



## UN Special Rapporteur Conducts Research on Canada's Relations with First Nations People

### Akwesasne First Stop in Cross-Country Investigation

**T**ERRITORY OF AKWESASNE – United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya visited Canada this week on a special assignment, conducting hearings across the country to examine the relationship between the government of Canada and First Nations people. Mr. Anaya made Akwesasne his first stop on Oct. 7, hearing presentations from community officials on Akwesasne's experiences with the Canadian government.

"Mr. Anaya's last-minute decision to visit Akwesasne was a pleasant surprise," said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, who had been planning to present to the Special Rapporteur at a scheduled hearing in Ottawa. "His eagerness to learn about Akwesasne's situation as a border community provided us with the golden opportunity to acquaint him with the daily complexities of Akwesasne life, and the issues we have faced with the federal government."

"The Mohawk people and Akwesasne community are famous around the world," said Mr. Anaya during a hearing planned at the A'nowara'kowa Arena on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island.) "This is the first community I'm visiting during my nine day stay in Canada and this is a place I've heard a lot about over the years."

Mr. Anaya said the United Nations requested permission from Canada to conduct the research and report. On Oct. 15, Mr. Anaya held a special conference describing his initial findings, and a detailed report will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

"I'm hoping that by raising these issues with the Canadian government, by including them in my report, and making appropriate recommendations, that I will be able to draw further attention to these issues so that you can move toward resolution



*Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Director of Justice Joyce King, and MCA legal counsel Micha Menczer were among those presenting valuable information and historical accounts to UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya (second from left) as he explored Canada and First Nations relations.*

of them," Mr. Anaya said, addressing a group of Mohawk elders in a follow-up meeting at the Tri-District Elders Lodge on Kawehno:ke.

During the hearing, Mr. Anaya heard from Grand Chief Mitchell, Chief Brian David, Justice Director Joyce King, youth representative Shara Francis-Herne and Akwesasne's legal counsel Micha Menczer on Canada's violations of the aboriginal, civil and human rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

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# Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

Kentenha/ October 2013

She:kon,

*It is my pleasure and honor to introduce our community to the Kentenha/October 2013 edition of the Onkwe'ta:ke. This edition of Onkwe'ta:ke marks the 2nd Anniversary of this community newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed receiving our information-filled publication each month.*

*I hope everyone is in good health in mind, body, and soul. With this being the second month of the new school year I hope your family has their routines set and is making a smooth transition. You may have noticed the chill in the air and that the leaves are changing. Please prepare our children and elders for colder weather. Be sure they are dressed properly and encourage them to get their flu shots. A healthy community is a happy community.*

*Since my re-election as Kanatakon District Chief I have been continuing with the same portfolios that I have been responsible for over the past three terms. I keep the same portfolios because I have acquired a lot of knowledge in those fields over the years and I wish to see the projects I have been involved with come to fruition. Some of my portfolios have changed since the six-month review of portfolios. My major portfolio is Department of Technical Services with minors in Health, Housing and I also sit on committees that are involved with those portfolios including the following internal committees: Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Benefit Committee. I also am involved with the housing committee dealing with strategic planning and terms of reference. .*

*It was so nice to see the children outside playing, riding bikes, swimming, playing ball, and adults walking their babies in strollers or just walking with children this past summer. I noticed a lot of activities underway during the weekends throughout the entire summer. A few weeks ago we even had record-breaking attendance figures at the Akwesasne International Powwow.*

*More recently there has been cutbacks passed down from the Government. These cutbacks are lowering our financial contributions to the community. I can assure you that although we are under pressure financially we strive to continue providing services to the community even with less funding. My hope is that we can all work together to get through our tough economic times.*

Nia:wen,

Chief Florence Phillips  
District of Kana:takon





# Letter to the Editor Response from Grand Chief

25, Seskehko:wa/September 2013

Response to "Third Party Management?"

*I want to take this time to respond to a Letter to the Editor that appeared in the September 19, 2013 edition of Indian Time. The letter referenced a finance report that was provided at a recent Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's General Meeting. The following information is being provided to help provide some clarification. I want to begin by stating that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is NOT on the verge of bankruptcy NOR at risk of being placed under third-party financial management. Far from those unlikely scenarios, the Mohawk Council has been credited by the Government of Canada for being one of the most stable and financially accountable First Nations communities.*

*In the early-1980s, Akwesasne was at risk of being placed under third party management by the federal government. As a result, in consultation with members the Mohawk Council initiated efforts in 1986 that exercised our community's authority and assumed local control of many programs and services that were previously administered by the Department of Indian Affairs.*

*For nearly thirty years, these efforts included regular updates to members on funds that are received for community programs and services. This is done through our annual reports that contain a detailed accounting of each department's activities and finances, as well as included as a regular agenda topic at MCA General Meetings and District Meetings.*

*Strong financial management and regular fiscal reporting to members is an ongoing practice that continues to improve and serves as a template for other First Nations seeking similar standards of financial transparency and accountability. These measures have resulted in Akwesasne doing a much better job of administering our community's funds, which over the years has resulted in increased employment for our people.*

*It is commonly known that all across the country; federal, provincial and municipal governments and, particularly, First Nations communities are dealing with budget deficits and funding cuts. It is also evident that Akwesasne has grown significantly over the years and in response so has the demand for increased community programs and services.*

*As a result of funding cuts or no increase in funding in some key areas for the past three years, the MCA has been working hard to keep the deficit in check, ensuring that there is ongoing delivery of essential community services and is exploring ways to generate revenue to support our community's continued growth.*

*The lack of external funding however, has forced the MCA to cover costs that contribute towards the deficit yet, provide for the health and safety of local residents. These are for projects that have been identified as priorities for the community, like completing construction on the Kawehno:ke and the Tsi Sniahne waterlines to bring safe drinking water to district residents. These also include costs that don't fit within existing funding criteria, but remain free for community members; such as garbage collection and water.*

*In November 2013, community members will be receiving the 2012-2013 Annual Report that contains the most up-to-date financial statement for the Mohawk Council. It includes further information of priority areas that have experienced cuts in funding from external governments; such as Post-Secondary Education, non-Insured Health Benefits, and Community and Social Services.*

*The Annual Report will also include information on efforts that are underway to ensure the federal government fulfills its fiduciary responsibility for the continued delivery of essential services. I ask that you take the time to read these reports and to bring any questions you may have to an upcoming General Meeting, District Meeting, Focus Meeting, or to contact your District Chief.*

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Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell  
Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

# MCA Initiates Akwesasne Archeological Field School



*Curtis Lazore, ARRO; Christopher Thompson, Economic Development; Field Technicians in no particular order- Jacob Thompson, Tami Bonaparte (not pictured), Mitch Gray, Katie Bero, Alley Bero, Kanatase Mitchell, Joe Lazore Jr., Allix Gibson, Lance Jacobs, Don Jacobs; and Francis Scardera, Course Instructor.*

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) in conjunction with the Community Support and Economic Development programs have identified an opportunity to train and sustain a marketable labor force in the field of Archaeology. The St. Lawrence River Valley is home to Akwesasne's rich prehistory. In the past this prehistory has been told to us through the interpretation of non-native scholars. Until the late 20th century very little of our prehistory had any input from Akwesasnon. Today we are given the opportunity to meld together oral tradition with western academia.

The MCA Akwesasne Archeological Field School project began last month on a short-term trial basis. The project has unlimited potential and could grow into an advanced school of archeology study, providing MCA with an invaluable tool for understanding Akwesasne's history.

"This is something that we've talked about for a very long time and I'm happy to see that it is finally happening," said Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell.

The project will begin with the early stages of an archeological assessment dig at an undisclosed location within MCA's jurisdiction. When any new construction occurs in the northern portion of Akwesasne, MCA requires that proper studies are conducted in the area to determine if any ancestral remains would be disturbed.

"In the past, we've relied on non-Natives to conduct these field studies for us," said Grand Chief Mitchell. "Now, we are realizing an initiative. It begins with us."

Due to the continued growth of Akwesasne there has become an increasing demand to diversify the economy as well as study Akwesasne's own cultural history. Cultural Properties significant to Akwesasne must be documented and protected for coming generations and to honor our ancestors. It was the vision of the late Salli K. Benedict to develop a sustainable labor force to manage our cultural resources in a manner that is respectful and culturally appropriate.

ARRO Researcher Curtis Lazore said, "For the past 30 years Akwesasne has been involved with archae-



ology, sacred site protection and repatriation efforts in securing our Cultural Properties.”

“One of the mandates of the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office is to ensure that the history of our lands is as complete as possible,” said Cactus Cook Sunday, ARRO Program Manager. “This is as important to the strength of our land claims as it is to educating our youth about our relationship to the Earth. Archaeological evidence of our ancestors’ inhabiting and using this land prior to European contact is one more way to show that we are the original inhabitants here, and that our stewardship of this area is a long and important tradition.”

The ability to nurture a program in a fully operational Cultural Resource Management firm has very high potential here in Akwesasne. This will allow Akwesasne to hire its own people for future archaeological studies and become a self-sustaining company in the future. Due to Akwesasne’s unique jurisdictional makeup the target market could reach beyond both sides of the international border. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and any external companies creating new developments could utilize the potential Cultural Resource Management firm. Any land development triggers the need for an Archaeological assessment.

“Engaging Aboriginal communities is also a requirement under the 2011 Ontario Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists when assessing areas or cultural heritage or areas of interest to aboriginal communities,” said Lazore.

Currently, Archaeological surveys are being contracted to a consulting Archaeologist who build teams of local community members on an ad-hoc basis. This approach is necessary because there are no local firms or qualified personnel able to take on

this type of work. We have activity in the sector of Archaeology but as a community have limited participation. MCA currently relies upon outside expertise for Archaeological work and understands there is an opportunity to develop the sector of Archaeology. Taking control of this sector will establish our right as the descendants of the St. Lawrence Iroquois people and protect our sacred grounds.

“In order to do meaningful economic development we need to enhance local capacity to take over activity that is already happening in and around Akwesasne,” said Christopher Thompson, Economic Development Officer. “We know there is plenty of activity in the sector and that it is important for us to be involved both economically and culturally. The benefits are job creation and developing traditional knowledge.”

The Akwesasne Archaeology Field School is the first step towards fostering the bigger picture of developing the Archeology sector. For six weeks 10 Field Technicians will comprise the team under the leadership of the Project Archaeologist Francis Scardera. The majority of the participants on the project have been drawn from the client list of the Community Support Program to focus on community members unemployed or underemployed and all participants possess the minimum requirement of a high school diploma. In a sense this field school can be thought of as a ‘make-work’ initiative.

This group of individuals will provide future Archaeological initiatives an experienced labor pool to draw from. In order to keep the momentum going and to spark interest in further education training and educational opportunities will be presented to these individuals. After the commencement of this field school an update will be provided with their findings. ❖



### Meet Archaeologist Francis Scardera

Since 2006, Archaeologist Francis Scardera has been consulting for MCA. He has trained community members as field technicians, who have assisted in archaeological surveys of waterlines, cables, towers and large scale construction projects conducted in Akwesasne.

While consulting for MCA, Francis has also conducted archival, historical and archaeological research as part of the Dundee Land Claim. He is currently gathering ethnographic accounts, particularly in oral histories of Mohawk place-names.



*Grand Chief Mitchell presented Mr. James Anaya with a wooden lacrosse stick and sweetgrass basket.*

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“Why do we face scrutiny [at the Canadian Port of Entry] when proudly declaring our membership to the Kanienkehaka Nation?” asked Francis-Herne, representing the Akwesasne youth. “Why do we feel singled out and profiled, sometimes being made to feel criminal? And why is it so hard for us to travel from one part of our community to another? It is not about having special rights, it is about having human rights.”



*Youth representative Shara Francis-Herne*

Council lawyer Micha Menczer pointed out how it's Akwesasne community members trying to live their daily lives who are suffering. The Mohawks, he said, are not asking for anything special, they are simply asking to go about their lives without having their rights violated daily. “Resolution is possible but Akwesasne must have their rights respected and a willing Canadian government partner to negotiate practical arrangements for daily travel in the community across the international border. This has not been the case to date.”

The Canadian government has a constitutional obligation to consult with First Nations before creating regulations or policies that impact their aboriginal rights or title. Canada has failed to consult with Akwesasne or accommodate the Aboriginal rights of Akwesasne members on a number of large issues. This has resulted in undue hardship to the community members.

