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For the People

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AANDC Minister Valcourt Visits Akwesasne

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, joined Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for a tour of the Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne on August 6, 2013.

"Our government is working with Akwesasne to advance our shared goals and improve economic development opportunities, said Minister Valcourt. "I would like to thank Grand Chief Mitchell and all of Akwesasne for the warm welcome I received during my visit. The work done by leaders within the Akwesasne community is paving the way to advance economic interests."

Both parties discussed shared goals of increased economic development opportunities through tourism and local infrastructure projects. Also, the priority to improve quality of life through community initiatives like the leading water treatment facility, and by addressing barriers such as border accessibility were addressed.

Following yesterday's introductory meeting with Minister Valcourt the Grand Chief commented, "The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is very appreciative to have had first hand introduction to Minister Valcourt in Akwesasne. We were pleased to have the opportunity to show the Minister the geographic and multi-jurisdiction challenges we face. He now understands the unique geographical issues that are attached to having an international border crossing in our community. We have unique problems/situations that call for creative solutions. We look forward to working with the Minister to find creative, reasonable solutions to Akwesasne's border and community issues."

Akwesasne has approximately 11,000 members. The community has a unique jurisdictional and geographical situation due to its location. The border between Canada and the United States runs through Akwesasne and the Ontario/Quebec provincial border also runs through Akwesasne reserve land within Canada.



Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell showing Minister Valcourt plans for alternative reporting at the former CBSA Port of Entry on Kawehno:ke.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is the elected government on the Canadian side of Akwesasne territory.

The Government of Canada remains focused on four priorities, as outlined by the Prime Minister that Canadians care most about: their families, the safety of our streets and communities, their pride in being a citizen of this country, and their personal financial security. ❖

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

Seskehko:wa / September 2013

She:kon,

I hope this month's edition of Onkwe'ta:ke find you and your family in good health and spirits. With the fall season upon us, I'd like to remind everyone to drive safely as our children are headed back to school.

As a Kanienkeha speaker I am very passionate about the preservation and restoration of the Mohawk language. As part of our language initiative MCA hosts daily language lessons in partnership with the Akwesasne

Economic Development Agency. The community of Akwesasne is invited to join the Can 8 language classes for \$20 per month. A beginner's session will begin on September 9th. To register please call the AEDA office at (613) 932-2923 or email Joanna@aeda.ca. I really wish Akwesasronon could find the time to utilize the Can 8 language program.

As a Tsi Snaihne district chief I hold the portfolio for Tehotienawakon and am part of the Environment committee. Unfortunately there are many species at risk in our waterways and one of our major concerns is the sturgeon. We need to do all we can to maintain the population of sturgeon. Please keep in mind that if you catch a sturgeon with a tag on it please forward the following information to our team at the Environment program – the length, weight, location of where it was caught and the time of year.

We are also awaiting a report from the St. Lawrence River Institute summer students. The summer students were routinely checking walleye for Mercury levels. Their report will tell us if new fish advisories are necessary in certain locations and times of year. We are looking for funding to restore walleye spawning beds and recognize the need to educate the community on this issue. Lastly, we will be updating the Conservation Law and a draft may be ready in October. The current Conservation Law has been in place since 1985 and there is a need to update.

Enjoy the last days of warm weather. With colder weather approaching you may be able to make room in your busy life to learn your language. Please remember to take great precaution when driving on our roads as the school busses will be out picking up and dropping off our children. In this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke you will find back to school information and school bus safety.

Sken:nen,
Joe Lazore
District Chief
Tsi Snaihne



Notice of Community Consultation Meetings

On proposed amendment to Regulation of Traffic By-Law No. 10(A), henceforth called the 'Akwesasne Traffic Law':

- District of Kana:takon:
 - St. Regis Recreation Centre Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:30pm-4:00pm
- District of Kawehno:ke:
 - Tri-District Elders Wednesday, October 2, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm
- District of Tsi Snaihne:
 - Iohahi:io Adult Education Centre Thursday, October 10, 2013 6:30pm-9:00pm

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hereby gives notice of Community Consultation Meetings for the proposed draft 'Akwesasne Traffic Law'.

