



Alternative Measures Proposed for Border Crossing

On March 20th, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell and Intergovernmental Liaison Officer Brendan White traveled to Washington, DC for a meeting with U.S. Congressman Bill Owens. The meeting was part of ongoing efforts to voice the concerns of Akwesasne residents on issues surrounding the Three Nations Bridge Crossing.

A main concern that was shared with Congressman Owens is the need for a more facilitated crossing for all border travelers, particularly for local residents, and its impact on our local economies. It was noted that the Canada Border Service Agency's (CBSA) reporting requirement and the need for a uniform secure border identification card have resulted in traffic congestion on the bridge that has deterred shoppers from using the bridge crossing.

At a Homeland Security forum held at Clarkson University on April 5th, themed "Beyond the Border Action Plan and Regulatory Council", Congressman Owens and other senior-level government officials stated that they wanted to see the backup of traffic on the bridge resolved, so that everyone could enjoy more consistent trade and commerce between the two countries. For Akwesasne residents, this includes the ability to travel directly to Kawehnoke from other areas of our community.

At that forum, it was noted that residents of Akwesasne comprise approximately 75 percent of travelers that utilize the border crossing and are required to comply with the Canada Border Service Agency's requirement to report in Cornwall before going home on Cornwall Island. Anyone coming from the southern-side of Akwesasne also has to report in Cornwall. This has resulted in traffic congestion on the bridge and has placed a hardship on local economies, including Massena and Cornwall.

Another concern shared with Congressman Owens was the Seaway International Bridge Corporation's decision to permanently relocate its tollbooth operation from the island to Cornwall and the CBSA's



Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell meets with Congressman Bill Owens at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

recent policy of requiring border identification that declares American or Canadian Citizenship. It was noted that discussions have been taking place with the Port Director for the Massena Port-of-Entry on development of a border identification card that would fulfill the requirements of the NEXUS system and respect the unique needs of Akwesasne Mohawks.

From that discussion, on April 11th Congressman Owens submitted a letter to the Acting-Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection inquiring on the status of a NEXUS-type border identification

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

Onerahtohkò:wa/May 2013

She:kon,

I hope that this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke finds you in good spirits and that you've had the opportunity to enjoy the spring weather that's finally arrived. The warm season is now upon us and we at Mohawk Council have important issues to resolve and there is hard work ahead.

Today, we find ourselves standing at a window of opportunity to resolve some of the challenging border crossing issues we as Akwesasne residents face. Many changes are coming and it is vital for us to remain focused and driven in order to see our plans and goals accomplished.

By early next year, a new bridge to Cornwall will be open to traffic. This means that the Canada Border Services Agency will need to relocate their port of entry from its temporary location in Cornwall's traffic circle. Likewise, the Federal Bridge Corporation will have to relocate its tollbooth. Recently, the Mohawk Security program ended and therefore, the old CBSA port on Kawehno:ke is entirely abandoned and unused. Last month, CBSA implemented a new policy of requiring ID from every person entering Canada.

All of these developments combined make it necessary for us to act quickly and effectively. We have the opportunity now, today, to change our present situation for the better. We can work together with other organizations and agencies to come up with joint ventures that move us all in the same positive direction. We have proposed solutions and we have the support of our neighbors and American government officials. We just need Canadian government agencies to come on board. Many meetings have already taken place related to these issues and there are many more planned in the immediate future.

There are three proposals we are currently pushing forward. The first is to establish alternative reporting for Akwesasronon travelling to Kawehno:ke who back up the traffic and wait times at the CBSA port of entry in Cornwall only to turn around and return to Kawehno:ke. If we can agree upon a legitimate, valid and fair mechanism for our residents to report on Kawehno:ke – either through a card-swiping machine, phone or video call-ins, or other reasonable means – it would free up the Three Nations Bridge Crossing for more important traffic. Our friends in Cornwall and Massena are of the same opinion that lengthy border wait times – primarily caused by Akwesasne residents simply trying to go home to Kawehno:ke - are having an immediate and detrimental impact on the local economies. Akwesasne residents



make up 75 percent of traffic at this border crossing. Get our people off the bridge and you free up the corridor for everyone to travel back and forth to each other's communities.

The second is to establish a secure identification card that meets the security requirements of the U.S. and Canada. Once again, U.S. officials are in support of Akwesasne having a unique card that maintains our sovereignty while also meeting the needs of our neighbors to keep the border secure. We feel this is a very feasible idea that should have the support of all parties involved.

Finally, a proposal has been given to Canadian officials regarding the abandoned port on Kawehno:ke. Last month, I delivered a letter to government officials requesting that the old building be turned over to MCA, in a lease or sale, so that we can use it for our own purposes. The building is ideal for a police substation, and some security officers could be hired to protect the building and Three Nations Bridge corridor. This proposal was met with great interest and optimism in a meeting with Public Works officials, as no alternative plans have been made for the building.

We want to assure community members that there is a great amount of work taking place on a daily basis at MCA to address all of these issues and to do whatever's possible to improve the daily lives of our residents.

Our May MCA General Meeting is going to be held in late May, rather at the beginning of the month, so that the result of meetings we have scheduled in the coming weeks can be shared with community members.

In this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke you will find many interesting articles which are directly reflective of the border crossing challenges currently before us. We encourage you to attend our meetings, read our newsletter, "like" our Facebook page and be informed and up to date.

Nia:wen ko:wa,

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

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card that will expedite processing and facilitate travel at the border crossing. He indicated that a NEXUS-adapted ID card would ease traffic pressure on port operations, which will support trade and commerce between the two countries.

To further assist in easing traffic congestion, the MCA has been exploring the best way to utilize the former-Canada Customs facility on the island. In the absence of consultation by the CBSA, the Federal Bridge Corporation Limited (FBCL) and the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) on their preliminary plans to construct new facilities on the canal lands in Cornwall; the MCA has been developing an alternative proposal that will address the concerns of all stakeholders.

The initial concept that was shared on November 13, 2012 with FBCL's President Micheline Dube (see November 2012 edition of Onkwe'ta:ke) and entails the creation of a Public Safety Venue at the

former-Canada Customs facility for toll collection to alleviate traffic congestion and other operations that will keep the international corridor safe and secure. More recently, these efforts have expanded to include development of an alternative reporting requirement for local residents to travel directly to the island from other parts of Akwesasne.

On April 29th, the MCA held a roundtable forum with elected officials from Massena and Cornwall, as well as their Chambers of Commerce, to share the proposed measure. The results of that discussion, which included obtaining the support from neighboring communities for the alternative reporting requirement and development of a NEXUS-type border identification card for Akwesasne residents, will be shared in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. ❖

Notice: Identification Required at CBSA Ports

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is informing the community that the Canada Border Services Agency has implemented a new process for inspection when entering Canada. As of April 2, 2013, all individuals, including passengers, will be required to show appropriate identification at the port of entry. This change has been implemented at all CBSA ports across Canada.

The change in policy is a result of the 2011 "Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness," declaration between the U.S. and Canada. The purpose of Beyond the Border is to improve security between the two countries.

Although U.S. Customs and Border Protection implemented the same identification requirement in 2009 after a lengthy community education process, officials from CBSA headquarters handed down the order last week with absolutely no warning to the traveling public. CBSA did not share news of the policy change with Akwesasne officials until it was already in effect and MCA leadership contacted port officials for clarification.

MCA has made an urgent request for meetings with CBSA officials to discuss the implementation of a transition period, which would allow time for community members to apply for proper Indian status cards for their entire families. It would also give CBSA time to educate the traveling public on the new requirement. CBSA officials agreed to a meeting with MCA leadership next Tuesday, April 9. Further update to the community will be provided.



Community members should prepare for additional delays at the Cornwall port due to the new identification requirement. CBSA recognizes the following forms of identification:

- a current certificate of Indian status ("MCA status cards" not "Tribal status cards")
- a Canadian or American-issued passport
- an Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)

Should you encounter any problems crossing the port with proper identification, please contact either the MCA Community Advocate Wesley Benedict at 613-936-1548 Ext. 1031/613-551-6999 or the CBSA Aboriginal Liaison James Marchand at 613-937-2701.

Any community member who wishes to lodge a complaint against CBSA for any reason (mistreatment, unreasonable wait times, etc.) can do so electronically at the CBSA website (<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/>) in the "Contact Us" section. These complaints are processed at CBSA Headquarters where policy decisions are made. ❖

Tobacco Smuggling Study Poorly Researched, Misleading

The results of a cross-border smuggling study conducted and released by the MacDonald Laurier Institute this week is misleading and unfortunately can not be considered objective or accurate due to its lack of fair and thorough research.

The Border Integrity, Illicit Tobacco, and Canada's Security 40-page study takes a broad look at the issue of smuggling in the "401 corridor" region (Montreal, Quebec to Kingston, Ontario).

"While components of this study are accurate, the overall position seems to be pushing an agenda using all too familiar scare tactics," said MCA Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. "For example, there is no evidence that tobacco smuggling in this area contributes in any form to terrorism or mafia crime. What we are asking now is: Who asked for this study? Who paid for this study? Based on the final report, it seems quite apparent that there is an agenda

being pushed."

The MLI study was completed without any contact with Akwesasne leadership until plans were underway to release it. Researchers failed to meet with Akwesasne community members or any officials who have knowledge of the historical aspect of the tobacco trade, the political relationship between First Nations and Canada, or Akwesasne's own police statistics. Researchers relied on Internet articles published by Canadian media, but did not use any Akwesasne media sources or publications as reference. All of this contributes to a one-sided report that is meant to scare the federal government into taking extreme measures to fight a non-extreme political and economic issue.

The MLI hosted a conference on March 26, 2013 to present the outcome of the study and MCA leaders were invited to attend. This communication was the first contact made by MLI regarding the study.

Despite many inaccuracies and poor research found in the report, Akwesasne leaders remain hopeful that Canadian officials will sit down with them to discuss

solutions to the political and economic issues of the tobacco trade.

"What we have seen thus far from the federal government doesn't really resemble any degree of support for resolving the problem, but rather a harsh execution of law," said Grand Chief Mitchell. "More manpower, harsher sentencing, more equipment dollars spent...we have Ontario and Quebec at the table to explore alternative economic opportunities and to examine the option of legalizing tobacco manufacturing and legitimizing any other trade. We are waiting for the federal government to join us. If opportunities were provided for our youth in terms of promising careers in their home of Akwesasne, and if regulations were established to provide an alternative route for those in the tobacco business, we could see this issue move into a promising direction."

One positive aspect of the report is the author's suggestion that any solution will require all effected parties at the table, including First Nations leaders. This is precisely what Akwesasne leadership has been asking for since the 1990s. ❖

Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Visits Akwesasne

On April 4, 2013, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted a meeting with new Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer. Having previously served as a Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Zimmer was appointed to the position of Minister in February.

The meeting took place at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Administration #3 Building on Kawehnoke (Cornwall Island) and focused on the Economic Recovery Strategy. It looked at assorted initiatives aimed at creating opportunities for employment and expanded Akwesasne jurisdiction. Jim Ransom, Director of Tehotiiennawakon, provided an overview of several economic development projects; including challenges and opportunities that exist due to Akwesasne's unique geographic location on the international and provincial boundaries, as well as along the St. Lawrence River. A presentation was provided that shared information on a feasibility study being undertaken that will look at island development.

The meeting was also joined by Joyce King, Director of Akwesasne Justice Department, who discussed the community's law enactment process



Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron meets with Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer.

that supports the Economic Recovery Strategy. King described the judicial support system that is in place and the need for expanded recognition of Akwesasne's jurisdiction.

The meeting concluded with a guided tour of the community led by Kanatakon Chief Steve Thomas, which included a stop at the Akwesasne Museum. The tour went through all of Akwesasne's northern districts, where discussions continued on economic development and jurisdiction-related topics. ❖

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Gathers Staff, Lawyers and Leaders for Unprecedented “Think Tank” on Border Issues



In recent years, the daily lives of Akwesasronon have been deeply affected by a myriad of border crossing issues. Some of these issues are new, while others have been evolving for many years. In an effort to be proactive and move in the right direction, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted a Border Issues Think Tank on April 17, 2013 to develop a strategy for confronting some of these specific issues.