The Canada Border Services Agency (“CBSA”) and Canada did not consult with Akwesasne before deciding to arm border guards with guns on Akwesasne Territory. CBSA did not consult Akwesasne before closing down a border crossing and requiring that residents of Akwesasne leave



Akwesasne to report to Canadian officials as part of their everyday routine life.

The Federal Bridge Corporation and Seaway International Bridge Corporation did not consult with Akwesasne before relocating the toll plaza on Cornwall Island to Cornwall.

The resulting change of the duty to report from Cornwall Island to Cornwall has severely hampered the ability of community members to go about their daily lives. The Mohawk people cannot travel to school, work, sporting events, doctor's appointments, cultural workshops, birthday parties, or conduct any of their daily business without encountering lengthy delays in first leaving Akwesasne, to report to the Canadian government, and then returning to Akwesasne. Akwesasne's proposal to have alternate reporting arrangements (common in other parts of the country) implemented in Akwesasne has not been accepted by Canada. In the words of many community members: "We feel like hostages in our own lands."

Community members who do not abide by the reporting requirement are punished by having their car seized and a minimum \$1,000 fine applied. This has been called Canada's retaliation against the Mohawk people for their refusal to allow guns on the territory.

Mohawk Council currently has several cases against CBSA before the Canadian Human Rights Commission based on the unfair Duty to Report, a lack of accommodation to emergency services utilizing the bridge crossing at Akwesasne, and a failure of CBSA to recognize tribal identification, Haudenosaunee passports and other identification that allows Mohawks to identify themselves as Mohawks rather than as Canadian or American citizens.

Canada's injustices against Akwesasne aren't



*UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya*

limited to the bridge and border crossing issues. Canada has failed to uphold their legal obligation to consult with and accommodate the rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne in many other areas. This is seen in the enactment of several Bills that significantly impact First Nations people. Those bills are in relation to safe drinking water, marriage and property laws, and education. If Canada is unwilling to consult with First Nations before passing legislation that immediately affects them, then the Federal Government should at the very least be incorporating clauses that allow time and opportunity for First Nations to develop their own legislation to regulate their own water, property, and education laws.

"Mr. Anaya's visit comes at a time when Canada and First Nations people are realizing the tensions that exist," said Grand Chief Mitchell. "For years, Canada has tried to keep Indigenous issues tied up in its bureaucracy and red tape. On many occasions the Canadian courts have reminded the federal government that it's best to negotiate a solution rather than expect the Canadian courts to interpret Indigenous rights, then have the government fail to execute them." ♦♦



*Mr. James Anaya speaking to Mohawk elders about his research and how he hopes it will help see issues with Canada resolved.*



# MCA Staff Attend Royal Proclamation Symposium

## "Creating Canada: From the Royal Proclamation of 1763 to Modern Treaties"

By Rasennes Pembleton, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1763, King George III of Great Britain issued a Royal Proclamation "Establishing New Governments in America". This document, often referred to as the "Indian Bill of Rights" decreed that "Nations of Tribes of Indians... should not be molested or disturbed" of lands "reserved to them...as their Hunting Grounds". The Proclamation also acknowledged "great Frauds and Abuses" in the purchase of Indian lands and sought to convince First Nations of "our Justice and determined Resolution to remove all reasonable cause of Discontent".

The Royal Proclamation of 1763 set the standard for the "honourable dealing" of the Crown in relation to First Nations, and provided the basis for all historic and modern-day treaties. The 1763 Proclamation set in place timeless legal principles, of which established Aboriginal title to lands can be attributed. As well, the Proclamation established the principle that First Nations territories could not be settled or taken in without a binding treaty between the Crown and the First Nation.

To mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of

the Proclamation, the Land Claims Agreements Coalition hosted this symposium to discuss the roots of treaty making in Canada. Using the Proclamation as a legal touch stone, academics, legal experts and First Nations leadership came together to discuss the historical and modern impacts of this Proclamation.

Attended by MCA Tsi:Snaihne District Chiefs Joe Lazore and William Sunday as well as Researchers from Aboriginal Rights and Research Office, Youth Representatives, Nation Building Technicians and Mohawk Government staff, this symposium provided much needed historical context framing the importance of the Royal Proclamation as a foundational document that underlies the relationship between all First Nations governments and the Crown.

Breaches of the "Honour of the Crown" were discussed at length from the many First Nation representatives from across Canada, issues ranging from hunting rights, power generation, education, health care, mining, settlement agreements, land claims and self-sufficiency were all discussed. The Royal Proclamation of 1763, although 250 years old, still has much work to do as "reasonable Cause of Discontent" remains. ❖

# 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



# The TransCanada Energy East Pipeline Project

The TransCanada's Energy East Pipeline Project is proposed as a 4,400-kilometre pipeline that would carry 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in Eastern Canada. The company intends to proceed with the necessary regulatory applications for approvals to construct and operate the pipeline project and terminal facilities in early 2014, and anticipates the \$12 billion project to be in service by late 2017 in Quebec and 2018 in New Brunswick. The project will convert an existing 3,000-kilometre natural gas pipeline to oil service. That pipeline currently runs from Alberta to Iroquois, Ontario just west of Cornwall. They would then construct a new 1,400-kilometre pipeline east to New Brunswick. The pipeline will transport crude oil from receipt points in Alberta and Saskatchewan to delivery points in Montreal, Quebec City and Saint John, New Brunswick. The pipeline will terminate at Canaport in Saint John, New Brunswick where TransCanada and Irving Oil have formed a joint venture to build, own and operate a new deep water marine terminal.

## First Nation Outreach

TransCanada is being proactive in reaching out to all communities along the proposed route of the pipeline. 63 Open Houses have been scheduled for non-Native communities to introduce the project and answer questions of community members. At the same time, Ishkonigan, a First Nation consulting company (that has its home office located on Kawehno:ke) has been retained by TransCanada to conduct outreach to First Nations in proximity to the proposed route of the Energy East Pipeline. The outreach is intended to be a transparent process on the part of TransCanada to introduce the project to potentially impacted First Nations and to see if and how the First Nations would like to be engaged in the project.

## Letter of Agreement and Work Plan


The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) was approached by Ishkonigan in late April 2013 because a portion of the pipeline would cross into Akwesasne's Traditional Territory given the community's close proximity to Iroquois, Ontario. Four meetings have since taken place between MCA

and Ishkonigan as details of the proposed project have become known. It resulted in a Letter of Agreement (LOA) being signed in June as an interim mechanism to facilitate Council's participation in understanding the project. It is providing \$15,000 to MCA to explore the pros and cons of the project and to aid it in deciding whether it would like to participate further in the projects development. Should the Council decide to participate further than that, it is hoped by TransCanada that this additional participation would be captured in a formal Memorandum of Understanding.

MCA staff and Ishkonigan have developed a work plan on how the \$15,000 will be spent. The work plan includes:

- Research on pipeline projects that are being proposed across North America (with a focus on the pros and cons of these projects);
- TransCanada pipeline information gathering, planning, and dissemination to the community;
- Development of an outline of Traditional Ecological Knowledge needs and how MCA could contribute to them;
- Economic development objectives with a focus on how the project could create business opportunities for the Akwesasne community;
- Review of Akwesasne's capabilities and experience in emergency response and how it could inform TransCanada's emergency response planning;
- Development of a report on Akwesasne's workforce that could potentially be available to work on the pipeline; and
- Input into a draft Memorandum of Understanding prepared by TransCanada.

## Next Steps

MCA staff are conducting research and drafting reports consistent with the work plan. MCA will be scheduling a mid-October Special General Meeting to introduce the project to the community and report on its findings. 



# Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) August/September 2013

## **Seskeha: August 27, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 - #162 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated May 21, 2013

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #163 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated June 25, 2013

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #164 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated July 9, 2013

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #165 - Working Task Group – Akwesasne Education Law

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #166 - Phase IV – Enactment of an Akwesasne Law by Way of Referendum

Voting: For – 7, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

## **Seskehko:wa: September 3, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 - #167 - Emergency Special Meeting Minutes Dated January 10, 2013

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #168 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated July 16, 2013

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #169 - Shareholders for Akweks:kowa

Voting: For – 6, Against – 1, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #170 - Assignment of Lease Lot 2G-6 Pilon Island

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #171 - Assignment of Lease Lot 1-22 Pilon Island

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #172 - Housing - Upgrade Program Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #173 - Housing - Upgrade Program Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #174 - Housing - Upgrade Program Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #175 - Housing - Upgrade Program Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #176 - Housing - Upgrade Program Application

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #177 - Kaiahnehronsehra Iehiontakwa: Place Where Laws Are Registered – Registrar, Designates and Seal

Voting: For – 9, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

## **Seskehko:wa: September 10, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 - #178 - Police Officers Recruitment Fund

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #189 - Long Term Lease for ABRIA Pharmacy

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #180 - Acceptance of Final Report for the Development of a 5 Year Governance Strategic Plan Through AANDC

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

## **Seskehko:wa: September 16, 2013 Emergency Special Meeting**

2013/2014 - #181 - Access to Territory

Voting: For – 8, Against – 3, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

## **Seskehko:wa: September 20, 2013 Special Meeting**

2013/2014 - #182 - 2013/2014 MCYS Service Contract

Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #183 - 2013-2014 Family Violence Prevention Project Funding

Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #184 - 2013-2014 Minor Capital Funding

Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED



2013/2014 - #185 - To Accept Amendment No. 0007 to the Financial Arrangement  
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #186 - Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance MOA with SRMT  
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #187 - Appointment of Representatives to the Akwesasne Health Advisory Board  
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #188 - New Lease - Lot 7 Stanley Island  
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #189 - Cultural Restoration Commission Representative  
Voting: For – 5, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #190 - Space Needs Accommodation  
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

**August 2013 Donations**  
Sports/Groups/Team - \$3,000  
Funeral - \$1,000  
Individuals - \$3,500

## Chinese Visit Akwesasne with Business Hopes



*Mohawk Council chiefs and staff had a friendly cultural exchange with a delegation of Chinese business people and their families. The group is exploring investment and business opportunities and has approached MCA with partnership ideas.*

In August, a delegation of Chinese businessmen and their families visited Akwesasne for a unique meeting with Mohawk Council. Bringing gifts from their far-away homes in Asia, the meeting was part cultural exchange and part business discussion.

Chief Brian David arranged the gathering following pre-meetings and research he participated in with the group's spokesperson. The Chinese group is currently exploring the possibility of working together with First Nations on business ventures that would be mutually beneficial. The meeting with

MCA was an introduction to the group's plans and much more discussion will be needed before any agreement or even plan is put into motion. However, chiefs were very interested in hearing the group's ideas and will give thought to how they believe the community may or may not benefit from such a business venture.

"This meeting was very informative and I'm happy my fellow Council members had the opportunity to hear what these folks are pursuing," said Chief Brian

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David. "We are a growing community in many different ways and we are in a position to entertain various economic opportunities as we look to advance our capabilities and see our economy flourish for the coming generations. The interest of these Chinese investors is symbolic in a way of the times we live in and the strategic position of Akwesasne - politically, physically and economically."

#### WHY AKWESASNE?

Chinese investors have been showing an interest in Akwesasne for many reasons. Akwesasne's border location is ideal for international business people looking to conduct business in both the USA and Canada. Akwesasne's many islands are ideal real estate for certain business ventures, such as the type the Chinese are pursuing: solar energy, energy efficient home development, generator production, and other energy-ventures. Products could be partially manufactured in other coun-



Chief Bill Sunday showed the visitors some of his old lacrosse tricks.



The visitors eagerly played lacrosse for the first time.



tries and then completed in Akwesasne to receive a Made in Canada or Made in Akwesasne stamp, and then distributed throughout North America.

Investors are also aware of government and financial incentives in Canada for First Nations to pursue business ventures. Any capital project discussed has a promise of widespread job creation as well, and small business in the area would likely grow.

Mohawk Council has instructed MCA portfolio and staff to do background checks and review all potential projects that have been explored in initial discussions between the two parties. MCA will also be researching the legalities and any limitations that might be encountered in dealing with investor groups like the Chinese. In recent weeks MCA also received delegations from Germany regarding similar undertakings and a thorough review of all possible projects will be conducted.