The 'Akwesasne Traffic Law' Working Task Group has completed their mandate to develop a comprehensive traffic law that has been presented to Council for acceptance in principle in accordance with the Law Enactment Procedural Regulations Section 10.0 Amendment and Repeal of an Akwesasne Law. The proposed draft was accepted-in-principle at the July 31, 2013 General Meeting by Mohawk Council Resolution 2013/2014-#143.

The proposed draft law will now proceed to Phase III of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation.

The Akwesasne Justice Department will be mailing copies of the proposed draft 'Akwesasne Traffic Law' to every household. If you have not received a copy in your mailbox, you can request a copy of the draft law to be mailed to you, personally. Contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 x. 2400 with the relevant mailing address so a copy can be delivered to you. Residents are asked to review the proposed draft law prior to the Community Consultation Meetings.

Following the review period for the proposed changes, a series of three Focus Meetings (Community Consultation Meetings) will be held, one in each district of Akwesasne. These

meetings will provide community members the opportunity to ask Council and the Working Task Group questions on the proposed draft law, as well as giving the community the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions.

The sessions will be recorded and the comments will be given to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for consideration. The Working Task Group will then incorporate any recommendations by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, with the draft changes being reviewed by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Legal Advisor. Once complete, the changes will be presented to Council for adoption and/or for further revisions.

If the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne accepts the revisions/recommendations, a Mohawk Council Resolution will be presented at a future General Meeting to accept the final draft in principle for ratification. Once accepted, Council will set a date for a vote by secret ballot at a Special General Meeting or vote by Referendum.

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

Residents are asked to review the proposed draft law. Once mailed, copies of the draft document will be available at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne public buildings:

In Kana:takon:

- Admin 1 (Administration Building)
- Admin 2 (MCA Government Building)
- Angus Mitchell Memorial Building (Akwesasne Justice Department)
- Kanonkwatsherio (Medical and Social Services Building)

In Tsi Snaihne:

- Iohahiio (Adult Learning Centre)

In Kawehno:ke:

- CIA #3 (Administration Building)
- Peacetree Mall (Bank of Montreal)

For more information please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 x 2400.

Contact Information for MCA Community Advocate on CBSA Complaints

Wesley Benedict is the MCA Community Advocate on CBSA Complaints. He can be reached by calling his office at (613) 575-2250 or (613) 936-1548 ext. 1031 or by calling his cell phone at (613) 551-2573.

His office is located at CIA III on Kawehno:ke. His office hours are Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. Weekend and afterhours meetings can be schedule by phone.

You may also reach the CBSA Aboriginal Liason Officer James Marchand at (613) 937-2701.

Mohawk Conversation and Song

-Submitted by Kaweienonni Peters

Enhsà:iake kenh ?
Do you want to eat a fruit?

Hen. Enkà:hiake.
Yes. I will eat fruit.

Enhskarè:tsherake kenh?
Do you want to eat a cookie/cracker?

Hen. Enkkarè:tsherake.
Yes. I will eat a cookie/cracker.

Enhsenà:tarake kenh?
Do you want to eat bread/cake?

Hen. Enkenà:tarake.
Yes. I will eat bread/cake.

Kana'tarokhón:we

Kana'tarokhón:we
teiotthwe'nón:ni
Ne se' ní:i kwah waké:ka's

Kana'tarokhón:we
teiotthwe'nón:ni
Onkwehón:we ronón:nis

Cornbread Song
Cornbread
It is round
It's what I like best

Cornbread Song
Cornbread
It is round
It is made by Onkwehón:we

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

Tóhsa lonkwá:ti Kanien'kéha Tewatá:ti

Let's Not Lose It Let's Speak Mohawk



MESSAGE BY THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE
PROMOTING OUR MOHAWK LANGUAGE



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Resolutions (MCRs) July-August 2013