This historic gathering, held in Akwesasne, brought together legal minds of various expertise for positive discussion and dialogue. In attendance were representatives from Mohawk Council, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and Mohawk Nation Council chiefs, along with MCA directors and staff. Ten lawyers, who’ve independently worked on various border issues for MCA, also attended at their own cost in order to share their knowledge with the group and each other. As some of the issues date back several decades, the think tank was valuable in bringing everyone – chiefs, staff, lawyers - up to date on the history and progress of each border issue.

Topics presented included the Canada Border Services Agency’s relocation to Cornwall and the duty to report, the plans and location of the Seaway International Bridge Corporation’s toll booth, the construction of the new low-level bridge, the North Shore land claim, cases before the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Canada’s duty to consult and accommodate First Nations Aboriginal title and rights, the new ID requirement at CBSA, and the need for an Akwesasne ID card that meets American and Canadian security requirements.

Although much information shared during the think tank must remain confidential pending court action, two particular areas discussed and strategized can be shared with community members. The first was the duty to report to CBSA in Cornwall. Council and lawyers agree that the current mechanism involving long delays on the bridge infringes on community members’ right to travel within their own traditional territory, along with other human rights violations. Alternative means for reporting are available elsewhere in Canada

and should be used at Akwesasne. In addition there has been a failure of the Crown and in particular, CBSA and SIBC as an agency, to live up to their legal obligations to consult with and accommodate Akwesasne’s needs given the impact that their decisions have on Akwesasne’s Aboriginal title and rights. This involves current actions, planning and decision making for infrastructure related to the proposed low-level bridge. CBSA – under the Crown – has a duty to consult and accommodate First Nations. MCA’s Aboriginal Rights & Research Office has assisted Council in researching other possible reporting mechanisms accepted in Canada. Council is exploring feasible options for alternative reporting and developing plans in hopes of alleviating the burden that the duty to report created.

The second topic discussed that can be shared publicly is the need for a secure identification card that will meet the requirements of Canada and the U.S. MCA is looking at the possibility of developing a card here in Akwesasne, which would serve all Akwesasronon. Later this month, a company that specializes in identification software

and equipment will be presenting to Council. It is one avenue available to Akwesasne and MCA will continue to conduct research and develop plans that work toward ensuring a secure ID is available to all community members.

While there are many challenging border issues currently before Council, steps are being taken to proactively, peacefully, and efficiently resolve them as quickly as possible. This week’s think tank was a giant step in a positive direction.

The most important thing is to relieve the unfair and discriminatory practices currently used by CBSA and SIBC against our people. This harms the social, economic, family and community activities in Akwesasne and no community, First Nation or otherwise, should be forced to live under these conditions.

As a reminder, any community members encountering issues at CBSA can contact the MCA Community Advocate Wesley Benedict at 613-936-1548 Ext. 1031/613-551-6999 or the CBSA Aboriginal Liaison James Marchand at 613-937-2701.



MCA Attorney, Peter Hutchins



The forum was attended by representatives from all three Akwesasne Councils.

Support a Drug Free Community!

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



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) April 2013

Ennisko:wa/ March 19, 2013 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #345 Approval of the Allocation of 1.8 Million Addition to Kanonkwatsheri:io Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #356 Approvals of the Audit of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #346 Transferring Outstanding Funding from AIF1 to AIF 2 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #357 Approval of the Audit of the Dundee Land Claim of revenues & Expenditures Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #347 Requesting Funding AIF2 for the Administration to AEDF Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #358 Approval of the Audit of the Cornwall Island Easterbrook Specific Claim Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #348 Acceptance of Letter of Engagement from Deloitte Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #359 Approval of the Audit of the Ministry of Health Promotion-Smoke Free Ontario Healthy Eating-Active Living & Diabetes Prevention Program Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #349 The Continuation of the annual Aboriginal Initiatives Fund II for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #360 Approval of Audit Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Community Support Program Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #350 Allocation of funds for the Quebec Liaison Officer for April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #361 Approval of the Audit of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Diabetes Program Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #351 Letter to be prepared by Executive Director for Quebec Liaison Officer for April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 Vote: For-5: Against-2: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #362 Approval of the allocation of the Monies for the Implementation Phase of the Healthy Homes Strategy Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #352 Approval of Portfolio Listing for the Remainder of the 2012-2015 Term Year Vote: For-5: Against-2: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #363 Approval of MCA Release and Indemnity of Canada in the Block 1 Lands Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED
2012/2013 #353 Acceptance of the Prosecutor Agreement with Bonnie Cole Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	Ennisko:wa/ March 26, 2013 Special Meeting	
2012/2013 #354 Acceptance of Retainer Agreement for Legal Services with Gordon Scott Campbell Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0	CARRIED	2012/2013 #364 Approval of Contract with Rozon Insurance Limited and Frank Cowan Company Vote: For-5: Against-2: Abstention-1	CARRIED
2012/2013 #355 Approval of the Audits of the Transition House, Repair & Maintenance-Family Violence, Mental Health Demonstration, Healthy Babies, Training & Health Access Centre		2012/2013 #365 Approval of the Property Insurance Contract to AON Reed Stenhouse Vote: For-7: Against-1: Abstention-0	CARRIED

2012/2013 #366 Approval of Housing Upgrade Program Application
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #367 Requests for Funds for the FY 2013/2014 "Elders Emergency Fund"
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #368 Approval of Appointees to the Space Needs Project Team
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #369 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated February 26, 2013
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #370 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated February 19, 2013
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-1

CARRIED

2012/2013 #371 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated February 12, 2013
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #372 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated January 29, 2013
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #373 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated January 15, 2013
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #374 Approval of Audit of the First Nations Casino Rama
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #375 Approval of Audit of the First Nations Casino Rama Investments
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #376 Approval of Kanatakon District Appointee on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

Ennisko:wa/ March 27, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting

2012/2013 #377 Approval of the Amendment to the Agreement on the Provision of Police Services
Vote: For-5: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

Ennisko:wa/ March 28, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting

2012/2013 #378 Approval of Casualty and Liability

Insurance Contract to AON Reed Stenhouse
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

Onerahtokha/ April 2, 2013 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #001 The Whole of Lot 5-5 Bittern Range
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #002 The Whole of Lot 95-3, Cornwall Island
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #003 Approval of Policy Statement for Health and Safety "Akwe:kon Shen:nen Enshonhten:ti"
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #004 Acceptance of the 2013/2014 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #005 Focus Meeting for the Three Districts on the Couple property - Akwesasne Matrimonial Real Property
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #006 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated March 5, 2013
Vote: For-7: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

Onerahtokha/ April 9, 2013 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #007 Approval of the Kawehnoke Water Supply Project
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #008 Approval of Agreement with Ontario Ministry of Training for Literacy and Basic Skills at Iohahiio
Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #009 Accept 11-12 Primary Audit Package Including the Consolidated Audited Financial Statements
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0

CARRIED

2012/2013 #010 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated January 29, 2013
Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-2

CARRIED

2012/2013 #011 Approval of AMP Law/ MRP Focus Meeting Minutes Dated January 29, 2013
Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-1

CARRIED

2012/2013 #012 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated February 5, 2013 Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #019 Approval of the 2013 MCA Summer youth employment program Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #013 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated February 26, 2013 Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-1 CARRIED	2012/2013 #020 Approval of Housing Upgrade Program Application Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #014 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated March 12, 2013 Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #021 Champlain LHIN & Akwesasne Nursing Home Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for 2013-2016 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #015 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes Dated March 27, 2013 Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #022 Approval of the Amended Service Contract C102532-9/A1 With the Ministry of Community and Youth Services Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #016 Approval of Trust Development Focus Meeting Date Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	2012/2013 #023 Approval of contract renewal for Dr. Forson for One Year commencing on March 31, 2014 Vote: For-8: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
2012/2013 #017 Approval of Funding Renewal from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Vote: For-10: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED	

**General Meeting:
May 23rd Location TBA**
**District Meetings:
Kanatakon - May 13th
Kawehnoke - May 13th
Tsi Snaihne - May 13th**

Onerahtokha/ April 16, 2013 Special Meeting

2012/2013 #018 Request for MCA to be Added to the Schedule of the First Nations Statistical Management Act Vote: For-9: Against-0: Abstention-0 CARRIED
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Recent/Upcoming Council Meetings

- The following list of Council meetings are related to Akwesasne’s border crossing issues:
- April 5 Beyond the Border Action Plan and Regulatory Council forum – an event in Potsdam, New York lead by U.S. Congressman Bill Owens to discuss the border and how to improve U.S. –Canada economic relations. U.S. officials expressed at this meeting the need to see the backup of traffic eliminated at our border crossing.
 - April 17 Legal Think Tank – an event attended by Akwesasne leadership and MCA lawyers to review the border crossing history and current strategies
 - April 19 Public Works meeting – at this meeting, Grand Chief delivered a request to take over the abandoned port on Kawehno:ke. It was a very positive and productive meeting.
 - April 29 Stakeholders Meeting – attended by representatives from the Massena Town Board, Massena Chamber of Commerce, Cornwall City Council and Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and Mohawk Nation Council. We collectively represent all of the people and businesses affected by the Massena/Cornwall port of entry and we stand united in our efforts to improve the current situation.
 - May 2 meeting with high level Canadian officials in Ottawa - to discuss the duty to report to be brought back to Kawehno:ke and the strategy on an Indigenous border card. Officials from US Customs and Immigration will also be at this meeting as it is a mutual concern. We will also be discussing the Dundee port as an entry that would apply tax exemption to community residents under the Akwesasne Remission Order.

April 2013 General Meeting Summary

- I. Call To Order / Acceptance Of Agenda / Rules Of Order:
Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell chaired the General Meeting calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Grand Chief read out the agenda topics and performed proceedings for formal acceptance of the agenda (which was carried). The “Rules of Order” for the meeting were announced in summary format. The meeting attendance by Community Members was moderate with just less than 20 Community Members present. Eleven Chiefs were present for the meeting.
- II. Presentation: Chief Karen Loran, TsiSnaihne Diagnostic & Wellness Ctr.
Chief Loran presented the Community with prospective plans for a Diagnostic and Wellness Center to be located in TsiSnaihne. Chief Loran walked Community Members through a detailed power point presentation, which included maps, location details, purpose/intent, benefits, and next steps. Questions from the Community were answered by both Chief Loran and Health Director April White.
- III. Presentation: Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell, Peace Hills Trust
Grand Chief Mitchell presented to the Community on exploring alternative banking arrangements for Akwesasne. Peace Hills Trust is a first nations-based financial institution that is being explored by Council, and the possibilities of having a future banking branch location in TsiSnaihne is being looked at. Grand Chief had a Peace Hills Trust fact sheet handed out to Community Members, and questions from the Community asked how the alternative banking would deal with housing loans, whether there’d be MCA guarantees, and brief discussion was had about utilizing individual work history and credit rating system as the standard for loan requirements.
- IV. Presentation: Jim Ransom, Director Tehotienawakon, Econ. Recovery Strategy
Mr.Ransom provided a powerpoint presentation and review of the current proposed Economic Recovery Strategy, via various categories: Infrastructure Development, Tourism Development Potential, Exercising Self-Governance, the Three (3) Nations Bridge Demolition Project, the SIBC Toll Booth Plaza Proposed Relocation, the Quebec Link, and Tobacco Strategy Development & Implementation. Mr. Ransom identified that investments in Telecommunications, Natural Gas, an Electric Co-op, and expanded Financial Services in the Community would save us money in the long-

term, as well as create heightened Community self-reliance, and job creation. Use of the waterway for various future Tourism-based initiatives was also discussed. Job creation and mentoring on the bridge projects could allow Akwesasne to become equipped to do other bridge projects in the future elsewhere. SIBC Toll Booth proposed relocation details were discussed. A potential future bridge between Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne, as well as a Ferry Service for the Community would allow for a Quebec Link between the three (3) districts. Finally, details on the current, \$500,000 2 yr., Ontario funded, Tobacco Strategy Pilot Project in Akwesasne were discussed.

Discussion was had and questions were answered by Jim Ransom, Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell, Chief Abram Benedict, and Chief Larry King.