Following the formal meeting with the delegation and Council, an exchange of gifts took place, which was also a cultural lesson for both parties. The Chinese were given a brief history on lacrosse and lacrosse sticks, and members of Council showed the visitors how the sport is played during an interac-



*The visitors came with gifts for all of Council and Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte.*

tive demonstration in the parking lot. The Chinese seemed to have a great time learning to catch and throw with a lacrosse stick, and receiving lessons directly from the chiefs. ❖



*Chief Larry King explains the cultural and historical significance of lacrosse, as depicted in a painting at MCA.*

# Council's Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

## Roundtable Reports August 27, 2013

Chief Louise Thompson

-Need an update on Akwekskowa Board and new members

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

-Attended Swearing-In of AMBE board members. We have a full board. Kana:takon reps are Connie Hall and Ceily King, Kawehnoke reps are Colleen Thomas and Tasha Thompson and Tsi Snaihne reps are Tracy Peters and Theresa Thompson. Co-chairs are Theresa Thompson and Tasha Thompson. Short orientation was done. Committees were also established for coming school year.

-Attended Executive Meeting. Respect in the Workplace Policy was discussed. I encourage Council to read legal reviews.

- Attended District Meeting. Request made for more stop signs in Kana:takon. A study done a few years back indicated there would be a need in the future for additional stop signs.

Chief Larry King

-Attended District Meeting. Held discussion on education campaign for people to take care of individuals who need special services. Request made not to move Justice Dept to Snye. I was not aware of a plan to do so.

-CBSA sign update – received property owner information ended. Sign should be up shortly after Sept. 3. I asked CBSA that they do not update the sign on the hour as they do with their website.

-OPG has granted approval for our Environment Program's proposal regarding species at risk and capacity building

-Encouraged a meeting with Ronathahonni Director, OPG Liaison and members of OPG because OPG is open to the idea of more cultural items inside the OPG Visitor's Center.

Chief Joe Lazore

-Assisted community member having DTS issues. Informed them to make formal complaint in writing. Is it a political issue or administration issue? I'm going to direct to Administration and hopefully we get a satisfactory answer to the community member.

-Community members asked about waterline issues, driveways needing to be fixed, etc. I would like

Administration to address this before the Sept. 10 deadline.

Chief Karen Loran

-Attended Space Needs Meeting

-Attended Executive Committee Meeting. Discussion held on Respect in the Workplace Policy and two MCRs will be coming to this table. We need to have a full discussion on this before we make a decision. I would like to task our staff to look at our Ethical Conduct Code and start updating that and looking at the mandate for that code.

-Attended DTS Portfolio Meeting

Chief William Sunday

-Attended DTS Portfolio Meeting. Discussed waterline issues and unfinished lawns, culverts, landscaping etc. Sewage needs to be refurbished or added at Housing Development areas in Tsi Snaihne on so it can accommodate the other buildings.

-Attended Executive Committee Meeting and discussed Respect in the Workplace Policy.

-Truth and Reconciliation Gathering in Ottawa in 2014.

Chief Steve Thomas

- CBSA technicians attended old port of entry, inspecting licence plate reader boxes for the Alternative Reporting Pilot Project and measuring traffic lanes for the ARPP

- Memorandum of Intent being developed by staff regarding Chinese investors who visited. Gathering background information on the investors. Final version will come to Council for review when completed

- Attended Community Fund review meeting. Discussed guidelines for one of the proposals. Committee agreed to allow use of funds for specific project.

- Attended Tobacco Commission & Portfolio Chief's Meeting. Discussion held on Akwesasne Law Development Process, Manufacturing and Product Law, Ontario Cigarette Quota Allocation System and Nation to Nation Trade

- Meeting cancelled on Masters / Apprenticeship session, proposal to the SRMT's Cultural Restoration Plan (SLRNR Damages Assessment Agreement)

- Attended District Meeting

- This week on the 29th, we will be presenting our Bridge Demolition prospectus with AECON via presentation to Glenn Hewus of FBCL.



## Roundtable Reports September 3, 2013

Chief Larry King

- Handled request from Fallan Davis Tribunal for documents
- CBSA wait time sign should be in this week
- Preparing for powwow this weekend. Need to make sure CBSA is aware. They have been given information on how to properly handle sacred items, etc.

Chief Joe Lazore

- Hearing complaints about the Snye Waterline workmanship being unsatisfactory. Community members want to know if Sept. 10 deadline (to file Snye waterline complaints) can be extended.

Chief Karen Loran

- Asked lawyer to look at Quebec Health Contribution.
- Attended General Meeting. Death Benefits group asked if MCA can make donations to the group in the form of allowing free photo copies, etc. A request was made that MCA amend or clarify the definition of "good standing" for the donation policy. Community members would like to know our strategic plan for finances. Update requested on Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy.
- Attended pre-meeting for Dundee port

Chief William Sunday

- Attended General Meeting
- Met with community member about a concern with the condition of River Road leading to Sugarbush.
- Been in contact with Quebec chiefs concerning Quebec Health Contribution

Chief Brian David

- Attended Political Confederacy meeting in Toronto. They're looking to develop an action plan or political strategy. They haven't had one. The problem is there are so many political issues out there that they are becoming unmanageable. Took a few days identifying the issues and mapping out some kind of plan of action.

Chief Steve Thomas

- Assisted community member in the village having issues with contractor.
- Federal Bridge meeting was cancelled
- Contractor working on new bridge has complained of lack of payment from AECON
- Attended General Meeting

Chief Louise Thompson

- Received phone call from Fallan Davis legal team for document on MOU signed between MCA and CBSA.
- General Meeting – heard request for proper signage for school, health facility, etc. They said there are always people driving around looking for these places.
- Request from Cornwall Island to have public docking facilities, because of the bridge and people travelling more by boat

## Roundtable Reports September 10, 2013

Chief Julie Phillips

- Attended AMBE board meeting. Went over roster, talked about first days of school, things we're rolling out
- Attended Finance Committee meeting
- Attended meeting with Kahnawake and Justice on our MRP law. Discussed similarities between our communities and the fact that the clock is ticking to get our law in so we don't be placed under provincial law as default. Interesting to see how Kahnawake has the same struggles in getting people involved with the law's development.

Chief Louise Thompson

- Was contacted by community member who has handicapped family member. Medical equipment broke, collapsed on individual. Was told equipment can only be replaced every five years. Where can they go?

Comments: They can go through the Special Needs committee at DOH

- E-voting for Couples Property Law. Justice submitted proposal for funding for e-voting. They would like to start the process. It will take \$2500-\$3000 to set up e-voting. E-voting would take place in a two-week time span.

Comments: We need to hear the Chief Electoral Officer's views on e-voting

Comments: Tell Justice to submit paperwork for an MCR on e-voting.

- Attended Iroquois Caucus

- Attended meeting with German visitors

Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended Trans-Canada Pipeline Work Plan meeting. Discussed community information sharing, Pipeline Background Research Report for Council, outline of traditional ecological knowledge needs, Economic Development objectives, internal capac-

ity, participation in TCP operations, TCP construction, and development of an MOU

-Attended Quebec CBSA to discuss Remission Order at the Dundee port, acceptable forms of ID, allowance of goods acquired, Akwesasne residents + community stores, Cultural Sensitivity Training and mutual aid

-Attended funeral for community member

-Attended Akwesasne/Quebec Protocol Pre-planning meeting – It going to be in Quebec City Sept 25-26 and on the agenda is Economic Development, Public Safety, DTS, Health, Social

-Attended Meet and greet with the Omega Group from Germany. First Omega , division for First Nations business. It was a strictly introductory meeting. Company information forthcoming

-Attended planning meeting at arena to have the Montreal Canadiens Alumni play a game against Akwesasronon at the Arena on January 17th 2014. Discussed corporate sponsors, beneficiary of gate receipts, budget, ticket sales, media, and time and dates for steering committee meetings

Chief Brian David

-Came across situation on Kawehno:ke, a worker is having an issue with the CRA not recognizing their tax-exempt income

-Young business person wanting to open retail store for firearms equipment. Eventually training for firearms safety would be offered through the store. Individual wants to know if there is any regulation or ordinance against this type of store.

-Met with a new local arts council. If they are looking to secure funding from both sides they should probably looking at slowly incorporating, using On-ake Corporation. They are hosting an event at the St. Regis Rec later in September. They are looking to draw more artists into the organization. They believe too much funding is going to sports and not enough into the arts

-Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting, chaired meeting. (See Report on Page 20)

Chief William Sunday

-Attended Iroquois Caucus meeting

-Attended meeting with Peace Hill Trust representatives. There is a possibility of working with them to operate a bank or credit union for the community.

Chief Joe Lazore

-Attended Conservation Working Task Group dis-

cussion. Trying to get a gun safety course on schedule with hunting around the corner. Community members want some type of license/protection for carrying their hunting rifles. Also trying to get boat safety instructors so boat licenses can be issued. Also discussed our own gun registry.

-Elders are asking if they are going to have fuel assistance, they are concerned about the cutbacks at MCA and if the fuel assistance will be affected

Chief Larry King

-Attended pre-meeting and meeting regarding the Dundee Remission Order. We have been informed that Chinese investors have been buying up land in Dundee.

-Attended Powwow, our biggest and best yet, despite bridge wait times. I was informed CBSA was checking trunks. Individual from Wisconsin is a powwow vendor at powwow and was threatened by CBSA to be charged \$100 for a workers permit. He is a veteran, nice guy, and every time he comes to the powwow he is held at CBSA.

-Meeting with CBSA today about road wait sign

Chief Karen Loran

-Attended Finance Committee - provided an update at upcoming General Meeting a summary of annual Operation Budget

-Attended Akwesasne Quebec Protocol Agreement Pre-Meeting - Preparations for upcoming meeting in Quebec City

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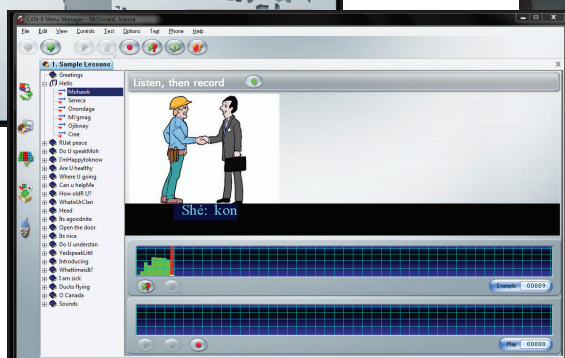


# New Kanien'kéha Classes

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| Time            | Level                     | Location                 |
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| 9:00-10:00am    | Beginner                  | DTS Maintenance          |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | Intermediate/<br>Advanced | AEDA                     |
| 1:00-2:00pm     | Beginner/<br>Intermediate | AEDA                     |
| 3:00-4:00pm     | Beginner                  | Kanátakon School Library |
| 3:30-4:30pm     | Intermediate/<br>Advanced | Justice Building         |

Call (613)932-2923 to register  
or e-mail: joanna@aeda.ca

# Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

On August 7, 2013 Council met with MCA directors to discuss goals and objectives for the future and to talk about a few issues of concern. The session served to improve communications between the departments and the Chiefs because the need to establish a clear process for interaction amongst Council, the Executive Director, and Directors was included as a goal in MCA's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan and was identified as a priority. This was the first meeting held for this purpose and further meetings have since been scheduled in order to meet this goal.

## ASSISTANT

### DEPUTY MINISTER STURTEVANT VISIT

In January 2013 the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS) announced their intention to work with Aboriginal partners on the development of a multi-year Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy. In response, an invitation was sent to Darryl Sturtevant, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Strategic Policy and Planning for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, to visit Akwesasne, tour the community, and meet with MCA Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) personnel, as well as the DCSS Portfolio Chiefs. The ADM accepted our invitation and spent a full day in Akwesasne on August 8, 2013, accompanied by two members of his staff, which included the Senior Policy Analyst for the Aboriginal Strategy Unit.