Ohiarihko:wa: July 30, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 - #137 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated June 10, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #138 - To Amend MCR 2013/2014 - #098 Dated June 25, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #139 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number for Community Member

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

2013/2014 - #140 - Acknowledgement Agreement Between MCA and OPG

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

2013/2014 - #141 - Setting Focus Meetings on the proposed Akwesasne Traffic Law

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

2013/2014 - #142 - Letter of Cooperation between MCA and The First Nations Financial Management Board

Voting: For – 6, Against – 2, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

Ohiarihko:wa: July 31, 2013 General Meeting

2013/2014 - #144 - Approval of Phase II of Justice Draft Akwesasne Traffic Law

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

2013/2014 - #144 - Accept in Principle Phase III of Justice Draft Couples Property Law

Voting: For – 8, Against – 1, Abstentions – 0 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #145 - General Meeting Minutes Dated May 30, 2013

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #146 - General Meeting Minutes Dated March 6, 2013

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

Seskeha: August 6, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 - #147 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 20 Stanley Island

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

2013/2014 - #148 - New Lease – Lot 35 Thompson Island, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #149 - Transfer of Indian Registry Number for Community Member

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

2013/2014 - #150 - MCA Youth Representative for the Independent First Nations Youth Working Group

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

Seskeha: August 13, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 - #151 - Special Meeting Minutes Dates May 14, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #152 - Special Meeting Minutes Dated June 18, 2013

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0, Abstentions – 1 CARRIED

2013/2014 - #153 - OVS Agreement For Maintaining Roads, Water, Sewers and Other Utilities

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

2013/2014 - #154 - New Lease – Portion of Tupper (Butternut) Island

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

2013/2014 - #155 - Approval to Accept Amendment to Health Funding Consolidated Contribution Agreement

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

2013/2014 - #156 - MCA Youth Representative for the Independent First Nations Youth Working Group

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

2013/2014 - #157 - MCA Youth Representative for the Independent First Nations Youth Working Group

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

2013/2014 - #158 - MCA Youth Representative for the Independent First Nations Youth Working Group

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

Seskeha: August 21, 2013 Special Meeting

2013/2014 - #159 - Special Meeting Minutes Dates July 2, 2013

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

2013/2014 - #160 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 4 Thompson Island

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

CARRIED

2013/2014 - #161 - Approval of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Child Welfare Transfer Payment Annual Reconciliation Report

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

CARRIED

Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

On July 8, 2013 Chief Phillips-Jacobs, the Director of DCSS, the program manager for Iethinisten:ha Family Wellness program, and I met with a Regional Manager for the Ministry of the Attorney General to discuss the Partner Assault Response (PAR) program delivered by the Family Wellness program in Akwesasne. We had been advised of concerns related to the delivery of the PAR program at a recent portfolio meeting and agreed to meet with the ministry to discuss the future of the PAR program. Existing statistics indicate that the number of Akwesasronon accessing the program has been consistently decreasing over the years. The potential risk to employees however, remains the same because non-Akwesasronon continue to access the program. The ministry has now been informed of our intention to discontinue the delivery of the PAR program. We also notified them that we are of the opinion that if any of our community members do need to access a PAR program; this service could be effectively provided by our community partner, the Counseling and Support Services of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Negotiations have already started in order to ensure that culturally appropriate PAR program services could be provided to Akwesasronon through priority seating in Cornwall. The representative from the Ministry of the Attorney General informed us that a formal request to reallocate resources to the Counseling and Support Services of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, would have to be forwarded to the head office in Toronto in order to make this happen. We drafted this letter and sent it to the ministry and are currently awaiting a response.