V. Presentation: Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell, Duty To Report
Grand Chief Mitchell provided the Community with an update on current talks/discussions going on with regard to CBSA and the Duty To Report requirements. Grand Chief Mitchell spoke about a potential future card swiping system, about a future border identification card, about the former Port of Entry (POE) on Cornwall Island and some recent vandalism that has occurred there. Discussion was had about ownership of that building, and the history of the seaway corridor. Discussion was had about the people’s fire building next to the POE. Discussion was had on our Political Protocol with Canada, and Remission Orders. Discussion on Self-Governance, the Matrimonial Real Property Law example, Membership, and the possibility of having test cases in the future within the Canadian Federal Court Systems.

VI. Business From The Floor:
Community Members were then provided an opportunity to raise topics, issues, concerns that they may have as business from the floor. Only one Community Member had a question, pertaining to rumors about plans for a future Casino on Hamilton Island. Grand Chief provided clarification on the question, and explained that the details of the idea are being explored, and a future question to the Community will be brought forward via referendum, along with the details and data gathered up through that time. No other questions were raised from the floor.

VII. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Council vote (Chief King motion and Chief Thomas second) which carried.❖

Council Roundtable Reports - April 23, 2013

The following updates were provided by Council chiefs at the April 23, 2013 Special Meeting and have been condensed for this report.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs Kana:takon District

- Attended MCA Finance Committee Meeting. Committee is tasked with making tough decisions regarding the MCA budget. The Finance Dept and Executive Director will make necessary adjustments to the overall MCA budget, but Council needs to look at our own budget and make difficult decisions.
- Attended National Child Benefits Committee Meeting. Committee received proposals totaling \$550,000, but the committee only has \$349,800 to distribute. Therefore not every applicant will be approved for the full amount they requested.
- Attended Kana:takon District Meeting
- Attended Community Trust Meeting
- Attended DCSS Portfolio Meeting
- Focus meeting for the Akwesasne Matrimonial Real Property Law review have been set for May 29 at the St. Regis Rec from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., June 5 at the Tri District Elders from 6-9 p.m. and June 12 at Iohahi:io from 6-9 p.m.

Chief Abram Benedict Kawehno:ke District

*See Chief Benedict's regular detailed monthly report on Page 17.

Chief Joanne Jocko Kawehno:ke District

- Attended first Public Safety Meeting of the year.
- Attended Kawehno:ke District Meeting
- Attended a school lock down drill in Ormstown, Quebec, with Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education Director Barry Montour. AMBE schools have their own emergency plans established but attended Ormstown's drill for information sharing.

Chief Larry King Kana:takon District

- Attended Kana:takon District Meeting
- Community member asked for Kateri Tekakwitha Street in the village to be tended

to by the Department of Technical Services
-Community member seeking information on process of complaining if neighbors' garbage becomes unsightly or unhealthy.

Referred to Environmental Health Officer

- Participated in the Focus Meeting/Community presentation and CKON radio show on topic of Akwesasne Community Trust and the draft document defining roles and responsibilities of the trustees. (The Akwesasne Community Trust will oversee funds received in the past, present or future from settlements such as OPG and the Kawehno:ke Easterbrook final settlement agreements.)
- Attended Legal Think Tank (See Think Tank report on Page 6).

Chief Joe Lazore Tsi Snaihne District

- Spoke with Joe Francis at DTS regarding the new garbage contract and spring cleanup, along with the need to identify where complaints should be directed
- Received calls regarding land disputes. Where should they take their issues if the lands tribunal is not yet in place?
- Weigh stations on the 401 – speaking with Henry Lickers at MCA's Environment Program to ensure officials realize that a new weigh station west of Cornwall is within Akwesasne's land claim area.
- Fishing permits – Elsewhere, there is a limit on the number of fish a person can catch. Akwesasne permits do not have a limit. Do we want to place those restrictions on the permits, and would those restrictions apply only to non-Akwesasne residents?

Chief Karen Loran Tsi Snaihne District

- Attended Joint Working Group to End Violence Against Women meeting in Akwesasne. There is a relationship agreement created by the Aboriginal Caucus of the Joint Working Group to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women. It advocates change

through leadership to create safety and security for Aboriginal women. Some information shared at the meeting was alarming.

- Cornwall Community Hospital will reschedule their informational session that was to be provided at Kanonhkwashteri:io and is an overview of the new wing at the hospital. The meeting was to be held April 24 but was postponed due to deaths in our community.

- Receiving many calls/complaints about dogs (untied, nuisance). We need to distribute a flyer reminding dog owners of their responsibilities. Owners who do not put collars on their dog or who don't prevent their dog from leaving their property can be fined if that dog is picked up. Fines include the cost of transporting, housing, food, vaccines, etc.
- Attended the Special Needs meeting the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

Chief William Sunday Tsi Snaihne District

- Attended meeting at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe. A task force is going to be set up to oversee future natural gas services being brought to the community. It's a good plan and I hope it works.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting. Need to come up with stringent rules and policies on how we control our funds.
- Attended District Meeting.
 - We were asked for help from a young woman who is helping those with substance addictions.
 - We also talked about the ambulance service. I thought that when we started the service it was for our own people. I think it should service our own Akwesasne residents before servicing non-residents at the casino.

Chief April Adams-Phillips Tsi Snaihne District

- Land issues – Community member seeking information on who can help if neighbors are


encroaching on her property. OVS would have to look into it.

- Participated in conference call with Economic Development regarding a venture with the Federal Bridge Corporation regarding demolition of the bridge. An MOU is currently being reviewed.

- Had a meeting with a community member who wants to start a Mohawk Language Centre, offering stipends to families to attend. They would learn language and how language can empower them. We will be meeting again next month with various MCA departments to see if this is a project that can get off the ground and find funding.

- Attended St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Enbridge Project meeting. Reviewed preliminary strategies to establish our own natural gas/electric service.

Chief Steve Thomas Kana:takon District

- Attended Legal Think Tank. (See Think Tank article on Page 6).
- A stake holders meeting will occur on April 29 @ the AMC.
- Attended a meeting at the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.
 - Reviewed fiber optics presentation
 - A discussion on natural gas for the whole community
 - electrical service options and the Enbridge/St. Lawrence pipeline approaching Akwesasne.
 - A survey to the community will be out at end of April
 - Tetewatar:on radio in the first week of May to inform the community
 - Formation of a combined task force to address the projects
- There will be a meeting in Cornwall to discuss CBSA's new port's capabilities. The consultation group will also address the Alex Bay and Ogdensburg ports.
- There is a demonstration planned for June 22 called Stomp the Pipeline on Kawehno:ke. Another interruption to the residents of Kawehno:ke. 

Update: Kana:takon District Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

My role on Council, for the 2012-2015 term, is as the Major Portfolio Holder for Education and as a Minor Portfolio Holder for the Department of Community and Social Services. In addition to these areas, I also participate on various committees, one of which is the Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Working Task Group.

The topic of matrimonial property is at the forefront for a number of reasons. In reaction to the Government of Canada's plan to develop their own matrimonial property law to be imposed on all First Nations by the provinces (which in our case would have meant both Ontario and Quebec), MCA established a Working Task Group in 2006 to develop a matrimonial property law of our own. The proposed law would apply to our Members and any non-Members who are the spouse or child of a Member. The focus of the law is to establish our own rules and mechanisms for the division of matrimonial property and possession of the matrimonial home, while giving paramount consideration to ensuring that children are not separated from the matrimonial home upon a marital breakdown.

Copies of the 'Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law-Draft for Phase II' of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation were distributed to the community at the March 6, 2013 General Meeting. The 'Draft for Phase II' version was then accepted in principle through Council resolution in order to move to the community consultation phase. This phase of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation includes Focus Meetings that will continue to be scheduled into June in each District for the purpose of considering the proposed law by explaining its purpose and provisions then answering questions and obtaining comments from community members.

After all the Focus Meetings have taken place and the comments from the community have been recorded, it is up to Council to consider these comments, the needs of the community, and other relevant matters in order to direct the Working Task Group to incorporate any required revisions. These Focus Meetings represent your opportunity to provide your input into our community laws. This is the stage where you can offer suggestions for improvement and/or ask for clarification. This is why your attendance and participation at these



Focus Meetings is so very important.

In addition to incorporating revisions as directed by Council, the Working Task Group is also able to incorporate any recommendations made by our legal advisor before they resubmit the proposed law to Council as 'Phase III-post consultation'. At a General Meeting, Council will then read this newly labelled version of the proposed law out loud to the attendees and a decision will be made by resolution to: (1) send it back to the Working Task Group for further revisions, (2) reject it, or (3) accept it in principle to proceed to 'Phase IV Enactment of An Akwesasne Law'.

If Council decides that the proposed law should proceed to 'Phase IV Enactment of An Akwesasne Law', a Special General Meeting will be scheduled where a secret ballot vote of community members present will be held OR a referendum will be scheduled for the same purpose. If a Special General Meeting is scheduled for the purpose of considering enactment of the proposed law, at least 25 eligible voters must be present (in addition to Council) in order for a secret ballot vote to be held. If a referendum is scheduled for the purpose of considering enactment of the proposed law, Council will identify the number of eligible voters required through resolution, prior to the referendum date. If the threshold number of eligible voters participates

in the vote and the majority vote in favor of enacting the proposed law, the proposed law will be deemed enacted.

This describes the procedures required to enact our own law. It is imperative that we develop our own rules and mechanisms to govern ourselves, rather than having laws imposed on us by outsiders. In this spirit, I encourage you to participate in our Law Enactment process. Your direction, thoughts, opinions, and ideas matter to me, to Council as a whole, and to future community members as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those community members who have already attended the Focus Meetings and provided their input and encourage those of you who have not yet

done so to please attend an upcoming Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law Focus Meeting and offer your comments. Akwesasne community laws are intended to serve the needs of our community and the Working Task Group is seeking your input in order to ensure this law meets our needs.

In closing, I would like to wish all our Istas a Happy Mother's Day on May 12. Be sure to celebrate this day with the special Istas in your lives...and feel free to spoil them. Too often we take for granted the very people that most deserve our gratitude.

I am happy to see that the long-awaited spring weather is finally here and hope you are able to get outside and enjoy it with your family! ❖

Upcoming Meetings on the Akwesasne Matrimonial Property Law Draft:

May 29 - Kana:takon Recreation from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

June 5 - Tri-District Elders from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

June 12 - Iohahi:io from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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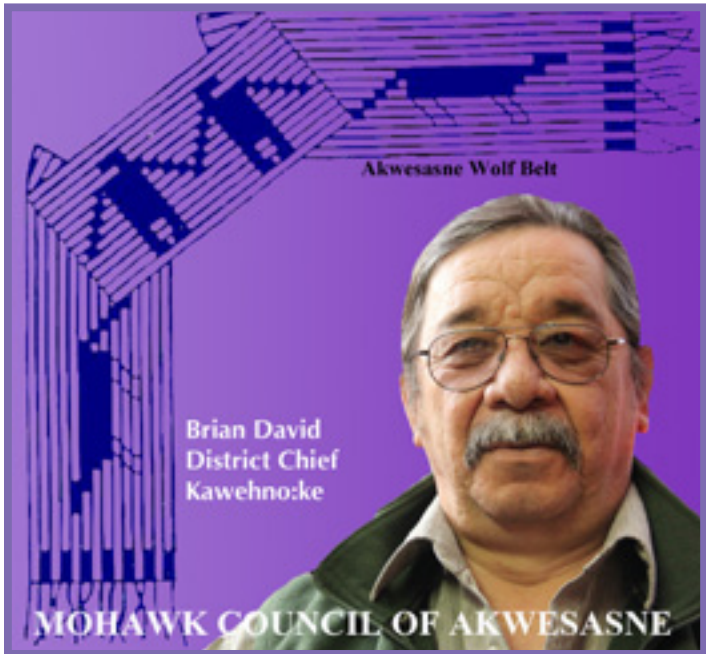
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Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2189	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2203	Iakhihsotha	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinistenha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahi:io Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonsote	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 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	OUTSIDE FACILITIES	
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Mohawk Security Services	932-5183
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 1055	Roads Garage	938-5476
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340	St. Regis Child Care	575-1915
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100		
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		

Commentary From District Chief Brian David

A few weeks ago, I attended a panel discussion along with the Grand Chief and three key technical staff. The topic was a new report on the contraband trade soon to be released. Following the session, five policy type people from both Washington and Ottawa approached me and posed the following scenario. They told me there's been much discussion between Ottawa and Washington over the prospect of placing Akwesasne under "one jurisdiction". They ask me the question "would Akwesasne prefer to be American or Canadian"? I instinctively responded "neither" and explained as follows: "Akwesasne is a territory, with a distinct people, culture and language. As a people, we occupied this territory hundreds of years before the coming of the European. Our recent history through the colonial period is very much marked by a desire to establish meaningful relationships with the governments that eventually grew to be the United States and Canada.