The day began with a tour of Kawehno:ke with site visits at the following facilities located on Kawehno:ke: Iethinisten:ha Family Wellness program, Ionkwanonhsassetsi Adolescent Treatment Center, and the Kawehno:ke Childcare Program. Each Program Manager was provided with the opportunity to describe the unique challenges faced on a daily basis due to the multi-jurisdictional nature of our location. Further to the discussion of our challenges-and perhaps more importantly-the successes we have achieved, in spite of the numerous jurisdictions encountered, were emphasized to the Assistant Deputy Minister. The tour continued with a site visit at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre to see the summer program hosted by Akwesasne Child and Family Services. The days' events were



concluded in Kana:takon with a wrap up session held at Kanonhkwashteri:io. At the wrap-up session, I re-emphasized the many successes accomplished through the hard work of our dedicated employees but was sure to remind the ADM of our specific ongoing challenges, such as: delivering child protection under two provincial legislations, the short fall in funding for much needed capital expansions, the hardship being experienced in obtaining required fire inspections due to federal and provincial gaps, and the overall impact to service delivery due to the border. In response, the ADM stated that he would be able to follow-up on an immediate concern: the fire inspection issue being encountered by the Ionkwanonhsassetsi Adolescent Treatment Center.

## ABORIGINAL CHILDREN AND YOUTH STRATEGY MEETINGS

As follow-up to their announced intention to work with Aboriginal partners on the development of a multi-year Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy, the MCYS has established an Aboriginal roundtable comprised of representatives from various Political Territorial Organizations (PTO) and Independent First Nations from across Ontario, who are invited to assist in the development of the strategy. On August 22, 2013 I participated in a technical roundtable working session with ministry representatives.





*Leslie George Program Manager - Holistic Health Wellness, Robyn Mitchell Director Department of Community and Social Services, Anne Chabot Senior Policy Analyst- Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Abram Benedict District Chief - Social Portfolio, Darryl Sturtevant Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Rachel Simeon Director Strategic Policy and Aboriginal Relationships, Ministry of Children and Youth Services*

This was an initial step in the development of the strategy and further meetings are being scheduled. We see this as an opportunity to provide input that will make a positive difference and have decided that either the Director of DCSS or I will attend future roundtable sessions on behalf of Akwesasne.

### **AKWESASNE EDUCATION LAW**

On August 27, 2013 Council passed MCR 2013/2014 - #165 to establish a Working Task Group to develop an Akwesasne Education Law. The need for a community law was prompted by the Federal Government's announcement of their commitment to introduce a First Nations Education Act and have this legislation in place by September 2014. A result of their implementation plan would be that their proposed legislation would apply to Akwesasne as well as all other First Nations that have not passed their own education laws. On August 14, 2013 Diane Longboat from Six Nations had made a presentation on a research paper she wrote based on the extensive research on education legislative models across North American. The presentation included a legislative template that First Nations could consider using. Council's intention with the establishment of our own Working Task Group (through MCR 2013/2014 - #165) is to enact our own education law which will exempt Akwesasne from any federal legislation pertaining to on reserve

education. Akwesasne has been in control of our education system since 1987 and we already have the policies and best practices in place in order to deliver quality education.

The Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation is the standardized procedural regulation for the development, enactment, and repeal of Akwesasne Laws. The procedures contained within it are what must be followed in order to enact our

own community law. The enactment of our own community law will exempt us from the application of any First Nations Education Act (proposed by the Federal Government). In accordance with the procedure regulation and as noted in the MCR that established the Akwesasne Education Law Working Task Group, the Akwesasne Justice Department has been directed to prepare a notice to Members in order to solicit written comments from the community, prior to the preparation of the Akwesasne Education Law.

Once the notice is prepared by the Akwesasne Justice Department, Council will send the notice out. It is anticipated that this notice will be sent out soon. Keep an eye out for the notice because the deadline to submit your comments may only be for 20 days. Please take note however that the Working Task Group will not be working on the development of the law until after Council has considered the comments received from the community, the needs of the community, and any other relevant matters. This is an important step contained in our Akwesasne Law Enactment Procedural Regulation and provides a great opportunity for community Members to participate in our law making process. I look forward to reviewing your comments.

# Update: Kana:takon District Chief Larry King

I begin my report by saying a big niawenko:wa for anybody who attended the 13th Annual Akwesasne International Powwow on Sept. 7 and 8th. It was a record breaking year with over 300 registered and non-registered dancers as well as 57 Tiny Tots. Our Iroquois Smoke Dance has grown also to 86 dancers and we topped it off with 6 fantastic drum groups. Our invited guest performers, the Remesha Drums from Burundi Africa, did not disappoint with several enthusiastic and powerful performances. As always we cannot thank enough all of our sponsors and volunteers that contribute greatly to the success of our Cultural Celebration. The bar has been raised and we will attempt to match if not surpass for 2014!

I am relieved that the Border Wait Time Sign is finally in place and up and running on Rt 37 West. In the larger picture of things perhaps this undertaking may be deemed insignificant but hopefully the information will help to alleviate some stress and to assist in preventing Akwesasronon from getting caught in the bridge line up if it can be prevented. I understand fully and appreciate that Kawehno:keronon have no choice but perhaps this sign may provide insight as to when might be a more appropriate time to make the trek home.



I first broached the need for this information sign some time ago, not in the same breath but at the approximate time that I also presented the need for a Liaison Position between Akwesasne and CBSA, Cultural Sensitivity Training for CBSA officers, more First Nation officers within this particular port, among other things. It took some time because of obvious logistics that may have labeled the idea far-fetched at the time but I'm glad with persistence that it got some traction and the sign was in place and forwarding information on Friday September 13, 2013. In working with the NY Dept. of Transport we were originally facing up to 5 stringent permits that would have easily set us back for a year if the sign occupied NY state roadway. I inquired and it was eventually determined that all these permits could be negated if the sign were to occupy private property on Akwesasne Mohawk Territory.

I say Niawenko:wa to Sandra Terrance and Carey Terrance of Twin Leaf Stores for their generosity in offering a spot for this sign on their private property. The information on the sign will be updated on the ½ hour during peak times and on the hour after 8:00 pm.

On another note, we have had discussions with the CBSA folks at the Dundee port with the anticipation that they too would be receptive to Cultural Sensitivity Training and would be an ally in our efforts to have the Akwesasne Remission Order applicable at this



*CBSA Port Director at Cornwall Port of Entry Steve Macnaughton and Kana:takon District Chief Larry King proudly stand with new border wait time sign, the fruition of cooperation between MCA and CBSA. The sign is located across from Twinleaf Gas on Route 37 in Western Akwesasne*



port as well, especially in anticipation of the settling of our Tsikaristesere/Dundee Claim.

The new Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Bernard Valcourt, was in Akwesasne on August 6 at which time I presented once again the idea of a Ferry Service in Akwesasne. I was pleasantly surprised that he accepted the invitation to board our pontoon so I could present and speak to the idea and to physically show him the routes and proposed landing areas. He would have already travelled our roads from Peace Tree Mall to Tsi Snaihne where he boarded my pontoon so he had first-hand accounting of what it takes to get from point A to point B, whether that be Kanatakon to Kawehno:ke or Kawehno:ke to Tsi Snaihne, etc.

A survey is presently being conducted as a component to the Ferry Feasibility Study where there is a chance to win an iPad with Wi-Fi and 16GB. This survey can be found on the MCA website ([www.akwesasne.ca](http://www.akwesasne.ca)) and there is a link on the MCA facebook page. One can access the survey directly by going to [www.akwesasne.ca/ferrysurvey](http://www.akwesasne.ca/ferrysurvey). The deadline for this survey is Friday October 4, 2013.

I continue to push for AANDC to cover the cost of the Feasibility Study in the same context as we did with the waterlines under the term "bridge financing". Basically it means we will find a way to cover this with internal resources to be compensated from AANDC at a later date. The Minister acknowledged these efforts and this creative approach and agreed to follow up. I also continue to impress upon AANDC to cover the cost of this initiative in its entirety under their fiduciary responsibility and duty to the health and safety of our community. My presentations and accompanying documentation represents this point.

One of the issues we had hoped the Minister would be bringing was an announcement of some kind regarding the Tsikaristesere/Dundee claim. He would not have an official announcement but would inform that it is anticipated that we should hear something in 2 weeks from his visit. I know better than to do cartwheels around such things because we are now 5 weeks past his visit and have heard nothing. I however wait in eager anticipation that an offer from the Federal Government of Canada will be something that we are happy and content with that we can bring to the community for consideration. As in past practice with OPG and Kawehno:ke Claims, we will instill an inclusive Education Campaign

that will enlighten our community members so that they can make an informed decision at time of Referendum.

The NY Claim has been reported upon whereby Judge Kahn ruled all but the Hogansburg Triangle will be dismissed. Meaning other portions under the Mainland and Island Claims will not be considered. While it's a small victory in itself because it is the first such positive announcement in all of the state of NY and the fact that the Hogansburg Triangle returns, there is still much that was lost. It's also a victory considering that the State, Counties and NYPA attempted to dismiss the "entire" Mohawk Claim. So what happens now? The Hogansburg Triangle will still need to be tried and when that concludes the whole case will go to the Court of Appeals for review. Here we will argue and seek reversal of Judge Kahn's decision regarding the Islands and other portions of the Mainland Claim.

We continue to have meetings with representatives of OPG at our Joint Implementation Team meetings, after our Settlement. One of the main areas that I raise constantly is employment opportunities for our People. OPG has maintained that the area that represents any opportunity at all right now lies within the Nuclear field. As such we will be attending the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station on September 19 to tour the facility and meet with OPG representatives responsible for this area. There is a very stringent process to clear armed security complete with criminal background checks. We know that there will be a refurbishment of this particular site and we will explore what that represents as far as employment on the individual basis as well as any contracts that might be feasible and attractive for community entrepreneurs. We will go to task again with attempts to get community businesses through the process to be able to be considered for such contracts. These events will be communicated in the near future.

OPG has come on board as a contributing partner in a Species at Risk Program for 3 years at \$35,000 per year. Niawen to the Dept of Tehotiiennawakon for supplying that information for me to bring forward. Congratulations to Henry Lickers and OPG Liaison Ryan King for their efforts in bringing this to fruition.

The development of our Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust is moving along nicely and being a

new concept to us and a very important undertaking one can imagine that there will be tweaking along the way. There is presently a community call out in search of Community Trustees with a deadline of September 27 at 4:00 pm (prompt). This will be a 4 year term and individuals must meet some criteria as can be expected. A candidate must:

- Not be in un-discharged bankruptcy or insolvency;
- Not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- Agree to complete introductory level trustee accreditation training through the National

Aboriginal Trust Officer's Association or equivalent;

- Not be a serving member of Council, or agree to resign from Council if appointed;
- Agree to submit to a criminal reference check in both Canada and the US;
- Certify in writing to become a party to, and be bound by, the terms of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Settlement Trust and to faithfully and to the best of his or her abilities, carry out the duties of a Community Trustee.
- We hope to have our Community Trustees in place by early December of this year.

## Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief JoAnne Jocko

I have recently opted out of providing updates during the Special Meeting roundtable because the updates given at that time then appear in the Onkwetake newsletter. I just want to clarify that I choose to not give updates only because some of the issues that I have been addressing are sensitive, involve members of the community, and/or they are issues that are currently in the negotiation stage. I am happy to provide updates on general topics though and I only include the names of individuals on technical teams with their permission.

### DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL SERVICES (DTS)

In June the Kawehnoke Waterline project broke ground to start Phase 1 of the two year project. Although a few minor issues were encountered, overall there seems to be great satisfaction from everyone about the start of this long-awaited project. As I reported previously progress is being made because of a concerted effort by the project team participants, which now includes Akwesasne Earth Movers as the contractors for the waterline. The project is underway which is great, but obtaining funding for Phase 2 which is slated for next year is a constant struggle. Meetings are consistently scheduled with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Chief Florence Phillips, the Director of DTS Jay Benedict, and I in order to address this issue by providing updates and submitting funding proposals for the continuation of the project. This process can be daunting at times because we are competing with other First Nation



communities for funding from the same pot of money for waterline and infrastructure; funding which is funneled through AANDC. Along with funding for the completion of the Kawehnoke waterline, we are also seeking funds for the Kanatakon Optimization and the Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment plant upgrade. Obtaining funds for our community projects is an ongoing process best tackled through utilizing the lobbying efforts of Council along with the technical support received from MCA departments. I recognize that without technical support from our departments, Council would be less able to lobby in our leadership capacity. Upcoming meetings have been already been scheduled for the technical



team to start planning Phase 2 of the Kawehnoke Waterline project.

