE REGNIER WALK -IN 8 am – 12 pm 1pm-4pm BY APPT.	10
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AMBE MARCH BREAK CAMP

MARCH 12TH-14TH DESCRIPTION

ALL AMBE STUDENTS

FREE

CONTACT YOUR PRINCIPAL TO REGISTER

The Aboriginal Ignite camp will support the advancement of Aboriginal people through education and access to commerce. This three day program will focus on the building blocks of technology, innovation and creativity including modules pertaining to robotics, engineering, media, etc. The ultimate goal is to support and enhance post-secondary and career choices for the Aboriginal student population.

Transportation and Meals provided

SUPPORTERS AND PRESENTERS:

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Enniskó:wa / MARCH

Awentatokehti:ke / Sunday	Awentatawen'ke / Monday	Ratironhia'kekronon:ke / Tuesday	Soséhne / Wednesday	Oharistiiahne / Thursday	Ronwaia'tanentaktanhne / Friday	Entakta / Saturday
School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm After-School Program Hours: 2:45 - 5:30 pm All schools are "Allergy Aware"		It is essential that your child's school has the most up-to-date information (telephone numbers - both home and work, address changes, etc.). Please inform the school immediately of any changes.			1	2
3	4	5	6 Public / In-Camera Session 6 pm @ Ahkwasasne Mohawk School	7	8 Aterá:shwa Aonhní:sera / Lucky Charm DAY	9
10  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Turn Clocks Ahead / Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms	11	12	13	14	15	16
Enniskó:wa Entewatoríshen / March Break						
17 Shakotineniós'ks Raotihní:sera / 	18	19	20 Kakwítshne Wakiokenhnón:ti / First Day of 	21	22	23  8:30 - 9:30 pm Turn your lights off for one hour to take a stand against climate change.
24 31  NAT'L ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES DAY	25	26	27 Kanién'kóha Awenhní:sera / MOHAWK LANGUAGE DAY COMMUNITY EVENT 6 pm @ KS	28	29  WENTANÓ:RON / HOLIDAY	30
AMBE Office: 613-933-0409 Ahkwasasne Mohawk School: 613-932-3366 Kana:takon School: 613-575-2323 Tsi Snaihne School: 613-575-2291						

Akwesasne Winter Carnival 2013

MCA vs Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



Every year during the Akwesasne Winter Carnival, employees of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne challenge the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's employees in broomball and tug-o-war. The friendly (but at times competitive!) competition has become a tradition employees look forward to.

This year, after much slipping and sliding in the Saint Regis Recreation's melting rink, MCA came out ahead of the SRMT in broomball, earning broomball bragging rights for the year. However, the SRMT quickly earned their own bragging rights when they won the tug-o-war against MCA.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Administration Building #1

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

Administration Building #2

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

CIA Building #3

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

Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Home Care/Support	Ext. 1069	Office of Vital Statistics	Ext. 1013
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Akwesasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2189	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2203	Iakhihsohtha	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinisten:ha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3214	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110		
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	OUTSIDE FACILITIES	
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 1055	Mohawk Security Services	932-5183
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340	Roads Garage	938-5476
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100	St. Regis Child Care	575-1915
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		