At this point, one of the gentlemen interrupted me with "what you're looking for is nationhood.. and that's quite impossible!" I respond, "Why? Why is it impossible? After the Second World War, the international community created the state of Israel for the Jewish Nation. In the South Pacific, something similar happened in Guam. In Europe, Switzerland is an example of a country operating in neutrality but completely surrounded by other European countries. Why is it impossible? The reality of Akwesasne as a territory, with a distinct people, language and heritage isn't something conjured out



of "fantasia". It is a reality of living principles passed from generation to generation. This is our identity, this is who we are, and we continue to claim our right to exist within the reality of our choosing."

As we were leaving the session to return home, I couldn't help but think the nature of this proposition are like storm clouds looming on our horizon. If something like this were to be formally proposed, it would cause us to closely examine our past, scenario's for a future, with the looming question on the extent to which each might threaten our identity and the values we hold to be true. One thing for certain, this period of Akwesasne history will be the turning point for future community direction. Interesting times we live in. ❖



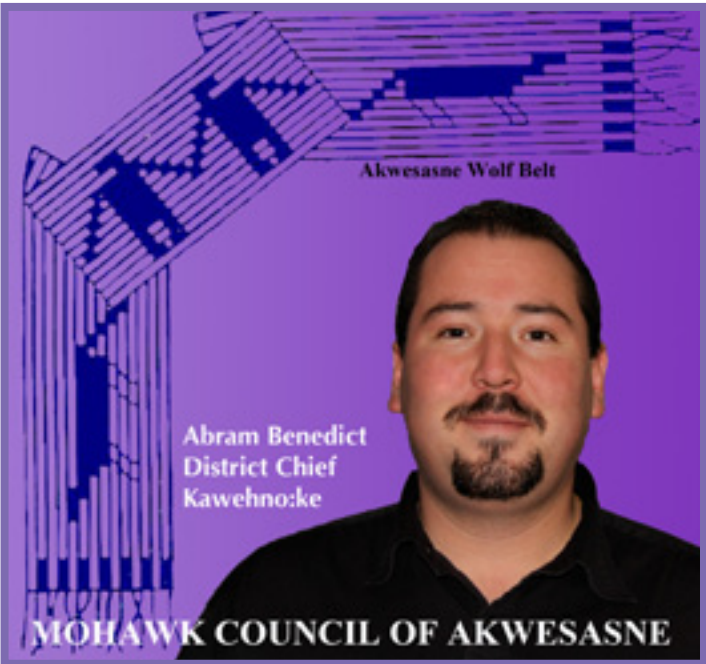
Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE (DCSS)

Last year the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne entered into a service agreement with the Cree Nation of Quebec to provide services to their community members at the Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Center. On March 6th Chief Jocko and I attended a graduation ceremony which was the first client graduation for the Cree Nation youth. Over the course of the ceremony I heard firsthand about the challenges faced by the clients and their determination to overcome those challenges in order to improve their lives. During the ceremony I was able to express my congratulatory remarks to the client and also shared my own personal experiences with him. I wished him well for the future and reminded him that it is understandable that contacting family and community support services may be vital to staying on a healthy path.

On March 21st the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) held an informational community meeting at the Tri District Elders building. This was an opportunity for community members to come out and learn more about the five programs within the department of DCSS. These program are: the Akwesasne Child Care Program, Akwesasne Child and Family Services, Iethinisten:ha Family Wellness Program, Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Facility, and the Community Support Program. Over the course of the evening (5pm to 8pm) a number of community members came in and were able to visit each of the booths that were set up by each program. At the end of the night a number of door prizes were drawn for those who attended the session. I would like to say Niawenkowa to all those community members who attended and also to all the staff of DCSS for their hard work. Future informational meetings are being planned in other locations within the community.

This past winter season the Mohawk Council through the Community Support Program administered the "Elder Heating Assistance Program" (60 and older) and the "Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program". These programs provided an allotment of \$600 to each successful Elder applicant and \$400 to each successful head of household applicant to assist with home heating costs for the winter months. On



February 26 the Council authorized an additional \$200 to each eligible head of household under the respective programs. This brought the heating assistance benefits up to \$600 under the Heating Assistance Program and \$800 under the Elders Heating Assistance Program. This year there were a total of 698 approved applicants with 292 being Elders. This year, the total cost for the program was \$652,400.00 and the funding from OLGC revenue streams (Casino Rama) was used to cover this cost.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

On March 27 Chief Phillips-Jacobs and I attended the NavCanada Centre where Former Chief of Defense Staff General Rick Hillier spoke at a special luncheon organized by the Cornwall & Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with TD Bank Group. General Rick Hillier spoke about his challenges in commanding the Canadian Armed Forces and the political difficulties he faced while trying to provide leadership to the Canadian Armed Forces. ❖

RECENT DONATIONS OF COUNCIL

- \$2000 to a local student traveling to Spain for 10 days as part of a class trip
- \$2,500 to Community Member to assist with costs to travel to compete in a US Boxing Championship in Spokane Washington
- \$1,000 to Salmon River High School Robotics Team competing in national competition

First Nations Financing Explored For MCA Economic Development Projects

In the past few weeks, there has been interest and discussion on why the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would consider borrowing capital project monies from the First Nations Financial Authority when past understanding has been that there was a taxation element to the loan requirements. That requirement has since changed at the insistence of many First Nations across the country.



When you borrow money in the millions of dollars, one needs to make a business-minded decision in terms of getting the best rate for your dollar. The Financial Authority's borrowing mechanism will provide alternative financing for major capital projects at a rate of interest much lower than borrowing from a bank, continue to strengthen its credibility for financial management and governance systems, build relationships with other First Nation pursuing economic projects, and mitigate the risks associated securing future government funding.

In the past, the traditional approach to funding capital and economic development projects has been to request funding from the federal government or apply for a bank loan, which is typically associated with a high-interest rate. With access to government funding becoming more and more limited and the reporting requirements more stringent, the MCA has begun exploring alternative financing sources.

In 2005, the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (FSMA) received royal assent and provided access to non-traditional financing sources for First Nations communities. It identified alternative financing to fund capital projects on First Nations lands through two revenue streams—property taxes (something that the Mohawks of Akwesasne oppose) and other revenue sources, such as from land claim settlements, cottage leases, or gaming revenues.

until it was amended in 2011 to exclude any taxation requirements as a borrowing mechanism, but instead included the second option for financing through the 'Financing Secured by Other Revenues Regulations.' With this regulation, it enabled First Nations to identify a number of possible revenue sources to borrow from: gaming, contracts and leases, government transfers, and interest earned, to name

just a few sources.

In order to be eligible to borrow from these existing revenue sources, a First Nations must notify the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development of their interest by 'opting-in.' The First Nations Council must provide a resolution indicating their interest to be added to a list of other communities that may utilize the borrowing provisions of the FSMA. There is also the opportunity for First Nations to 'opt-out' of this borrowing formula at any time in the future.

After a First Nations indicates their interest to borrow from existing revenue sources, there are additional steps to follow before approval is granted by the First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFM). First, they need to develop a Financial Administration Law and, second, they need to achieve a financial performance certificate from the FNFM.

In the 1990s, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne undertook a number of capital infrastructure and economic projects with financial support received from the Government of Canada. These included the health facility, police station, chronic care facility, home for the elders, Peace Tree Mall, as well as recreation and community centers in Akwesasne's three northern districts.

The initial capital projects were a great start towards meeting the needs of an ever-growing community, but there remained more capital

projects that needed to be undertaken to meet the future needs of Akwesasne. There also existed the need to diversify our community's economy, as well as to identify viable funding opportunities to pay for various economic development projects.

In developing the economic recovery strategy, the MCA has identified several long-range economic projects that may require ongoing financing or capital investment. Some of these economic development projects entail the development of Akwesasne's islands and include rehabilitation

and reintegration facility, as well as an island study that may call for a hotel, entertainment center and eco-tourism resort. Other projects include a fiber-optic broadband network, natural gas distribution system, Tsi Snaihne community service complex and transportation links within Akwesasne.

The Mohawk Council is confident that the Financial Authority's borrowing mechanism now provides another option to finance future capital and economic development projects. ❖

Entewatatha:wi Relocates to Kanonhkwashteri:io



Entewatatha:wi staff Shara Francis-Herne and Wendy Adams

On April 5, 2013, the Entewatatha:wi Program (Nation Building Process) staff relocated their offices to the Kanonhkwashteri:io Health facility in Kana:takon (St. Regis). Previously, Entewatatha:wi officers were located in Kana:takon at the Administration Building #2 (Mohawk Government). In 2004, they moved from Kana:takon to Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) to CIA Building #3, where they remained until their recent relocation.

The entrance for the Entewatatha:wi Program is positioned in the front of the new addition at the Kanonhkwashteri:io building (across from the

Akwesane Mohawk Police Services AMPS), adjacent to the main entrance. A sign will be posted above their entranceway so community members can easily identify their new entrance and location.

Reasons for the relocation was to be closer to Mohawk Government and to ensure staff could meet with administration on short notice. While talking with Wendy Adams, Program Manager for the Entewatatha:wi Program, she noted that although there were a few hectic days of transferring offices, "business is continuing as usual." ❖

Water Plant Workers Win Provincial Awards

The Aboriginal Water & Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO) held its 18th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting this past month in Sault Ste. Marie. AWWAO has partnered with Health Canada to support First Nations operators and First Nation water and wastewater systems in efforts to build capacity in Ontario First Nation communities for the last 18 years.



AWWAO Board of Directors

The Paul Strohach awards were presented to the First Nation Operator(s) of the Year. Desmond Jordain from Mitaanigamiing First Nation near Fort Frances won for the north and John T Lazore from Akwesasne won for the south. The Operator of the Year awards are presented every year to acknowledge the most outstanding First Nation operators in the north and southern parts of the province for their dedication, experience, accomplishments and hard work provided to their communities. Special keynote speaker to the AGM's dinner and awards night was Josephine Mandamin who has become famous as the First Nation grandmother to walk around the Great Lakes and spearhead other water walks around other sacred waters in North America. Her waterwalks have raised awareness for the environment, Great Lakes and water and she has become a leading advocate for First Nations and people alike with these concerns. She was honored with the presenting of a gift for her accomplishments and teachings and also with a brand new annual award from AWWAO being named after her, "The Mandamin Cup", which will stamp her legacy.

The Mandamin Cup was presented in the first ever "Water Challenge Cup" for best water in the north to Marcel Shabaquay of Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation. Temmagami First Nation was runner-up to



The Mandamin Cup awarded to Marcel Shabaquay of Wabigoon Lake for Best Water in the North.

the northern winner WLON. The southern cup has just been named at the time of this press release after a great man: the late "Derrick Kamanga" for all his passionate work for First Nations in water and wastewater. Derrick worked extensively with First Nations over the last two decades as water and wastewater engineer for the "Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation - OFNTSC". The "Kamanga Kup" which will forever mark his legacy for success, was awarded for its first time to Mark Shawanda of Whitefish River First Nation on Birch Island. The Mohawks of Akwesasne were runner-ups to the southern title.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne did succeed in winning another first event at the 18th AWWAO Conference, "The Watermain Pipe Tapping Contest". Three operators - Clayton Barnes and Patrick David from Akwesasne and Steve Doxtator from Oneida - did not let down the founder and promoter of this event Lorri Bova, also from Akwesasne as they set the record for others to beat. The event was the highlight of the conference and was covered by CTV news.