### **CLIMATE SURVEY**

At the end of August the "Climate Survey" was extended to try to get more MCA employees to participate by providing their feedback on their overall satisfaction/dissatisfaction with their work environment. When this survey was first developed what Council intended was to get an actual account of how many departments are functioning and whether or not there were any unhappy employees. Our goal is to make sure that all our departments are filled with happy, enthusiastic employees who are anxious to serve our community members. We want to offer a healthy working environment where employees are happy to come to work and we also want to be an organization that our youth will someday seek employment with. There are times that we hear complaints from frustrated employees but sometimes our hands are tied if the employee fails to file their complaint through our complaint process. We realize that many people don't like to file complaints but without them it is difficult to address the situation properly. It may sound naïve but when Chief April Adams-Phillips and I initially discussed this, the result we wanted from this survey was to find out what made people feel happy/unhappy at MCA. It is hoped that the information compiled from the survey will potentially assist the organization

in addressing any concerns or celebrating the successes of that our employees experience while serving our community members.

### **RECITAL OF THE GREAT LAW**

In the month of August I travelled to Oneida of the Thames to attend the Recital of the Great Law which hadn't been done in many years. It was a historical and spiritual event that I was honored to attend. It was inspiring to see how many youth attended from so many First Nations communities. The recital was done in the Oneida language and was also translated. It was amazing to see how many people were in attendance; there were at least one thousand people there each day. This recital has sparked resurgence in once again holding the Great Law Teachings annually, with the host community being alternated each year. The first day was a workshop on the impact colonization has had on our people. The colonization discussion also touched on the challenge of elected governments to work with the traditional leadership and that boundaries need to be respected so as to protect the interests of all our people. This asks the question of whether or not we are really willing to give up all the modern comforts so readily available to us. I see that many more families are trying to get back to what our ancestors have taught us and live their lives learning the old way-which promotes our language, our values and family unity.

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## **Collectiva Update**

**Submitted by Kawehno:ke District Chief Louise Thompson**

I would like to inform the community that Collectiva has begun to mail acknowledgement letters to community members who applied for the Quebec Fuel Tax Settlement refund. Some community members have already received a confirmation letter; but Collectiva is still processing the many applications they received. Applicants are not likely to begin receiving their share of the settlement until January or February 2014, at the earliest.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF RECENTLY DECEASED APPLICANTS:**

If a member of your family has passed away and was awaiting their share of the Quebec Fuel Tax Settlement, it is important that you contact Collectiva and provide a death certificate along with appropriate documentation naming the family member who will be responsible for collecting payment.

Community members with any questions may contact Chief Louise Thompson at 613-575-2348 [louise.thompson@akwesasne.ca](mailto:louise.thompson@akwesasne.ca)

# MCA Hosts Iroquois Caucus Meeting

Report: Chief Brian David

Several elected Iroquois councils convene regularly to discuss issues and ideas that affect all of their respective communities. Named the "Iroquois Caucus", this collaboration gives each community the opportunity to share their progress, concerns, and ideas with the intent of having shared visions and unified approaches.

The participating councils of the Iroquois Caucus are Akwesasne, Kahnawa:ke, Kahnesata:ke, Tyendinaga, Wahta, Six Nations of Grand River and Oneida of the Thames.

On September 5-6, 2013, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted the regular meeting of the caucus at the St. Regis Recreation Centre. Chief Brian David chaired the meeting and introduced the month's agenda topics.

Chief David's Summary of Key Topics:

**Funding Cuts** – A series of letters have been sent to different ministers including one to the Prime Minister, mostly related to 30 percent funding cuts. Our concerns are the adverse impacts on health and education. Naturally, we are concerned that there haven't been any increases to education and all communities are having trouble with Post-Secondary. We are now jumping into deficits to fund students for post-secondary. We discussed consolidating our data so that we have statistics from all of our communities to show the ministers and Prime Minister.

**Education Bill** – We discussed the proposed Education bill the federal government is looking at and the new Education Act. Here in Akwesasne, we are looking to develop our own Education Act. We shared a template of what an Education Act ought to look like. The template is being used by the National office of the AFN and distributed nationally. What we are proposing for Akwesasne is not too far off that template.

**Algonquin Claim** – Government representatives were invited to the Iroquois Caucus as a follow up to a recent presentation from the Algonquin of Golden Lake grand chief on their land claim with Canada. We had been provided with a very liberal presentation on the extent and status of the claim, what they



*Kawehno:ke District Chief Brian David addressing the Iroquois Caucus.*

expect to gain, and discussion was had around the overlapping areas of the claim with Akwesasne's. The meeting with government representatives provided the same type of information sharing. The thinking at the table at this time is not to disrupt the Algonquin claim as they are very close to finalizing it.

**Tyendinaga presentation** – Tyendinaga conducted a presentation on the processes and structures, more on the administration of the caucus itself

**Tobacco Trade** – There seems to be a desire on part of all communities at the caucus to exercise trade as a form of aboriginal right, provided it is regulated, with adequate structures and administration in place. A free trade agreement was developed last year to serve as an umbrella agreement over the Iroquois Caucus communities. We made changes, enhanced it, and turned it over to the IC Coordinator for completion. The problem is that we say we have aboriginal right to trade with our sister communities in traditional commodities but Canada says this trade has to fall under their regulatory procedures because we do not have our procedures in place. The free trade agreement is an attempt to fill that expectation to regulate our own trade. Our commodities, our practices, our communities, we will manage it. The establishment of a trade commission comprised of representatives from all participants would occur. The other feature is that although it will be originally signed by all the IC



communities, it will be open ended to allow other nations entry into the agreement. There is a lot of excitement, enthusiasm and optimism for this. At the recent meeting discussion focused on what could and could not be traded. Locally, we are in a position to serve as a broker of goods, which could spark a lot of small business.

**Border Issues** - UN Rapporteur James Anaya has been invited to Akwesasne to discuss border issues and CBSA, and the cultural profiling that was being conducted several years ago. Has it decreased?

I think it's mellowed but it's still there. We have a lot of concerns about the bridge and wait times, and there are issues around citizenship that have to be discussed. The have protocols with outside colonial governments and we want those protocols respected. No entity has the right to engulf us and entrench us.

**Next Meeting** – The next Iroquois Caucus will be held during the AFN General Assembly in Ottawa in December.

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## MCA Youth Representatives Attend Youth Forum

Two MCA Youth Representatives Shara Francis-Herne and Phillip White-Cree attended the 3rd First Nations Youth Forum along with local youth Harry Benedict. The forum was held in Beupre, Quebec in August and had been hosted by First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Network (FNQLYN).

A variety of speakers presented at the youth forum. Speakers ranged from other First Nations Youth, FNQLYN representatives, YMCA Canada, and members of Parliament. The participants experienced a language barrier because 60% of participants were French speaking. Many of the presentations were in French although a translator was available as well as headsets with the capability of translation into the listener's preferred language. The barrier lied within not being able to interact and

converse with French speaking participants.

The youth representatives participated in an election. Collectively the youth elected two females and 2 males to serve as spokespersons for the Assembly of First Nations Youth Working Group. Each of the local youth hiked Mont Sainte-Anne and enjoyed their experience. All participants agreed that it was an overall positive youth forum and allowed for the networking of First Nations Youth and expression of youth initiatives.

Upon there return from Beupre the MCA youth representatives Shara and Phillip presented to Grand Chief and Council. They shared their experiences from the youth forum. The two youth representatives also shared some of their recommendations that would help them to make the smooth transition into their new roles.

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## Non-Members Living on Territory Require Permit

### Akwesasne Justice Department Community Notice

Non-members living on the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne:

The community of Akwesasne passed an Akwesasne Residency Law in 1997. The Akwesasne Residency Law governs non-members who wish to reside at Akwesasne. Under certain conditions, the community may extend the privilege of temporary residency to non-members as per the Akwesasne Residency Law.

Any non-member who wishes to reside on the Territory of Akwesasne must submit a completed application form for a Residency Permit to the Membership Clerk.

- Any non-member found to be on the Territory of Akwesasne in violation of the law will be charged with trespass.

- Violations of this law are returnable to the Akwesasne Mohawk Court.

- Anyone found guilty under the Akwesasne Residency Law may be subject to a fine up to \$5,000. For copies of the Akwesasne Residency Law, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department located at the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building, Kana:takon, 613-575-2250.

This does not affect anyone who has an existing Residency Permit or residency under a Lease Agreement or an Occupancy Licence (License).

# Mohawk Conversation and Song

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

Tsi ion'we:sen ne atste, wahe?  
It's nice out isn't it?

Hen, kwah i:ken tsi ion'we:sen.  
Yes, it's very nice out.

O:nen kanenna'ke:ne on:ton.  
It's become fall now.

Wa'tewatahsohkwa:ni ne onerahte.  
The leaves have changed color.

Tsi wahsohkwi:ios !  
They're very nice colors !

Tsitha Karen:na

Onhte wenhniseri:io  
ne tho aionkwathonte'ne  
tsitha en en enthaterenno:ten  
tsi iote'nen:rate  
kai na wi ia he ia

Rarenni:io o !  
Rarenni:io tsi rarenno:te  
tsi ttre he  
tsi ttre he  
tsi iote'nen:rate  
kai na wi ia he ia

Io ho...!

*"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.*

## POSTER/BILLBOARD CONTEST

### TEKANIKONRAHWA:KON WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM

IS HOSTING A POSTER CONTEST ON

"THE EFFECTS OF GAMBLING ADDICTION ON FAMILIES"

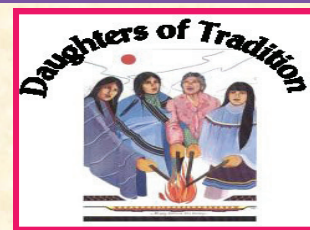


THE POSTER MUST BE 11X14 POSTER BOARD. PLEASE CREATE YOUR POSTER USING PAINTS, MARKER OR OTHER ARTISTIC TOOLS. NO COMPUTER CLIP ART PLEASE. THE WINNING POSTER WILL BE USED FOR A BILLBOARD AND WILL ALSO RECEIVE A PRE-PAID MASTERCARD.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR POSTER TO THE TEKANIKONRAHWA:KON WHOLISTIC HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM BY OCTOBER 11, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL BONNIE BRADLEY AT 613-575-2341 x3109

## Daughters of Tradition Program



Would you be interested in joining a group with other girls learning our Culture and Traditions by the way of Talking circles, mind mapping, Cultural activities, Crafts,

**Start Date: October 8, 2013**

**Ages 8- 13 years old  
St. Regis Recreation Center  
Every Tuesday afterschool  
Until 5 PM parent pick up  
Snacks will be provided**

**Please Call to sign up limited to 12 Girls**

**Sponsored By:  
Akwasasne Child and Family  
Services  
Contact Vickie Horne  
613 575-2341 ext. 3162**



# Immunization: Is Your Child Up-To-Date?

| Age at Vaccination | Diphtheria *1 | Pertussis 2 | Tetanus *2 | Polio * | Haemophilus B (Hib) 2 | Pneumococcal 1 | Rotavirus 3 | Meningococcal | Measles 2 | Mumps 2 | Rubella 2 | Chickenpox (Varicella) | Hepatitis B 2 | HPV * | Influenza * |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-------|-------------|
| 2 months           | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓              | ✓           |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       |             |
| 4 months           | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          | ✓       | ✓                     | ✓              | ✓           |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       |             |
| 6 months           | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          | ✓       | ✓                     |                |             |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       |             |
| 1 year             |               |             |            |         |                       | ✓              |             | ✓             | ✓         | ✓       | ✓         |                        |               |       |             |
| 15 months          |               |             |            |         |                       |                |             |               |           |         |           | ✓                      |               |       |             |
| 18 months          | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          | ✓       | ✓                     |                |             |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       |             |
| 4 – 6 years        | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          | ✓       |                       |                |             | ✓             | ✓         | ✓       | ✓         |                        |               |       |             |
| Grade 7            |               |             |            |         |                       |                | ✓           |               |           |         |           |                        | ✓             |       |             |
| Grade 8 (girls)    |               |             |            |         |                       |                |             |               |           |         |           |                        | ✓             |       |             |
| 14 – 16 years      | ✓             | ✓           | ✓          |         |                       |                |             |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       |             |
| Every autumn       |               |             |            |         |                       |                |             |               |           |         |           |                        |               |       | ✓           |

## What is immunization?

Immunization means vaccination or “needle shots”. When children are immunized, they receive an injection that will protect them from serious childhood diseases.

## How does it work?

Vaccines trigger your child’s immune system to produce antibodies to fight diseases. For immunization to work best, children should have all their vaccinations on schedule.

## Is it safe?

Immunization is very safe. A very thorough health protection process is in place to ensure the safety of all vaccines. Once a vaccine is in use, its safety is continually monitored.

## Are there any side effects?

For most people, there are no side effects from immunization. However, some people may experience mild pain, swelling and/or redness where the shot was given. Talk to your doctor or community health nurse about how reactions can be prevented or minimized. Serious side effects are rare. For more information ask you doctor, or call Community Health at 613-575-2341.

## Where to get immunized?

Call you doctor to make an appointment or call the Community Healthy office. Immunization clinics are held on Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Children must be accompanied by their legal guardian. If the parent or legal guardian sends the child with another adult, written permission is needed and the adult should know the medical history of the child being immunized.

## When to get your child immunized?

The Immunization Schedule chart above shows when children can get the shots. If your child was not immunized in infancy, talk to your doctor or community health nurse about a recommended catch-up schedule.

## Keep an Immunization Record. It’s important!

Get a yellow Immunization Record from your doctor or community health nurse to keep track of the shots. This will prevent receiving unnecessary shots. It is the responsibility of the legal guardian to give this immunization information about their school-aged children to the Community Health office. Your doctor’s office does not update Community Health about your child’s immunizations.



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## Who's Who on the Board of Education

### Board Members for School Year 2013-2014

**Chairperson:** Theresa Thompson

**Co-Chair:** Tasha Thompson

District of Kana:takon:

Connie Hall, Cecelia (Ceely) King

District of Kawehno:ke:

Tasha Thompson, Colleen Thomas

District of Tsi Snaihne:

Theresa Thompson, Tracy Jacobs

### Education Portfolio Chiefs 2012-2015

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs, Chief Florence Phillips, Chief Joanne Jocko, Chief Karen Loran, Chief Abram Benedict

\* Portfolio listing of Enniskowa/March 18, 2013

### AMBE Administration

*Barry M. Montour, Ph.D., Director of Education*

*Deborah Terrance, Associate Director*



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## ***Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule*** **School Year 2013-2014**

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

- *Seskehkó:wa/September 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School*
- *Kenténha/October 2, 2013 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Kentenhkó:wa/November 6, 2013 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Tsiothóhrha/December 4, 2013 @ Kana:takon School*
- *Tsiothohrhkó:wa/January 8, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Enníska/February 5, 2014 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Enniskó:wa/March 5, 2014 @ Kana:takon School*
- *Onerahtókha/April 2, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Onerahtohkó:wa/May 7, 2014 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Ohiarí:ha/June 4, 2014 @ Kana:takon School*

*\*Schedule subject to change.*

*Should you wish to be included on the agenda, contact the Board Office  
at 613-933-0409.*

# Men Hurt Too!

## Information for male survivors of Domestic Violence

### What you should know

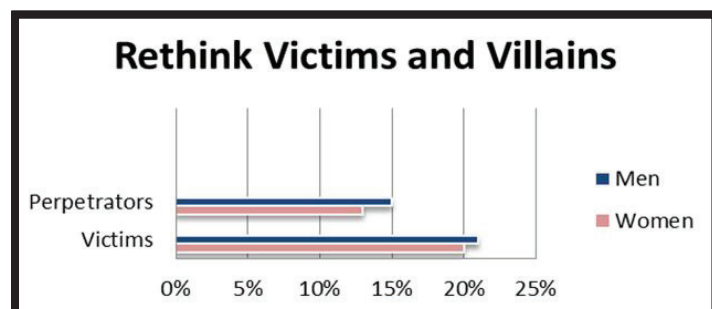
"Any attempt to impose your will on another is an act of violence."

- Gandhi

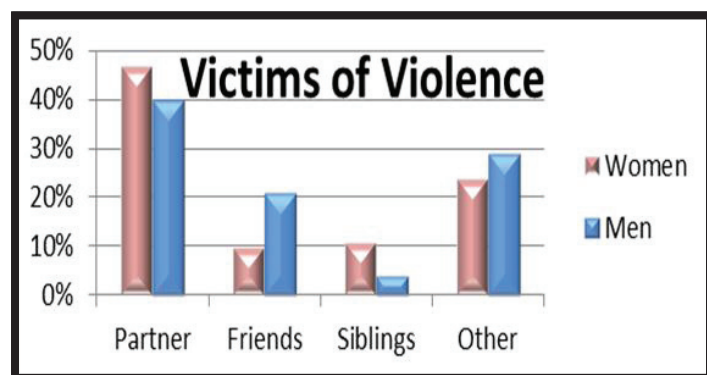
### Can a Man Really Be a Victim?

According to a survey taken by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program:

- Both women and men had been victims and perpetrators of violence in the previous year.
- Not all victims are women and not all perpetrators are men!!



And...The most common source of violence for women and men is a partner or spouse.



- According to a 2010 national survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Justice, in the last 12 months more men than women were victims of intimate partner physical violence and over 40% of severe physical violence was directed at men. Also, findings indicate that abuse was not an isolated event. 54% of these male victims had experienced spousal violence more than once in the preceding

period. In fact, 13% of them had experienced it more than 10 times.

- According to a feature article printed by WebMD, more than 830,000 men fall victim to domestic violence every year, which means every 37.8 seconds, somewhere in America a man is battered, according to the National Violence Against Women Survey.

\* Information taken from a survey conducted by the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program, 2012, Akwesasne Mohawk Territory.

### What Does Abuse Look Like?



### Definition of abuse for domestic and intimate relationships:

Abuse is when someone in a caring relationship does or says things to gain control over another person by hurting that person or causing feelings such as fear, anxiety, nervousness, guilt, helplessness or worthlessness. which causes physical, sexual or psychological damage or causes you to live in fear.

### Are you being abused?

There are many types of abuse:

**Physical:** Hitting, kicking, shoving, punching, biting, spitting or throwing things.



**Emotional/Psychological:** Do they ignore you or withdraw affection in order to punish you? Use sarcasm to put you down? Dismiss your feelings and accomplishments? Threaten you with violence?

**Verbal:** Are you belittled? Humiliated in front of your friends, family or co-workers? Are you attacked verbally with insults, put-downs or yelling?

**Systemic:** Threaten that you will never see your children again if you leave?

**Financial:** Do they control how you spend money? Force you to give up your paycheck? Do they use your credit cards without permission?

**Spiritual:** Do they put down or belittle your spiritual beliefs? Not allow you to attend religious ceremonies? Force you to join or stay in a cult?

**Sexual:** Do they pressure or force you into sexual acts? Touch you in a sexual way that you do not want?

**Neglect and Isolation:** Do they not allow you to see friends or family members? Not allow you to see doctors? Do they lock you in the house without a phone? Take away your hearing aid or TTY? Not allow you to attend school?

Have they damaged your property or harmed or threatened to harm your pets?

“Emotional abuse is underneath all other types of abuse. The most damaging aspect of abuse is the trauma to our hearts and souls from being betrayed by the people that we love and trust.” -Robert Burney

Do you think you are not being abused because:

- You fight back?
- You've never been hit?
- You've never had to go to the hospital?
- You deserve what you get?
- You're not one of "those" people that abuse happens to? You're educated? Wealthy? Religious? Strong?

Do you think the abuse is going to stop because:

- You're going to love them so much that they will stop abusing you?
- They have so much potential and is going to change?
- They are so nice to you when other people are around?
- They come from a difficult background and they are getting better all the time, or are going to start getting better soon?

**There are many common beliefs about why people choose to be violent:**

- They had a sad or traumatic childhood
- They drink or use drugs
- They have trouble expressing feelings
- They can't control their anger
- Something you are doing is driving them to act violently

**THESE ARE ALL EXCUSES!**



## Why Do We Stay?

If you have been in an abusive relationship you may have some of these feelings:

- Depression and or humiliation
- Fear that you have failed as a lover
- Confused because sometimes she is kind and loving
- Frustration and sadness because you feel that you have tried everything
- Fear of losing your male identity if people knew what was going on

Ending a relationship on its own is never easy no matter the circumstance. Men in abusive relationships may feel they have to stay because:

- You want to protect your children. You worry that if you leave, your spouse will harm or take it out on your children or prevent you from having access to them.
- You feel ashamed. You may feel so beaten down by your partner that you feel shame or that you have failed in your role as protector and provider.
- Your religious beliefs dictate that you stay with your partner.

- There's a lack of resources. You are afraid that authorities will not believe you and there may be few resources to help male survivors in your area.
- If you are in a same sex relationship and haven't yet come out, you may be afraid that your partner will tell or people will find out.
- You're in denial. Denying that you are in an abusive relationship will only prolong the abuse. You may believe that you can still help your abuser.
- Fear. The number one reason. Men are at most risk after having left or during the leaving process.
- Love for your spouse. You still feel that you love your partner.

All Violence has damaging consequences. Being constantly abused, we begin to lose our self-confidence and our self-esteem begins to wither away. We begin to doubt our own sanity and judgment. We begin to mistrust ourselves and other people. We may drink or do drugs in order to cope. We begin to feel dead inside and are left wondering....

### How did I get here?

Know This:

- 1. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU!**
- 2. YOU CAN'T STOP SOMEONE FROM BEING ABUSIVE!**
- 3. YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF YOUR OWN LIFE!!!**

You have never asked or done anything to deserve being treated this way. You can't love another person enough to change them. They have to make that change on their own. You are only in control of every decision and choice you make in your life.

### Should I leave?

No one can answer that question but you. Leaving can be difficult, hurtful, scary and even dangerous.

### THINK AHEAD AND BE PREPARED!

Make sure you have lined up a safe place to stay and plan to stay there for a while. Stash away a few things that you may need to take with you in a safe place like at a friends house that you know you can trust. Prioritize what you will need, don't bring things that will be easily noticed if they are missing. Examples:



- Legal documents (yours and children's birth certificates)
- Documented evidence of your abuse
- Money, account numbers, credit cards and cell phones.
- Emergency phone numbers (police, crisis lines)
- You are the best judge of how safe you are. If you or your children constantly feel scared and unsafe in the perpetrators presence, it may be time to put together a safety plan.

**BE CAREFUL...**of who you notify of your whereabouts, especially if you are afraid of being found.

**UNDERSTAND....** Leaving will not solve all of your problems. It will take time for you to heal from the damage that has been done.

**UTILIZE...**Any and all resources in your area including support groups as well as counseling and therapy services.

**FOCUS...**On what you see and think rather than what you feel. It is very important for you to be honest with yourself and look at what the reality is, rather than what might be.

### Getting Help - Where to start.

**The first step to getting help is to SPEAK OUT!**

Talk to a friend, family member, or someone else that you trust, or call a domestic violence hotline. To get through the trauma of an abusive relationship, it



is important for survivors to be able to find someone to help them through the upsetting emotions, pain and bad memories. It may take a while but you will heal and move on.

It may be helpful to seek adequate legal advice. Legal orders like protective orders, no contact orders and custody orders can be a useful part of your total safety plan.

**Remember: Admitting that there is abuse and reaching out does not mean you are weak. You are not to blame.**

1. Advice for friends and family members.....A few pieces of advice.
2. Asking questions like "why don't you leave if its that bad?", "how could you let her do that to you?" or "why don't you just kick her out?" only re-victimizes us. If you have not been through it, its not easy to understand why.
3. Always remember it's not your life, its his. Be mindful of your intent when trying to help. You are an outsider, a caring observer, but again, unless you have been there you cannot possibly know what is going on inside him mentally and emotionally.
4. Safety must be the first consideration. No matter how right you think you are, if your advice puts him in a more dangerous situation, it is not helpful.
5. Its not your job to punish, heal or save him. You will be most helpful by respecting, supporting and listening to him.
6. Keep yourself safe. Don't jeopardize your freedom by doing anything that could be deemed criminal in his defense.
7. If you have been in similar situations, sharing your story of strength and survival may be most comforting. Knowing he is not alone or the only one going through this is extremely helpful.