Pipe tapping winners from Akwesasne and Oneida, Patrick David, Clayton Barnes and Steve Doxtator.

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Update

Staffing Changes

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena welcomes a new manager, Geraldine Kahnastatsi Jacobs as Kahnastatsi assumed the responsibilities of manager back in March 2013. She brings a solid sports background to the position both in her past position as a Gym Teacher for the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education and her work with the Akwesasne Soaring Eagles Volleyball. Mamie David, who has filled in as Acting Manager for the Arena for the past two years returns to her position as Assistant Manager. Council and the MCA organization send many thanks to Mamie for the work she has done over the past two years.

Facility Improvements

The future is looking bright for the A'nowara'kowa Arena as staff are working to make improvements to the facility. A fresh coat of paint has been applied to the concession area. New countertops have been installed so visitors to the arena will have a comfortable place to eat. Tables have been ordered to provide additional eating areas around the concession area. The menu for the concession stand is being expanded to include healthier eating choices. Paintings by local artists are being installed in the building to help promote Mohawk culture.

Work is underway to make improvements to the Internet service to the building. A new firewall and hub have been installed. Efforts are underway to make the arena Wi-Fi accessible for visitors to the arena. Access points and wiring is being installed in time for the upcoming lacrosse season. Discussions are also underway to install an ATM machine in the arena lobby. Plans are underway to install ceiling fans in the arena to improve air flow so that it is more comfortable during the hot summer nights that the arena is in use.

Results of Brainstorming Session

In early April, a brainstorming session was held at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena to discuss the future of the arena and to begin creating a vision for the facility and grounds to better serve the Akwesasne community in the years to come. In attendance were Chiefs from Council, A'nowara'ko:wa Arena staff, Department of Technical Services staff, Department of Tehotiiennawakon staff, and a representative from Information Management for MCA. The brainstorming session discussion was broken into



Grand Chief Mike Mitchell; Jim Ransom, Department of Tehotiiennawakon; Joe Francis, Department of Technical Services; Chief April Adams-Phillips; Mamie David, Assistant Arena Manager; Geraldine Jacobs, Arena Manager; Robert Mitchell, Arena Maintenance; William Papineau, Economic Development Program; Gorman Jacobs, Arena Maintenance.

two parts, a discussion of the inside of the arena and a discussion of the arena exterior and grounds.

The need for a bigger concession area and having it located on the second level in the arena was discussed. It could be located at the northern end of the arena where the former Akwesasne Minor Sports offices are located. Changes to the Turtle Room were also discussed.

Options ranged from making it more useable as a meeting room (through soundproofing, installation of audio-visual equipment), turning it into an elders viewing area for sporting events, to turning it into a restaurant.

Other ideas focused on the arena floor. There was a discussion as to whether to eliminate the ice and make it a year-round lacrosse and sports facility. A question was raised whether the turf should be installed this year as it is only necessary for Junior A lacrosse and Akwesasne no longer has a Junior A Team. It also makes it difficult to attract other events to the arena. Installing an 8 feet high glass around the arena floor was discussed as a way to improve safety.

There was discussion about the types of events that could be hosted at the arena. Mixed Martial Arts, Boxing, Concerts, Roller Derby, and Native Art Shows were mentioned as possible events. Improving the acoustics in the arena was identified

as one area to focus on. Making improvements to the walking track around the second level was talked about. Researching into air conditioning of the entire building was mentioned. Ways to add additional seating were discussed as well.

Many ideas were brought forward for the Arena grounds and the exterior of the facility. Extending the Wi-Fi to outside the arena was mentioned so that it would be accessible from the Pow Wow ground. Putting an addition on to the arena that would become the head of the turtle was discussed. Such an addition would allow for additional meeting spaces and Sports Hall of Fame. Installing roof-top solar panels, using water turbines or co-generation were mentioned as alternative energy sources for the facility.

There was discussion of putting a marina or building a bay so that the arena is accessible by boat. There was talk of the possibility of building

a walking or bike path around the arena grounds and along the St. Lawrence River to the new bridge location. Paving of the parking lot was discussed and having part of it available for basketball and tennis courts was mentioned. Installing a Lacrosse ball wall was talked about as well.

Improvements to the Pow Wow grounds were discussed. It included installing water and electrical connections to the grounds, and putting up a band shell for outdoor concerts. Installing a maintenance and storage facility was mentioned. Putting a water splash pad was talked about as well.

Next Steps

It was decided to continue the discussion on the vision for the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. Efforts will be made to speak with user groups to get their input on what the vision should be. A focus group or community meeting will be discussed. This will be followed by a critical analysis to look at the challenges to bringing this vision to reality.❖

Mohawk Security Farewell

After 36 years, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Mohawk Security Program sadly ended last month. The program was funded by the Canada Border Services Agency to protect the building and grounds of their port on Kawehno:ke. CBSA, with their port now located in Cornwall, did not renew their contract to fund the program.

"These officers have been dedicated and loyal, and unfortunately they are victims of the 2009 CBSA relocation," said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell. "The Akwesasne community owes these officers a great tribute for the many years of service that speaks of the safety and stability they provided within the CBSA facility and compound."

Edward Mitchell was hired as a Mohawk Security officer the first year it was established and he was there right until the end last month. As the program manager, he did everything to try and keep the program going, but nothing could be done.

"Customs has moved and there is no longer a need for Mohawk Security," Edward Mitchell said during one of his last shifts. "It's very heartfelt."

Over the years, the program regularly employed 10-12 permanent and part-time officers. They were responsible for securing the grounds and protecting both the travelling public and the CBSA officers. Their jobs were enjoyable, Edward Mitchell said.

"There were some tense moments but we always



Edward Mitchell stands in front of the office and building he and his staff protected for 36 years.

got along pretty well with the CBSA officers," he said.

Many times, Grand Chief Mitchell said, the guards resolved matters of difficulties between the Akwesasne community, the travelling public and the CBSA staff by their mere presence and peaceful remedies to resolve differences.

"Their legacy is something that we hope to see revived at some later opportunity," he said. "A committee of chiefs is currently reviewing the needs of MCA in the area of security and it's possible that there will be another life for Mohawk Security down the road."❖

Department of Tehotiiennawakon
March 2013 Director's Report by Jim Ransom

Introduction

The Department of Tehotiiennawakon includes the Environment Program (including Emergency Measures), Economic Development Program, and A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. In addition, the Department is tasked with helping Council with the implementation of its Economic Recovery Strategy. A large part of the month of March was dedicated to finalizing the 2013-2014 Operational Plan and Budget for the Department and its programs. In addition, with the hiring of Geraldine Kahnastatsi Jacobs as the new manager of the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, activities associated with the arena picked up significantly and have been added to this report. The following is a summary of each program and major activities.

Environment Program

- Staff continued participating in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Water Directors telephone calls with First Nations. The monthly calls provide updates to First Nations on activities by the MOE with a focus on Great Lakes initiatives: the Great Lakes Protection Act and the Canada-Ontario Agreement on the Great Lakes. They provide an opportunity to influence drafting processes and incorporate greater First Nation participation in the legislation and agreements.
- Delegated Henry Lickers to attend a meeting in Sudbury, Ontario on the Canada-Ontario Agreement on the Great Lakes. The meeting was between the negotiators for Canada and Ontario and interested First Nations. Prepared a briefing note and identified issues to raise including creating a First Nation annex to the agreement to build better relationships between Canada, Ontario and First Nations around Great Lakes interests, creating a Traditional Ecological Knowledge Symposium to bring Western scientists and Traditional Knowledge holders together, and creating a tool-kit of information on First Nations.
- Delegated Scott Peters to attend an Assembly of First Nations Fisheries Committee meeting

that was held in Calgary, Alberta on March 20, 2013. Met with Scott Peters, Chief Brian David, and Henry Lickers to identify issues that may be relevant to the work of the Committee such as the importance of sturgeon to the Akwesasne community.

- Prepared briefing note for Chief Florence Phillips for her to present at the Independent First Nations (IFN) meeting in Toronto. Briefing note hi-lighted the work being done on the Great Lakes issues that may affect First Nations in the province.
- Reviewed submission by Scott Peters on article on the Make Work Project for Onkwetake. Worked with Regina Jacobs helping her obtain a quote for a two-way radio for use by Emergency Measures staff. Submitted letter of support for her participation in an emergency management project.
- Attended the Cornwall Sediment Strategy meeting in Cornwall with Henry Lickers that was held at the Ministry of Environment offices on March 26. Meeting discussed the need to keep Cornwall waterfront property owners aware of the need to not disturb contaminated sediments along the waterfront.
- Participated, along with Henry Lickers, in a two-day water quality standards workshop hosted by the Walkerton Centre and held in Kingston on March 27-28, 2013. Attendance helped inform the process of drafting an Akwesasne water law and regulatory framework. While there, met with Martin Streit, Ministry of Natural Resources to discuss our potential participation in Euromab 2013 that will be held in Brockville later this year.

Economic Development Program

- Responded to request from Quebec Aboriginal Tourism Association for our participation in their tourism brochure. Delegated to Economic Development staff for follow-up. Reviewed report prepared by Cathy Mitchell on credit union survey conducted by Economic Development staff. Prepared recommendation for a summary

page to attach to the survey results.

- Participated in two Tobacco Commission meetings during the month, on March 5 and March 22. Reviewed and approved ad prepared by Nola Benedict for Tobacco permit renewals for vendors participating in the Ontario Cigarette Quota Allocation System. Reviewed and approved applications for permits for participating vendors.
- Worked with Christopher Thompson and the Ontario Region of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) on the submission of a funding proposal to develop a Comprehensive Community Development Plan. Prepared \$150,000 funding proposal and met with a representative from AANDC to discuss it.
- Assisted Mohawk Government staff in developing a Mohawk Council Resolution and Preparation/ Submission form for the Quebec Liaison Officer position. Maintained contact with the Secretariat aux affaires autochtones in regards to meeting their requirements to fund the position.
- Worked with Christopher Thompson, Chief Steve Thomas, and Chief April Adams-Phillips in regards to selecting a third party financial service organization to serve Akwesasne clients. Akwesasne was split into a Quebec and Ontario portion and had two service providers. Goal was to put one entity in place. Travelled to Kahnawake with team to meet with Kahnawake Economic Development to discuss their proposal to serve community. Met with Ohwista Capital to discuss their involvement with Waubetek in Ontario on this matter and participated in a conference call with Waubetek to discuss the matter with them.

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

- Worked with Geraldine Kahnastatsi Jacobs in replacing the firewall and hub at the arena for improved Internet access. Participated in a meeting with staff to discuss the network system and to look at making the arena Wi-Fi accessible.
- Worked with DTS and arena staff to explore constructing a new concession stand at the arena. Worked with arena staff in obtaining quotes for placing an ATM at the arena and coordinated efforts with Executive Services staff.
- Approved and supported arena staff as they made upgrades to the arena including a fresh

coat of paint in the concession area, putting in new countertops and tables, and identifying software training for scheduling at the arena.

Tehotiiennawakon

- Participated in two-day First Aid and CPR course on March 18-19 and received certificate of completion.
- One Portfolio meeting was held during the month.
- Spent considerable time working on budgets for the Department and its programs. Worked closely with Finance staff in inputting information to reflect grants that were applied for and/or received. Presented budgets at meeting with Executive Services on March 20.
- Continued working on the 3 Nations Bridge Project. Maintained contact with Federal Bridge Corporation Limited exchanging ideas on best approaches to Mohawk participation in the demolition project. Shared email exchanges with Council Portfolio Chiefs and staff. Obtained updated Letter of Engagement from Deloitte for them to serve as technical advisor on the project. Prepared Mohawk Council Resolution and Preparation/ Submission form to accept the letter of engagement and submitted it to Mohawk government staff.
- Participated in activities related to the Hotel and Entertainment Centre Feasibility study. Attended breakfast meeting with consultant at Parkway Best Western with Economic Development staff. Arranged for Economic Development staff to accompany consultant on tour of community.
- Continued working on the Tobacco Strategy for MCA. Worked with the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Ministry of Finance on the Transfer Payment Agreement for the \$476,115 Tobacco Pilot Project that was signed by the Grand Chief on March 6. Worked with Executive Services and Operational Support to identify office space for new workers. Prepared job descriptions, interview questionnaires and job postings for Special Project Officer and Policy Analyst.
- Hosted Tobacco Technical Table meeting on March 6. Coordinated with staff from Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Ministry of Finance in planning for the meeting. Chaired the

meeting and made presentations as required.