**EVERYONE deserves to be happy, healthy and to be treated with love, respect and compassion in all relationships!**



## RESOURCES:

**IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE CALL 911**

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Department:  
613-575-2000

St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police:  
518-358-9200

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program 24hr Crisis  
Line:  
1-800-480-4208

Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men:  
1-877-643-1120 PIN 0757

National Domestic Violence Helpline:  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Domestic Violence Helpline:  
TTY 1-800-787-3224

Domestic Abuse Helpline:  
1-888-7HELPLINE (743-5754)

Mental Health/Sexual Assault Crisis Team:  
613-932-3300

Tri-County Mental Health Services:  
1-800-465-8061



**Akwesasne Family Wellness Program**

Phone : (613) 937- 4322

24 Hr Crisis Line : 1-800-480-4208

# News from A'nowarako:wa Arena

Please join us for Family Sticks & Pucks! Now being offered to the enthusiastic developing hockey player who would like to work on fundamentals of hockey and improve playing skills while spending time with an adult family member. Participants must be in full hockey gear and will be given the opportunity to work on passing, puck control and skating skills. An adult family member must accompany all youth on the ice (adult to child ration: 1 adult to maximum 2 children). Helmets are mandatory for adults. You may bring your own puck or purchase one from the Akwesasne Pro-Sport shop. There is a Maximum of 30 skaters allowed on the ice at any given time. The cost is \$2.00 per child payable at the Concession Stand. This program will run from October 7, 2013 – March 28, 2014 Monday through Friday. There are two age groups: 3-6 year olds @ 3:15-4:15 and 7-11 year olds @ 4:15-5:15.

Looking for an affordable winter sport? Look no further, the A'nowarako:wa Arena is hosting co-ed Broomball. You will need a helmet, shin guards and broomball shoes. Broomball sticks will be provided at the Arena. Co-ed Broomball is to begin on Friday, October 11th from 9:30-11:00 pm for ages 14 and over. The cost is \$3.00 per person payable at the Concession Stand.

Worried about staying fit during the winter? The A'nowarako:wa Arena is starting a walking program indoors. Each day you will be given the opportunity to walk at your own pace. Feel free to bring a friend along if you wish. Physical activity does not need to be complicated. A brisk daily walk offers numerous health benefits. You may enter the number of laps you complete each day into the MCA Lets Get Healthy binder to qualify you for a monthly draw with prizes such as a water bottle and even a 2-hour Ice Rink Party Package! This walking program begins on Sunday, October 6th with flexible hours from 7:00 am – 11:30 pm.

## A'nowara'ko:wa Arena 2013-2014

### Daily/Weekly Schedule

613-936-1583

| Time:          | Activity  | Location:         | Dates:                     |
|----------------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 9am-9:30pm     | Senior Stretch  | Turtle room       | Mon.-Fri.                  |
| 9am-10am       | Senior (55+) Public Skate   | ICE               | Mon.-Fri.                  |
| 10am-11am      | Senior (55+) Sticks, Pucks & Helmets                              | ICE               | Mon. – Fri.                |
| 11am-3pm       | Available for Public rental                                       | ICE               | Mon. – Fri.                |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm  | Sticks and pucks age (3-6)<br>Helmets required                    | ICE               | Mon-Fri                    |
| 4:30pm-5:30pm  | Sticks and Pucks age (7-11)<br>Helmet required                    | ICE               | Mon. -Fri                  |
| 5:30pm-9:30pm  | Akwesasne Minor Hockey  | ICE               | Mon, Tues. Thurs. & Friday |
| 9am-2pm        | Akwesasne Minor Hockey  | ICE               | Sat & Sun.                 |
| 600-8:00 pm    | Power Skate   | ICE               | Wednesday                  |
| 9pm-10:30      | Akwesasne Jr. B Wolves Practice                                   | ICE               | Thursday                   |
| 2pm-4pm.       | Public Skate<br>On Ice monitors available                         | ICE               | Saturday                   |
| 9:30pm-11pm    | Co-ed Adult Broomball   | ICE               | Friday                     |
| 7pm            | Wolves Hockey Games   | ICE               | Sat. & Sun.                |
| 4pm-6pm        | Old Timers Hockey<br>Glen Walter                                  | ICE               | Sat.                       |
| 9:30pm-11:30pm | ICE rental available  | ICE               | Sund, Mon. Tue. & Wed.     |
| 7am-9am        | Skills and Drills Stickhandling                                   | ICE               | Sunday                     |
| 2pm-6pm        | "Birthday Parties or<br>Other special party events"<br>Book today | ICE & Turtle room | Sundays                    |

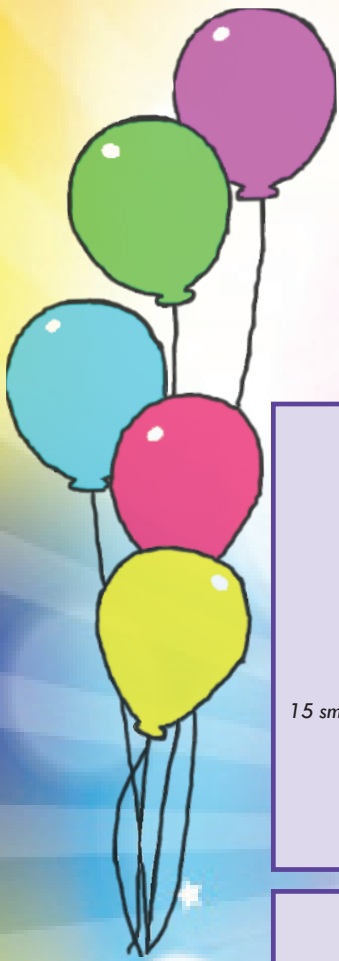
Cost for Public Skating /Sticks and Pucks:

\$2.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult

## Turtle Café Lunch Menu at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena OCTOBER 2013

| Sun                                       | Mon                                       | Tue  | Wed                               | Thu                           | Fri   | Sat                      |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>All Daily lunches are \$5.00 each.</b> | Sept. 30<br>Goulash and Garlic Bread      | 1<br>Egg Salad Sandwich/<br>Tomato Rice Soup | 2<br>Macaroni and Cheese / Ham    | 3<br>Indian Tacos             | 4<br>Chili Dog with Fries                         | 5<br>Like us on FACEBOOK |
| 6   | 7<br>Hot Hamburg and fries                | 8<br>Homemade Pizza and Caesar Salad         | 9<br>Biscuit with Chicken Gravy   | 10<br>Corn Soup & Fried Bread | 11<br>Turkey, Cranberries, Gravy, mashed Potatoes | 12                       |
| 13<br><i>Eat in or take out available</i> | 14<br><b>Closed</b>                       | 15<br>Beef Stew and Roll                     | 16<br>Chef Salad with turkey, ham | 17<br>Indian Tacos            | 18<br>Macaroni Soup and Baloney Sandwich          | 19                       |
| 20  | 21<br>Chili and Roll                      | 22<br>Meat Pie, Gravy and Mac. Salad         | 23<br>Turkey Sub & Chips          | 24<br>Corn Soup & Fried Bread | 25<br>Tuna Noodle Casserole                       | 26                       |
| 27  | 28<br>Chicken Rice Soup with Egg Sandwich | 29<br>Baked Potato and Meat-loaf             | 30<br>Baked Ziti and Roll         | 31<br>Indian Tacos            | November 1<br>Tomato Mac Soup and Tuna Sandwich   | Phone#<br>613-936-1583   |





# A'nowarako:wa Arena Party Package Rentals

## Friday Night Public Skating Package

### Includes:

Turtle Room

(Choose 2 hours \$35 or 3 hours \$50)

+

Food Item and Drink

(Turtle Cafe @ 20% discount)

15 sm popcorn & juice box \$18 OR 15 sm nachos & juice box \$40 OR 15 sm  
poutine & juice box \$48

+

Discounted Skating Admission

(Reduced rate of \$1.00 per child for 15 children)

### Did you know?

Turtle Room Rentals available

Fridays: 3-8pm and Sundays: 2-6pm

2 hours \$35

or

3 hours \$50

&

Save \$1 per admission purchased  
for public skating and skates are  
available

&

When you book your party you are  
eligible to receive a 20% discount  
from D&T Cinemas and/or  
Bounce-N-Bounce if rentals are  
used at the Arena

D&T:

518-521-0909/facebook

Bounce-N-Bounce:

613-937-4707 or

613-551-1069/facebook

## Private Rentals - Sundays Only

1. Ice for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$135.00**
2. Ice for 2.5 hours, Turtle room 3.5 hours **\$175.00**
3. Turf for 2 hours, Turtle Room 3 hours **\$100.00**
4. Outside Sport Field 3 hours **\$50.00**

includes: usage of electrical outlet, water line, garbage removal



# All About the Snye Recreation Center



The Snye Recreation program first began in the late 1960s when local community members primarily made up of volunteer firemen and ironworkers constructed the building. In 2003, a fire gutted the original facility but in 2004, the building was rebuilt and in addition, a full sized gymnasium, a large kitchen and a room for the elders of the community were added on. This not only made the recreation once again usable, but also provided more space for sporting and community events. These improvements were made possible from funding from the Government of Quebec, Ontario, local fundraising and the \$50,000 that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne annually contributes to the recreation. MCA also maintains the upkeep of the Recreation and takes care of all general maintenance and plumbing.

Throughout the years, the Snye Recreation Center has held many community events, programs and services that started with a humble beginning, but have expanded with the continued support of the community. Some of the activities/events that are annually held at the Snye Recreation include: the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, the Community Cancer walk in the summer, the Halloween party in October, the Christmas Tree Enchantment in December, as well as various arts and crafts courses, a summer program for youth, volleyball leagues and tournaments, radio bingo and more. The Christmas Tree Enchantment has become a very special and

popular event that now attracts hundreds of visitors from Akwesasne and the surrounding areas. This unique event brings out the creativity in families along with the sense of giving back to the community. Visitors always marvel at the idea and the size of the event. The Christmas Tree Enchantment is magical and an annual tradition of Akwesasne.

Although the Snye Recreation currently has several exciting events through the year, they are always looking for innovative ways to make he recreation even better. One idea is to eventually put in a Splash Pad for the summer months so that children will have a safe environment to play and cool off. The Recreation Committee consistently tries to think of new ideas and activities in order to get the community, especially families, to come out and visit.

Currently, there are around thirty members that sit on the Snye Recreation Committee but Allison "Mae" Lazore, one of the Coordinators says that "they could always use more volunteers in their welcoming and fun environment". The people who make up the committee are very community-minded individuals and are willing to work toward the betterment of Akwesasne through fun and educational events within the Snye Recreation facility. If you would like to become a member of the Snye Recreation, please contact Allison Lazore at 613-575-2496.



## Tetewatská:hon Green Food Box Program

Recipe of the Month:

### Corn Soup

Ingredients:

2-3 pork hocks or use small pork butt roast

Salt pork-cut into small pieces

White corn or hominy

Carrots-peeled and cut into bite size pieces.

Turnips-peeled and diced

Cabbage-cut into chunks

Kidney beans

1. Put pork hocks and salt pork in pan. Liberally sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cover with water and let come to boil, turn down heat and simmer 45 minutes.
2. Add in carrots, turnips and cabbage. Add in more water and bring to boil and let simmer again for 1 hour.
3. Remove pork hocks, let cool and remove meat from bones. Put meat back in pan along with bones. The bones add a lot of taste.
4. While pork is cooling, add white corn and simmer again 1 hour. Be careful not to boil continuously or corn will fall apart.
5. Add kidney beans and cook for 30 minutes.
6. Enjoy.

Note: If using pork roast you can cook night before in your crock pot on low. Let cook, cool and cut into pieces.

**Next Deadline to Order  
October 4th**

**Kanatakon Pick up Date:**

October 15th

**Kawehnoke Pick up Date:**

October 16th

**Tel: (613) 575-2341 ext 3220**

**for more information. Niawen**

**The Greatest Wealth Is Health!**

**Orders can be taken at the following places:**

Community Health- Kanonhkwashteri:io

(613) 575-2341 ext 3220

**Kyle**

(SRMT/Office of the Aging

**Chanel** (518) 358-2963

**Sweets** will be Tri-districts from 11:30-12 noon  
**Oct. 2nd for Cornwall Island residents.**



Thanks to the community for making our Green Food Box the excellent program that it is.



# Happy Halloween

## Hazard Help Sheet Halloween Safety Tips

**Kids love Halloween!** They get to dress up and get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Some of you already know things that you can do to be safe. But we also know all this Halloween fun can make you forget to be careful.