- Hosted Economic Development Sub-Table meeting on March 6. Coordinated with staff from Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs and Ministry of Finance in planning for the meeting. Held pre-meeting on March 5 with Christopher Thompson and staff from Ministry of Finance. Prepared draft Terms of Reference for the Sub-Table and presented at meeting.
- Attended meeting on March 8 with Chief Steve Thomas at the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation offices in Massena. In attendance were representatives from the Town of Massena, Massena Chamber of Commerce, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and Seaway International Bridge Corporation. Topic discussed was the international bridge corridor and improved communication during community protests within the corridor.
- Continued working on the Economic Recovery Strategy. Worked with the Communications Unit to schedule time to speak on Tetewataron and participated in the March 20 radio talk show with Chief William Sunday, Chief Brian David and Christopher Thompson. Referred questions about the Economic Recovery Strategy from Cornwall Standard Freeholder to Chief David. Attended meeting with representatives from Ontario Power Generation on March 18 and explained the Economic Recovery Strategy to them.
- Started working with Christopher Thompson in responding to a request for Council participation in a ground-mount solar project under the Ontario Feed-in-tariff program. Forwarded information to Portfolio Chiefs on the project. ❖

Quebec Fuel Tax Application Clinics

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The application forms can also be accessed on the Collectiva.ca website at:
http://www.collectiva.ca/en/dossiers/fuel_tax.php or <http://www.akwesasne.ca/>

Claims Deadline*

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

Fight Back Against Cancer

As you may know, April was Cancer Awareness Month. MCA Community Health program sponsored "Fight Back Against Cancer" on Wednesday, April 17th. Along with a healthy delicious meal the event included Carolyn Bourassa, Community Manager from the Canadian Cancer Society who presented the importance of early detection and screenings. Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada and is responsible for about 30% of all deaths.

Early detection is key to fighting cancer. On average, over 500 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer each day. It is important that you know your body and to recognize what is normal for your body. When cancer is found early it is often easier to treat. Finding cancer early also means that there is less chance that the disease has spread to another part of your body. Do not ignore any changes you may notice, be sure to bring it up with our doctor. Regular check ups are important because doctors and other healthcare professionals are trained to look for the early warning signs of cancer. It is important to report any of these following changes to your doctor as soon as possible:

- a new or unusual lump or swelling in the breast, testicles or any other part of the body
- any sore which does not heal anywhere on your body or in your mouth
- obvious change in the shape, size or colour of a mole or wart
- a nagging cough, hoarseness or a croaky voice
- difficulty swallowing
- blood in the urine, stool or phlegm
- unusual bleeding or discharge of any sort from the nipple or vagina
- any change in bladder habits, such as pain or difficulty urinating
- any change in bowel habits (constipation or diarrhea) that last more than a few weeks
- persistent indigestion
- unexplained weight loss, fever or fatigue
- unexplained aches and pains
- any new growth on the skin, or patches of skin that bleed, itch or become red

Please note that having any of these signs does not necessarily mean that you have cancer. These signs and symptoms could be due to some other medical problem which may not be serious. Only your doctor



Carolyn Bourassa, Canadian Cancer Society-Community Manager SD&G, Prescott, and Russell; George Adams, Akwesasne Cancer Support Group Founder; Diane King, Community Health Nurse; Elizabeth Oakes, Sheila Oakes, and Edith Adams.

can tell for sure. Please consult with your doctor immediately if you have any one of these signs.

Routine screenings are vital to early detection. If you are of a certain age or population group there are screening tests that help find breast, cervical and colorectal cancer before you even notice a change to your body.

Breast Cancer

- If you're 40 to 49, talk to your doctor about your risk of breast cancer, along with the risks and benefits of mammography.
- If you're 50 to 69, schedule a mammogram every 2 years.
- If you're 70 or older, talk to your doctor about how often you should have a mammogram.

Cervical Cancer

- If you've ever been sexually active, you should start having regular Pap tests by the time you're 21. You'll need a Pap test every 1 to 3 years, depending on your previous test results.

Colorectal Cancer

- If you're 50 or older, have a stool test at least every 2 years. A stool test is a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT).

Prostate Cancer

- Prostate cancer can be found early using a PSA test (a type of blood test) and a digital rectal exam. If you're 50 or older, talk to your doctor about your risk of prostate cancer and about the risks and benefits of finding this type of cancer early.

The Community Health Nurses consistently set

up an informational display in the entrance at the Kanonhkwatsheri:io Health Facility. They aim to provide current and accurate information for community members who visit the health facility. The Community Health Nurses often sponsor contests relating to the content of their informational display. This past April the contest question was, "What are the seven steps to health?" They also provided informational pamphlets and brochures during Cancer Awareness Month.

Annually the Akwesasne Cancer Support Group hosts a cancer walk/run on the last weekend in April rain or shine. Due to the generosity of the community the funds raised stay in Akwesasne to assist those fighting cancer locally. The funds help pay for transportation, parking, and food considering some people cannot continue working due to their illness. The support group also gathers to share stories about the plight and determination that goes along with battling cancer.


Love yourself and take the time to get to know your body. When dealing with your health ignorance is not bliss and time is of all the essence. Engage in healthy living and give yourself a head start in the fight against cancer. ❖

Find Out More

Call Community Health Nurses at
(613)575-2341 Ext. 3219

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613-575-2341
ext. 3100



"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly." -anonymous

Iohahi:io's Office Administration Program Hosts Spring Forward to Empowerment Event

This spring, twenty-three students in Iohahi:io's Office Administration Medical/Legal Program experienced first hand just how much work and organization is involved when hosting a conference or seminar. The class spent weeks preparing for their student-lead conference titled "Spring Forward to Empowerment."

"We learned that if you have no organization, nothing will work!" said student Carrie Thompson. Thompson and her 22 classmates were tasked with holding a 1-day conference with speakers and presenters who would share information the students could benefit from. The Office Administration Medical/Legal Program provides students with a 2-year college diploma and enough knowledge and skills to enter the workforce prepared and confident.

"The program is aimed at giving them hands on experience," said instructor Sue Derouchie. "They learn about teamwork, to set goals...and this is also an opportunity for them to network."

The students were each given a job to do for the conference and they quickly learned how important it was to be relied upon, how necessary organization is, and how much behind-the-scenes work is involved when hosting even a small conference. The students were divided into 7 areas for the conference planning: Finance, Accommodations, Marketing, Technology, Logistics, Program, and Evaluations.

"If people are absent, someone has to pick up the slack or it won't get done," Thompson said of what they learned during the planning process. "You can't just cut anything out."



Top row(left to right): Carrie Thompson, April Beaubien Benedict, Alicia Thompson, Katie Boots, Paul Jackson, Arnold Casey Jr, Sierra Duciaume, Skye Herne, Trish Garrow, Maryann Terrance Bottom row: Calsey Bigtree-Thompson, Lisa Davis, Heather Mitchell, Carlee Oakes, Iris Lafrance, April Benedict, Nia Seymour, Wrani Sunday, Karrie Benedict, Jackie Hall, Tammy Terrance, Kayla Cook

The students also learned to develop trust for one another and to have confidence in each other's abilities to do their job.

On April 19th, the Spring Forward to Empowerment conference was held at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre. Attendees' first found a registration table where nametags and program folders were handed out. In the conference room, the technology group ensured there was a working projector and microphone. Light breakfast and drinks were available and plenty of seating for the students and guest speakers.

Emmy Mitchell, of Native Connections, spoke to the group about the mind, body and spirit. Colleen Nolan from the Akwesasne Employment Resource Centre and Dan Garrow from the Akwesasne Area Management Board both spoke about the job hunt process and how their respective organizations can assist job seekers and employers. Sylvia Maracle spoke on the value of education, as well as conflict resolution, and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte wrapped up the event with an empowering speech on her career path and climbing the ladder at MCA.

The conference gave students the opportunity to explore their talents and skills, work as a team, carry a project through from start to finish, and network with professionals. What they learned will stay with them and help them as they look to enter the professional workplace. ❖



Iohahi:io's Office Administration Students Kayla Cook, Iris LaFrance, Carrie Thompson and Paul Jackson

Journey of the Nishiiyuu

In January, six young people and one guide left Whapmagoostui, Quebec (Quebec's northernmost Cree community) in brutal temperatures most of us could not even begin to comprehend, on a quest for unity. The epic quest they embarked on became known as the Journey of the Nishiiyuu. The Original Seven walked for their own spiritual healing and to show support for the Idle No More movement that has swept across North America. More than 300 young people had joined the Original Seven on their trek to Ottawa and were welcomed by thousands of supporters on Victoria Island at noon on March 25th. Making the Journey of the Nishiiyuu's vision of unity a reality!

The event began on Victoria Island and the weather was chilly and cloudy. The gloomy weather did not deter supporters from gathering to welcome the Nishiiyuu. Upon their arrival on Victoria Island the Nishiiyuu were honored with a traditional ceremony and feast. Supporters had gathered on Victoria Island to march with the Nishiiyuu in solidarity on the last leg of their epic journey to Parliament Hill. As the crowd poured

into the streets the sun began to peek out from the clouds. There were drummers, singers, dancers and thousands of supporters participating in that march to Parliament Hill. For many it was a once in a lifetime opportunity that was not to be missed. Upon arriving at Parliament Hill the sea of supporters parted for the Nishiiyuu to make their way up the stairs in front of Parliament's Peace Tower. An Algonquin elder began to sing as the Nishiiyuu took their place on the steps. Just then the people began hooting and hollering after spotting an eagle flying around in the bright blue cloudless sky above. It was an emotional and tremendous moment as both the walkers and supporter's hearts filled with pride and love of one another.

MCA provided bussing for any community member's who wished to a part of the momentous event. The group of 30 from Akwesasne consisted mostly of elders and young people. One young woman presented the walkers with a beautiful splint basket and sacred tobacco on behalf of the youth of Akwesasne.

Kawehno:ke District Chief Brian David met with the Nishii yuu and offered them warm words of gratitude on behalf of Akwesasronon. ❖



Snowshoes were necessary when the Original Seven began their epic journey.



People gathered on Victoria Island to show their support.



The Nishiiyuu walkers proudly before a sea supporters on the steps in front of Parliament's Peace Tower.

Celebrating Earth Day at Tsi Snaihne School

April 22 was Earth Day. In observance of Earth Day, students at Tsi Snaihne School did a variety of activities. Early years students created posters to remind others to take care of Mother Earth. Primary students helped clean up the playground and area near the school while elementary students visited Iakhisohta to clean up their yard. Students also wrote letters and stories explaining the importance of recycling and being environmentally conscious.

Living an environmentally conscious lifestyle may seem like a daunting task, but there are simple actions one can take on Earth Day and beyond to become more Earth-friendly.

- Carry a reusable water bottle - According to the Dopper Foundation, 6,000 single-use plastic water bottles are thrown away every four seconds in the U.S., and only roughly 20 percent are recycled. Carrying a personal water bottle that you can fill up with tap water can cut down on waste and save you money.
- Unplug electronics when you are finished using them- Many electronics and appliances, like microwaves, televisions and cell phone chargers draw power from the plug even when you are not using them. According to the Stanford University School of Earth Sciences, you can cut down on this so-called "vampire power" by simply unplugging devices when they are not in use, or buying a smart power strip that will do this for you.