Here's some tips that we have just for you, to help keep you safe on Halloween night! Have fun on Halloween, but keep it safe. You can have some good, clean fun and your parents will trust you for many Halloweens to come! Showing them how responsible you can be will give you a feeling of pride and make them see just how responsible you really are.



### Tips for Kids ...

Trick or Treat!



- ♦ Only go to houses with the porch light on!
- ♦ Never go into a strangers house or even ring the door bell for treats unless your parents are with you.
- ♦ Be careful when you cross the street. Look both ways and make sure there are no cars coming. Hold your brother or sister's hand and help out Mom & Dad.
- ♦ If you are an older kid or young teen and going out with friends, make sure that your parents know where you are going and who you are going with. This may seem like a pain, but they are your parents and they love you. They just want you to be safe.
- ♦ If you can drive and are taking a bunch of friends to a party, make sure that you have enough gas to get there. You don't want to run out on a dark street, all alone, like a bad horror movie!
- ♦ If your parents give you a curfew, be home when they say. It builds trust between you and them. If you are going to be late, call them and let them know. They are only doing it for your own safety.
- ♦ Vandalism is never cool! Throwing eggs at cars and houses is not cool. Someone has to clean it up and it could be you, if you get caught. You can also be arrested and punished as a juvenile. It's never the right thing to do! Think about how you would feel if someone did that to your house and how bad it would make you feel?
- ♦ Hurting animals is never acceptable behavior! Some people use Halloween as an excuse to hurt animals and that is just wrong! Not only is it illegal in most places, but its also punishable by law. You should never hurt a helpless living thing.



**Always Think Safety First!**



# Happy Halloween

## Hazard Help Sheet Halloween Safety Tips



### Tips for Parents ...


- ◆ Always know your trick-or-treating route, especially if you are not going with your kids.
- ◆ Carry a flashlight, glow stick or anything that has a light in it. On-coming vehicles will be able to see your children while crossing the streets.
- ◆ If you are not able to take your kids out, please make sure they are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- ◆ Always set a curfew! It's a good idea knowing when you can expect your kids to be home!
- ◆ Kids will be kids! Explain the difference between childish horseplay and vandalism! Egg throwing is an absolute no, no!
- ◆ Serve your kids a healthy meal before heading out. It prevents them from wanting to dig into their treats before you can check it.
- ◆ If your kid carries a prop, make sure it is free of sharp edges. Accidents happened during horseplay. Also make sure their costumes are not too long which may cause them to trip and fall.
- ◆ Talk to your kids about 'Stranger Danger!' No talking, leaving, or riding with a stranger.
- ◆ Know what activities your kids will be attending (i.e. parties, school or mall functions). If they are going to be at a friends house, get their phone number and make sure you have met their parents.



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

For more info please go to  
[www.halloween-safety.com](http://www.halloween-safety.com)



| MONDAY  | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  | SUN. |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|------|
|   | 1 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30<br>WALK-IN  | 2 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30 WALK-IN<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN  | 3 JOELLE REGNIER<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT  | 4 JOELLE REGNIER<br>8:30am-12 pm ELDERS<br>CLINIC<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT  | 5 JOELLE REGNIER<br>WALK -IN<br>8 am – 12 pm              | 6    |
| 7 DR. TREMBLAY<br>WALK-IN 8-11 am<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1pm – 4 pm BY APPT   | 8 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30<br>WALK-IN  | 9 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30 WALK-IN<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN  | 10 JOELLE REGNIER<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT | 11 JOELLE REGNIER<br>8:30am-12 pm ELDERS<br>CLINIC<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT | 12 NO CLINIC  | 13   |
| 14 CLINIC CLOSED<br><br>THANKSGIVING | 15 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30<br>WALK-IN | 16 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30 WALK-IN<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1-4 pmBY APPT            | 17 JOELLE REGNIER<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT | 18 DR V UDOEYOP<br>10 am- 3pm<br>BY APPT                                 | 19 NO CLINIC  | 20   |
| 21 DR. TREMBLAY<br>WALK-IN 8-11 am<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1pm – 4 pm BY APPT  | 22 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30<br>WALK-IN | 23 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30 WALK-IN<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN | 24 JOELLE REGNIER<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT | 25 DR V UDOEYOP<br>10 am- 3pm<br>BY APPT                                 | 26 JOELLE REGNIER<br>WALK -IN<br>8 am – 12 pm             | 27   |
| 28 DR. TREMBLAY<br>WALK-IN 8-11 am  | 29 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30<br>WALK-IN | 30 DR. YOUNG<br>8:30-11:30 WALK-IN<br>JOELLE REGNIER, NP<br>1-4 BY APPT. 5-8 WALK-IN | 31 JOELLE REGNIER<br>1 pm -4 pm BY APPT | *REMINDER*<br>DR. YOUNG'S<br>CLINICS HAVE A 40<br>PT LIMIT               | JOELLE REGNIER'S<br>WALK-IN CLINICS<br>HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT |      |

## KICK-IT Diabetes Boot Camp



Do you have diabetes?  
Do you know someone who has  
diabetes?  
Do you just want to learn about  
diabetes?

CALL TO RESERVE A SPOT IN OUR BOOTCAMP CLASS  
DON'T WAIT SPACE IS LIMITED!!

CALL LORRIE AT 613-575-2341 EXT 3239

MCA Community Health  
Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative



### 4 WEEK DIABETES BOOT CAMP

WHERE: St. Regis Rec Center

WHEN: 5:30-7:00PM

STARTING OCTOBER 21ST

OCTOBER 23RD, 28TH, NOVEMBER 4TH, 6TH, 13TH, 18TH, 20TH

30-30-30

30 mins physical activity

30 mins recipes tasting/nutrition

30 mins learning/goal setting

"The thought is not the act."

*Joan Ebbitt*

Come kick start a healthier you!

It's time to take action, come join us and ...

- Lose weight
- Gain energy
- Manage your blood glucose



## AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC

Ph.#

613-575-2341

ext. 3215

Fax #:

613-575-1169


Life labs in Cornwall  
Mon. to Fri. 8:00 to 4:00

Appointment booking—  
[www.booking.lifelabs.com](http://www.booking.lifelabs.com)

CLOSED SATURDAYS

## IMMUNIZATION



| Sun       | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|           |   | <b>1</b><br>BY APPT.<br>9:00-11:15<br>DR. FORSON | <b>2</b><br>LIFE LABS<br>8:30-10:00<br>20 PT. LIMIT  | <b>3</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR  | <b>4</b><br>BY APPT.<br>9:00-11:30<br>DR. FORSON                | <b>5</b><br>WALK-IN<br>8:30-11:30<br>DR. FORSON |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>WALK-IN<br>9:00-11:30<br>DR. FORSON   | <b>8</b><br>BY APPT.<br>9:00-11:15<br>DR. FORSON | <b>8</b><br>LIFE LABS<br>8:30-10:00<br>20 PT. LIMIT  | <b>10</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR   | <b>11</b><br>Appt<br>9:00-11:30<br>DR. FORSON'S<br>Men's Clinic | <b>12</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                       |
| <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> CLOSED<br> | <b>15</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                        | <b>16</b><br>LIFE LABS<br>8:30-10:00<br>20 PT. LIMIT | <b>17</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR   | <b>18</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                                       | <b>19</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                       |
| <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR   | <b>22</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                        | <b>23</b><br>LIFE LABS<br>8:30-10:00<br>20 PT. LIMIT | <b>24</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR   | <b>25</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                                       | <b>26</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                       |
| <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR   | <b>29</b><br>NO<br>DOCTOR                        | <b>30</b><br>LIFE LABS<br>8:30-10:00<br>20 PT. LIMIT | <b>31</b> NO<br>DOCTOR<br>Happy Halloween  |   |   |
|           |   |  |  |   |   |   |

## Fall Home Maintenance Session Hosted by HHI and Dept of Housing



The Healthy Homes Initiative and the Dept. of Housing will be hosting a seminar in each district.

Some of the topics we will be discussing are:

- A demo on how to clean an HRV system
- Rain gutters
- Furnace cleaning
- Testing sump pump
- Smoke alarms

Presented by:

- ♦ Darcy Jackson, HHI Program Manager
- ♦ Ben Benedict HHI Construction Manager
- ♦ Allyson Lamesse, Community Health Rep
  - ♦ Corey Tarbell, Housing Inspector

## Seminar Locations and Times

Kanatakon: Sept 25, Housing 6pm-7:30pm  
Tsi Snaihne: Oct 23, Home Makers 6pm-7:30pm  
Kawenoke: Nov 20, Fire hall 6pm-7:30pm

Please contact for more information:

613-575-2250 ext 2304

A fall home maintenance schedule prepares the house for the upcoming colder months, a prepared house is a safe warm house.

# Recent MCA Job Postings

**T**he Mohawk Council of Akwesasne posted and/or filled the following positions recently.

Electronic Health Information Systems Specialist, Wholistic Health and Wellness  
Permanent Full Time Position

Salary: Pay Level SP 09 - \$42,430.90 - \$44,128.13

Clerk/Receptionist (Anticipatory), Operation Support Program  
Full Time Term Position

Pay Level: CL 12 \$30,424.63 - \$32,907.27

General Office Clerk, Operational Support Program  
Full Time Term Position (With possibility of permanency)

Pay Level: CL 10 \$33,321.44 - \$36,040.46

Maternal Child Health Supervisor, Community Healthy Program  
Permanent Full Time

Pay Level: RN 02 \$69,007.81 - \$84,869.50

Diabetes Prevention and Management Nursing Supervisor, Community Health Program  
Permanent Full Time Position

Pay Level: RN 02 \$69,007.81 - \$84,869.50

Cook, Iakhihsohtha  
Permanent Full Time Position


Pay Level: GST 10 \$35,912.00 - \$38,843.00

*Deadline for all Job Posting is Thursday, October 10, 2013 no later than 4:00 pm*



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

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

Support a Drug Free Community!



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

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



# Kenténha/October 2013

| Awentokehike / Sunday  | Awentawen'ke / Monday   | Ratironhia'kerononke / Tuesday | Soséhe / Wednesday   | Oharistiahne / Thursday   | Ronwá'ianentakonhne / Friday  | Entakta / Saturday |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>IMPORTANT - It is essential that your child's school has the most up-to-date information, ie, contact #'s, address, etc. Please notify the school immediately of any changes. Don't FORGET!</b>  |   |                                |  |   |   |                    |
| 6  | 7   | 8                              | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12                 |
|  | <b>Fire Prevention Week</b><br><b>"Provent Kitchen Fires"</b>   |                                |  |   |                                     |                    |
| 13   | 14  | 15                             | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19                 |
|  | <br><b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br><b>Tsi Na'etohonhweróns / WENTANO-RON / HOLIDAY</b> |                                | <br><b>Orionton Rónnele Raonenhiserá</b> |   |   |                    |
| 20   | 21  | 22                             | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26                 |
|  | <i>Writing Prompts Throughout the Week</i>  |                                |  |   | <b>11:31 am EARLY DISMISSAL</b><br><b>Tsi Towanhiwahnirait / Professional Development for Teachers</b>                  |                    |
| 27   | 28  | 29                             | 30   | 31  | School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm<br>After-School Program Hours: 2:45 - 5:30 pm<br><b>All schools are "Allergy Aware"</b> |                    |
|  |   |                                |  | <br><b>Tsi Nihonhwaréwóks!</b> |   |                    |

AMBE Office: 613-933-0409

Ahkwesahne Mohawk School: 613-932-3366

Kanatakon School: 613-575-2323

Tsi Snaihne School: 613-575-2291

# TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

→ **FRIDAY/OCTOBER 25, 2013**

→ **CEDAR VIEW GOLF COURSE**

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m.

Trivia Begins @ 7:00 p.m.

→ **4 PLAYERS PER TEAM**

**\$25.00** per Player *OR*

**\$75.00** in Pledges per Player

→ **Prizes awarded for Best Team Costume**

→ ***Pledge Sheets Contest:***

**1st Prize - \$1,000**

**2nd Prize - \$500**

***INCENTIVE PRIZES FOR SELECTED  
AMOUNTS COLLECTED***

**BENEFIT  
FOR  
**IAKHIHSON  
THA****



PLEDGE SHEETS AVAILABLE @ IAKHIHSONTHA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Jamie Ross @ (613) 575-2507 EXT. 3