Grade 1 students pose behind the bags of garbage they helped to collect in an effort to clean up Mother Earth. Shaina Francis, Makyrrie White, Abraham Lazore, Darius Arquette-Cook, Alexia Mitchell, Alantra Peters, Tewahsatarakie David, Tessa Laffin, Allora Oakes, Dayne Thomas (hiding: Kyle Cuillerier)

- Ride your bike - According to BikesBelong.org, for every one mile on a bike instead of driving in a car, you can save one pound of CO2.
- Plant a tree - Planting a tree can help lessen pollution and provide shade to help reduce urban "heat islands" that are harmful to human health. Over the course of a year, a single tree can absorb about 48 pounds of carbon, making them some of the cheapest and most effective means of reducing CO2. ❖

Tsi Snaihne School Awards Ceremony

Tsi Snaihne School held its monthly awards ceremony on April 4th. Awards for the month of March were presented to the Students of the Month, Character Club, Language, Phys. Ed and Attendance.

Ms. Alida's kindergarten class had the best attendance record for the month of March. Recipients include: Memphis Thompson, Sky Manuel-Meltintallow, Brighton Sutherland, Louie McDonald Jr., Travayla Back, Leland Jacobs, Zachary Oakes, Ruckus Gray, Alleisha Lazore, Frankie Laughing III, and Chuya Cook.

The character trait for March was PRIDE. Students who took pride in their work were selected to join the Character Club. Recipients include: Chazz Oakes, Jay Montour Jr., Leland



Students of the month: Kendall Jacobs, Kayden Jacobs, Aubre Mitchell-King, Neveah Sharrow, Ruckus Gray, Koy Peters.

Jacobs, Kyle Cullierier, Mason White, Tehawisiaks Sharrow, Kiyah Francis, and Casey Oakes.

Frankie Laughing III, Korvin Edwards, Cruz Lazore, Makyrrie White, Casey Oakes, Kiyah Francis, Tia Terrance, Anson Herne and August Johnson put forth their best effort in Guzzy's Mohawk Language class.

Chuya Cook, Daylen Sutherland, London Lazore, Abraham Lazore, Raiden Bush-Garrow, Tehawisiaks Sharrow, Kylee David, and Eddie Oakes.

A student of the month was selected in each classroom and they are Nevaeh Sharrow, Ruckus Gray, Koy Peters, Kendall Jacobs, Kayden Jacobs, Aubre Mitchell-King.

Great job students. Keep it up! ❖

Honoring Youth Voices

For the past three months, twelve students from Cornwall Collegiate Vocational (CCVS) School have been working with Shara Francis-Herne, Roxann Whitebean and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Iethinesten:ha Family Wellness Program in order to develop a Magazine for youth, by the youth. Lynn Tarbell, Clinical Coordinator of the Iethinesten:ha Family Wellness Program, said that the intention of the publication, Honoring Youth Voices, was to "provide education to students on the issues of violence, how to protect themselves, how to make safer choices and to learn about healthy relationships." The Honoring Youth Voices publication will be shared with students in the community. This publication will delve into a variety of informational topics, including 1) Bullying/Cyber Bullying 2) Intimate Partner Violence (relationship violence) 3) Date Rape 4) Sexting and 5) Gang Violence.

The students had discussions amongst themselves, with team facilitators Shara Francis-Herne and Roxann Whitebean and the guest speakers that visited the students weekly. All students, ages 14-18, were encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings through the writing of their articles. They



CCVS students, now published writers stand with facilitator Shara Francis-Herne, Junior Policy Analyst-Entewatatha:wi.

were also able to accomplish their goal of publishing the magazine. Shara Francis-Herne noted that, "the most meaningful part of the project was seeing them (the students) strengthen their bonds to each other and watching them find their voices." If you would like a copy of the Honoring Youth Voices publication, please contact the Iethinesten:ha Family Wellness Program, or visit the Akwesasne.ca website. ❖

Boys Night Out

The Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment held the first ever Boys Night Out event on April 12th. This event was held at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation and 13 participants ages of 12 to 14 years attended.

Participants were able to interact with youth from Akwesasne with fun games, anti bullying activities' and talking circle. Cst. Rob White AMPS, talked about community, life choices and experiences, Tribal Police Officer Cpl. P.J. Burns spoke with youth about choices and Consequences. ACFS Traditional Support Worker Glenn Swamp spoke about the importance of using your voice and believing in your gift. ACFS Community Support Worker Brandon David discussed the effects of bullying and how to strengthen our community.

Some of the activities that the group experienced was how to clean, cook food, as well as some exercise activities for relieving stress. Each participant received a cooler containing hygiene gear, educational flyers pertaining to personal hygiene, a Smudge bowl with sage and sweet grass.



Their futures are so bright they gotta wear shades! Participants ages 12-14 gather at the first ever Boys Night Out sponsored by the Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment.

The Boys night out Coalition staff would like to thank Dr. Navaneelen for her generous donations and the Tsi Snaihne Recreation for allowing us to hold this event there. This event was the first of its kind and participants expressed their interest in attending future events of this type also expressing that they wish it was held every week. ❖

John Saiowisakè:ron “Ice” Fire

Every year, on the first Friday in the month of May, the community of Akwesasne honors an important Akwesasronon named John Saiowisakè:ron Fire.

John Saiowisakè:ron Fire was born in the year of 1847 and lived in the village of St. Regis in Akwesasne with his wife Teiohsirá:ke and their daughter Sarah. Saiowisakè:ron and his younger brother, Jacob Ohnehtó:take, grew up together as strong traditional long house members and continued their cultural practices within Akwesasne. The Mohawk people of Akwesasne have always been a strong nation which traditionally practiced self governance for many generations. Saiowisakè:ron supported his brother Ohnehtó:take who had gained the honorable position of being Life Chief within the community.

Akwesasronon recognized Saiowisakè:ron for his efforts and support of his community. He observed traditions and demonstrated a strong pride in his people by in defending the rights of self governance and nationhood. Saiowisakè:ron even donated part of land that was used by his family for the very first school in Akwesasne.

Akwesasronon, including Saiowisakè:ron and his brother, saw changes in the way the newly formed Canadian Government was treating all Onkwehonwe people. Canadian laws were created to break down the traditional system of self government and to imbed Canadian government systems into Onkwehonwe communities.

Akwesasronon tried very hard to keep their own traditional laws and system while the new Canadian laws continued to be presented to them. Even after years of writing letters of protest to the government, Canada imposed the Indian Act which required all Onkwehonwe communities to hold elections, which were overseen by an Indian Agent. In the year of 1899, the Dominion of police were sent to Akwesasne to arrest the Life Chiefs, who were

seen by the Indian Agent as the “illegal” leadership because they were not elected under Indian Act rules. Saiowisakè:ron heard the news of the arrests, and immediately ran to find his brother, Ohnehtó:take, and the other Life Chiefs, where they were being held. John Saiowisakè:ron Fire was shot by 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 Agents 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. The late elder Ernest Benedict was quoted in an interview in 2008 remarking that, “...everyone agreed, the killing of Saiowisakeron made the Government a villain..an enemy of all, especially traditional people.” “..Before that, not a big portion of us would rebel against the government...the killing encouraged us to think for ourselves, enrich our own government, and influence other native communities.”

In memory of Saiowisakè:ron, and unveiled on the 100th anniversary of his passing, a wooden statue of his image was created in his honor. Akwesasronon see the statue as a symbolic figure of a man who defines strength, bravery and community pride. Today we continue to acknowledge the strength and courage of our ancestors who fought and died in defending for the rights for Onkwehonwe people. On May 3rd, 2013, we will once again acknowledge the spirit of our Mohawk ancestor, John Saiowisakè:ron Fire.

Khia'teiohsirá:ke kiokierénhton ronwaia'tanentaktónhne tsi niwenhní:tes ne Onerahtohkó:wa, ne kaná:ta ne Ahkwesáhsne enhonwahsennakarát:tate ne raia'tanó:ron Ahkwesáhsró:non ronwá:iats Sawátis “Saiowisakè:ron” Otsiénha. Sawátis Saiowisakè:ron Otsiénha ronakerá:ton tsi niióhseres ne 1847 tánon ranakeréhkwe Kaná:takon ne roia'tatokénhti ne Sawátis Rahsén:nes Ahkwesáhsne skátne ró:ne Teiohsirá:ke tánon Shakotiién:'a Sesí:r. Saiowisakè:ron ta'non ro'kén:'a, Jacob Ohnehtó:take, skátne ronatehià:ron rati'sátste onkwehonwehseraká:ion kanonhseshró:non

raononkwe'ta'shón:'a tánon iahontahsónteren tsi nihotirihò:tens tsi nón:we ne Ahkwesáhsne. Ne Kanien'kéha Onkwehshón:'a ne Ahkwesáhsne rotii'a'tahní:ron ia'tehotia'tíhston kanekeráhtshera ónhka onkwehonwehserakaionhnéha ahontáthawe ne kakoráhtshera ne é:so kanekerahtsherá:ke.

Saiowisakè:ron wa'thohshwanéta ro'kén:'a Ohnehtó:take ónhka ronwahsennakarátá:ton tsi nón:we ní:rate ne tsi nihrónhnhes roiá:ner tsi nón:we ne raotiná:ta.

Ahkwesáhsró:non wahónttoke tsi nihohkwíron ne Saiowisakè:ron tsi teharihwáhsnie ne raoná:ta tsi nahò:ten thonehtáhkwen é:so tsi shakonerónhkwahkwe ne raonkwe'ta'shón:'a kaianerénhsera ahontháwe ne kakoráhtshera tánon kanekerahtsheraké:ron Saiowisakè:ron taháhtka'we ionhwentsiatákie thí:ken róntsthahkwe raohwá:tsire ne':e ne kiokierénhton tsi ionteweienstákhkwa ne Ahkwesáhsne.

Ahkwesáhsró:non, ratià:tare Saiowisakè:ron tánon ro'kén:'a, wahiakáthto tewatténies tsi niihtón:ne ní:iohne a'se ronatenenhrón:ni korahnéha kakoráhtshera tsi nihonwatiierá:sehkwe Onkwehón:we onkwehshón:'a. Koráhnéha kaianerénhsera'shón:'a rotíhshon tahatí:ia'ke ne onkwehonwehserakaionhnéha kaianerénhserakéhkha ne ratíhawe ne kakoráhtshera tánon aontahatí:ion'te koráhnéha kakoráhtshera kaianerénhsera ne Onkwehón:we kanataké:ron.

Ahkwesáhsró:non é:so tsi wahonhkwiíron ahatií:ne na ne raó:wen onkwehonwehseraká:ion tsi nikarí:wes ne á:se korahne'ha kaianerénhsera'shón:'a iewatahsón:tere tsi thonwaná:wí. Aronhákien tsi é:so ontahseróhetste iehatihíá:tons i'iah tehonerien'tí:ios ne':e ne kakoráhtshera, koráhnéha thontahonwanónhton'se ne Onkwehón:we kaianerénhsera tsi niká:ien teiotonhontsióhon akwé:kon Onkwehón:we kanataké:ron tahonekiohkwakén:ni, tsi niká:ien rati'nikón:rarahkwe ne Onkwehón:we raia'takwe'ní:io. Tsi niióhseres ne 1899, raotinén:ra ne karíhton tahonwanaténniehte ne

Ahkwesáhsne ahonwaié:na ne tsi nihonnónhnhes rotiiánéhshon, ónhka tehonwatiká:nere ne Onkwehón:we raia'takwéní:io i'iah kaianerénhserá:ke ratiia'takwéní:io ne':e tsi i'iah tehonwatia'tarákwen tsi nikaianerénhserò:ten ne Onkwehón:we raotianerénhsera. Saiowisakè:ron waharihwá:ronke tsi' wahonwatiienenhá:ton, tánon kwahtóksak iatharáhtate wahoia'tisákha

ne ro'ké:n'a Ohnehtó:táhe tánon ne tsi nihrónhnhes rotiiánéhshon tsi nónwe iahonwatihnó:ton.

Sawátis Saiowisakè:ron Otsiénha wahonwarón:tate ne raotinén:ra karíhton ne Onerahtohkó:wa 1, 1899. Tekonrénies karihwarò:ron thó:ne shontakahá:wí waháttoke thí:ken karíon wa'thonwatká:neren wahshakoiatehtshahníhten aronhátsi Saiowisakè:ron i'iah tehaonrenhá:wí tánon khok tho niahá:re ne Onkwehón:we etsiéhne tsi thahiatónhkwa ahshakori'wanón:tonhse ne ro'kén:'a. Tsi wahatóhetste ne Saiowisakè:ron né:'e aonhá:'a wa'tkanióhsken'ne wa'karihowáhnha'ne ne Ahkwesáhsne tánon wa'kiakoron'wékshi akwé:kon tánon thiiionkwehonwehserá:te onkwehshón:'a ahononhtón:nión né:'e ne karahnéha kakoráhtshera rononkwe'táksen. Tsi niióhseres ne 2009, Rokstenhkénha Ernest Benedict wahén:ron sha'tatithá:ren, “..ionkwe'takwé:kon wahati:i'wahón:we'ne tho ní:ioht tsi wa'thonwatká:nere ne kakoráhtshera ne ahronkwe'taksénhake, í:iah ónhka tehonatén:ro, né:'e aonhá:'a ne onkonhonwehseraká:ion onkwehshón:'a,” “..kwah ken' níákion enhonwatiná:kwahse

ne kakoráhtshera... wa'onkhihietsiá:ron ne í:i aíakwatatenonhtonnonkwáhse aioia'tahníhrha'ne ne Onkwakoráhtshera tánon thiká:te Onkwehón:we kanata'shón:'a.”

Ensehtsitewehià:ra'ne ne Saiowisakè:ron tánon ka'horókshion né:'e ne 100th iehshóhe tsi nikahá:wí rotohetston, o'iente ionnià:ton kaia'tonníhserote ne raià:tare rotíhshon tsi wahonwahsennakarát:tate. Ne Ahkwesáhsró:non Onkwehshón:'a enhontkáthto ne kaia'tonnihserote ne enthonté'nién:tenhste kaieronnítston ne nerón:kwe

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óhka shakona'tón:ni kaksatsténhsera, atsináhtshera
tánon kaná:ta kanaiehtshera. Ón:wa wenhniserá:te
ieiakwatahsónterens aiakwaientehrháne ne
kaksatsténhsera tánon a'nikonhratshahníhtshera
ne ionkhihsothoken'kenha tsi nihá:ti ronateriiohne
tánon ronenhé:ion tsi tahatíhnhe'ne ne tsi

nihotiianerenhserò:tens ne Onkwehón:we
onkwehshón:'a. Ne Onerahtohkó:wa 3rd, 2013,
á:re entsithiientéhrha'ne ne raonatónnhets ne
Kanien'kéha ionkhihsothoken'kénha Sawátis
"Saiowisakè:ron" Otsiènha. ❖

Recent MCA Job Postings

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

Inter-Organizational Liason Officer, Executive Services-Mohawk Government
Full Time Term Position-One Year (With Possibility of Permanency)
Salary: SP 06 \$45,938.00-\$49,687.00

Laundry Worker, Tsiionkwanonhso:te
Part Time Position
Salary: CL 15 \$25,693.00-\$27,789.00

Activity Care Aide, Iakhihsohtha
Full Time-Permanent Position
Salary: HS 11 \$32,213-\$34,842

Policy Analyst, Tehotiiennawa:kon-Economic Development
Full Time Term Position-Two Years (With Possibility of Permanency)
Salary: SP 08 \$42,110-\$45,546

Special Projects Officer, Tehotiiennawa:kon-Economic Development
Full Time Term Position-Two Years (With Possibility of Permanency)
Salary: SP 05 \$47,852-\$51,757

Executive Assistant, Department of Technical Services
Permanent Full Time Position
CL 07 \$37,112-\$40,140

Early Childhood Educator, Akwesasne Childcare Program
Full Time Term Postion
Salary: Under Review

* Deadline for all positions is no later than 4:00PM Thursday, May 2, 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.

Mohawk Conversation and Song

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

*Kanien'keha Sewata:ti
You All Speak Mohawk*

She:kon.
Tsi sakia'tawi'tsheri:io.
Hello. You have a nice shirt.

Nia:wen. I:se o:ni.
Thank You. You too.

Ka'nontahsawe ?
Where did you get it?

Walmartne nontakhawe.
I got it at Walmart.

Io ho
Tohsa sewatshe:hiaron
Kanien'keha sewata:ti
Io we ia we io
ne ne Onkwehonwehneha
Kai na wi ia he ia

Don't be shy
You all speak Mohawk

Io we ia we io
io we ia we io o
Tohsa sewatshe:hiaron
Kanien'keha sewata:ti
Kai na wi ia he ia

Don't be shy
You all speak mohawk

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

**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**





Hazard Help Sheet Cyber Security at Home



CYBER SECURITY AT HOME is more important today than it used to be. With the proliferation of viruses, worms, phishing, email scams, and hackers, users must take proactive measures to secure their computers and networks.

FOUR STEPS TO TAKE NOW:

1. **Protect:** Use Microsoft Security Essentials to help guard against viruses, spyware, and other malicious software. It provides real-time protection for your home or small business PCs. Microsoft Security Essentials is free* and is designed to be simple to install and easy to use.
2. **Update:** Get security updates automatically. You may already have the update if you have automatic updating turned on. If you do not have automatic updating turned on, or to check whether you need the update, go to [Microsoft Update](#). Microsoft Update is an online tool that will scan your computer and provide you a report about what updates your computer needs.
3. **Fix:** Remove viruses with a safety scanner. The Microsoft Safety Scanner is a free downloadable security tool that provides on-demand scanning and helps remove viruses, spyware, and other malicious software. It works with your existing antivirus software.
4. **Get Help!** Explore the various safety options available to you such as programming (applications), internet, Skype, emails, downloads, etc.

KEEP YOUR CHILD(REN) SAFE ONLINE by following these steps to help protect your children's privacy and safety when they're using the computer.

STEP 1: Decide where your child(ren) can and can't go on the internet and be sure to block inappropriate content.

STEP 2: Increase your security and privacy. In addition to blocking inappropriate content, it's a good idea to block sites and downloads that might be a risk to your security and privacy. Set limits on downloads.

STEP 3: Monitor where your kids go online.

STEP 4: Remind kids not to talk to strangers online. To help minimize your children's vulnerability, teach them to take precautions such as:

- Use only a first name or nickname to identify themselves.
- Never disclose a phone number or address.
- Never send photographs of themselves.
- Never agree to meet someone they met online without supervision.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

In the United States, you are entitled to one free credit report every year from each of the three major U.S. credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax, and Trans-Union. Get them by visiting [AnnualCreditReport.com](#). Utilize this to monitor your credit report annually.

For More Information Go To
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Hazard Help Sheet Cyber Security at Home



CREATE STRONG PASSWORDS

A strong password is an important protection to help you have safer online transactions. Here are steps you can take to create a strong password. Some or all might help protect your online transactions:

- ♦ **Length:** Make your passwords long with eight or more characters.
- ♦ **Complexity:** Include letters, punctuation, symbols, and numbers. Use the entire keyboard, not just the letters and characters you use or see most often. The greater the variety of characters in your password, the better. However, password hacking software automatically checks for common letter-to-symbol conversions, such as changing "and" to "&" or "to" to "2."
- ♦ **Variation:** To keep strong passwords effective, change them often. Set an automatic reminder for yourself to change your passwords on your email, banking, and credit card websites about every three months.
- ♦ **Variety:** Don't use the same password for everything. Cybercriminals steal passwords on websites that have very little security, and then they use that same password and user name in more secure environments, such as banking websites.
- ♦ **TEST:** Test your password with a password checker. A password checker evaluates your password's strength automatically.


AVOID COMMON PITFALLS

Cyber criminals use sophisticated tools that can rapidly decipher passwords. Avoid creating passwords that use:

- ⇒ Dictionary words in any language.
- ⇒ Words spelled backwards, common misspellings, and abbreviations.
- ⇒ Sequences or repeated characters. Examples: 12345678, 222222, abcdefg, or adjacent letters on your keyboard (qwerty).
- ⇒ Personal information. Your name, birthday, driver's license, passport number, or similar information.

LOOK FOR SIGNS THAT A WEBSITE IS SAFE

So, before you enter sensitive data, check for evidence that:

1. **The site uses encryption**, a security measure that scrambles data as it crosses the internet. Good indicators that a site is encrypted include a web address with https ("s" stands for secure) and a closed padlock beside it. (The lock might also be in the lower-right corner of the window.)
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2. **You are at the correct site**, for example, at your bank's website, not a phony website. If you are using Internet Explorer, one sign of trustworthiness is a green address bar like the one above.
 3. **Use a phishing filter.** Find a filter that warns you of suspicious websites and blocks visits to reported phishing sites. For example, try the [Smart Screen Filter](#) included in Internet Explorer.

Awentatokehti:ke / Sunday	Awentatawen'ke / Monday	Ratironhia'keiron:ke / Tuesday	Soséhne / Wednesday	Oharistiahne / Thursday	Ronwaia'anentaktonhe / 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"			1 Tsi Nhonlwarhó'ten Achikaseera / Heritage Week Public / In-Camera Session 6 pm @ Tsi Snahne School	2 Ionhuksestónimion Tewakhtawit / Ribbon Shirt Day	3 Saiowisakeron Raonihsera / Jake Fire Day BOARD HOLIDAY	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CAT 4 Testing Throughout Week						
12 Istén:a Akaonihsera / MARRY MOTHERS DAY	13	14	15	16	17 AMBE BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY A great day for us to say "Thank you!"	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31
	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY					
	EQAO Testing - Onerahtohkwé:wa/May 27 - Ohiafí:ha/June 7					

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

Did You Know

- One-third of seniors (age 65 and over) have a fall every year; half of them have more than one fall.
- Falls are the most common cause of injury among seniors.
- Seniors are nine times more likely to be hurt in a fall than someone under the age of 65.
- Nearly two-thirds of injury related hospitalizations for seniors are the result of falls.
- Roughly half of all falls occur at home.



For more information on Falls Prevention call Allyson Lamesse, Community Health Representative, at Kanonhkwatsheri:io at 613-575-2341 ext 3229



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

Community Health Events
May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
★ Every Tuesday Circuit Training with Lorrie Snye Rec 5:30-6:30	★ Every Thursday Circuit Training with Lorrie Kanatakon 5:30-6:30		1 Breastfeeding Support Group Luncheon 12-1	2 Deadline to order Green Food Box	3 HOLIDAY	4
5	6	7 Infant Massage 10-11 Little Chefs 2-4	8 Prenatal Circle 2-4	9 Infant Massage 10-11 Little Chefs 2-4	10	11
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STARTING APRIL 1ST, THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE WILL BE CHANGING PROVIDERS FOR RECYCLING. HERE IS WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE:

The **NEW** Blue Box

One Stream Every Week

ACCEPTABLE



NON-ACCEPTABLE



PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Rinse and flatten containers.
- Recycle caps separately.
- No need to remove labels.
- Don't stuff materials into containers.
- Keep your cardboard separate.



Use your blue recycling bin and keep excess recyclables in clear (not black) bags. All recycled items must be clean of food scraps and other materials.

Clear and coloured food and beverage bottles, jars and containers.

Glass

Dishes, porcelain and ceramics, window panes, light bulbs or mirrors.

Metal

Aluminum and steel food and beverage bottles and containers, foil and plates, **EMPTY** aerosol cans and dry empty paint cans (recycle lids separately).

Aluminum foil with food scraps, laminated foil, takeout food lids, candy and cigarette wrapping, metalized chip bags, scrap metal, small appliances, full and partially full aerosols should be treated as hazardous.

Plastic

Bottles, jugs, tubs, lids and rigid packaging and containers from food, beverage and household products i.e.: shampoo, yogurt, margarine, ice cream, clear shells, trays and BBQ chicken containers (#1 through #7).

Styrofoam cups or packaging, film, bags, laminated packaging, toys, hoses, durable plastic products, seed trays, plant and garden packaging (please return to local nursery).

Paper and Cardboard

Paper cups, fine paper, bills, flyers, envelopes, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, paper back books, egg cartons, craft paper, phone books, rolls, brochures and polycarbonate containers i.e.: milk and juice cartons, gable top, Tetra Pak and frozen juice containers.

Tissue, paper towels, napkins, waxed paper, laminated, lined and metallic paper, contaminated paper and the hard cover on books (please remove).

Cardboard: keep separate.



THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE'S ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