AKWEKS:KOWA

On July 10, 2013 the Board of Directors for the Akweks:kowa corporation held a regular meeting to discuss business that has occurred over the last year. I currently sit as a director for the board. Akweks:kowa is a MCA wholly owned subsidiary that was originally set up for the coffee roasting business MCA undertook

several years ago. The corporation is now used as a holding company, meaning that it is used to hold non-reserve lands for MCA. Under the rules of incorporation an annual meeting of the board of directors and shareholders must occur in order to conduct routine corporate business. The board discussed whether MCA should continue to utilize Akweks:kowa solely as a holding company or expand its uses to include other business ventures that have the potential to generate a profit. Any decisions on these options would be deferred to Council for consideration.

MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

On July 24, 2013 I participated in an orientation session at the St. Regis Recreation Center hosted by the staff of the Mohawk Government program. The purpose of the session was for each of the staff members to provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities to Council to increase the level of understanding and offer insight as to exactly who is responsible for what so that Council members are clear on who to see depending on their specific need for assistance. Similar orientation sessions are reportedly going to be delivered to each department within MCA to inform other MCA personnel of the roles and responsibilities of the Mohawk Government program personnel, to improve the flow of information, and improve overall communications.

EDUCATION

On July 29, 2013 we hosted the 2013 Student Bursary Presentation which is an annual event co-sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and Enbridge Gas. Each corporate sponsor provides five (5) bursaries in the amount of \$1000 each. The bursaries are awarded to ten (10) deserving high school graduates continuing their education in a post secondary institute. The Student Bursary Presentation provides the opportunity for the Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) personnel, the AMBE Trustees, and Council to personally congratulate the recipients and for the corporate sponsors to meet them and their parents as well. The event was held at Iohahi:io this year and was catered by a community member.

NATURAL GAS

On July 31, 2013 a representative from Six Nations Natural Gas presented to a working group comprised of representatives from the Mohawk Council, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Enbridge Gas and St. Lawrence Gas. This working group recently commissioned a survey of the community to determine whether or not there is any interest in accessing natural gas. The General Manager for Six Nations Natural Gas

provided the working group with a brief history on how and why Six Nations started its own natural gas company. The challenges and rewards of owning and operating your own natural gas company were highlighted during the presentation. MCA and SRMT will now identify individuals to work on the terms of reference which will be used to search for consultants to help with the feasibility study. ❖

Special Meeting Roundtable Reports

July 30 Special Meeting

Chief Florence Phillips

-Attended Health Portfolio Meeting. Discussed Quebec Protocol Agreement, the Akwesasne Ambulance draft agreement, Tele-Health, Kanonkwatsheri:io parking lot construction which is going forward again
-Attended Benefits meeting. Discussed long-term/short-term disability.

Chief Larry King

-Trying to get meeting with Tribe regarding land claims ruling. It is a victory but we still lost an awful lot. Appeals, etc. are in the works. It would be beneficial to put out joint releases.
-Held first Trust Technical Team Meeting with Overseers. Very informative. Consultant and lawyer were on teleconference. We have good quality people. We mapped out what they will be tasked with and discussed how trustees will be chosen.
-Received a visit from an individual who wants to participate in a reality TV show in Akwesasne. I asked what the intent is of the TV show, if it's to sensationalize things here. The individual wasn't clear. I offered to bring the individual to full Council to present the idea. I told the individual people have wanted to do shows here before and their interest is the smuggling.

Chief Joe Lazore

-Attended ETA workshop at casino. More of an environment technical meeting.
-Held District Meeting. Community members are asking for a Quebec doctor because they're being charged when they go to Ontario hospitals. They're being asked for credit cards to back up payment.

Chief Karen Loran

-Attended Political Confederacy Meeting in Niagara Falls. Many topics discussed. I'm concerned with First Nations Education Coordinate Unit. Chief Louise Thompson asked our Council previously about the

Education Act that is going to be passed and if there was a recommendation to have our own education law created in Akwesasne. If this Act is passed, will it supersede agreements Canada has with First Nations? We have our own Education system. We need to get on board with our education director to find out what his concerns would be if new legislation comes down. They're (PC) trying to put together another First Nations Education Summit to take a look at this. We need to get on the table with a lot of the issues brought forward at these PC meetings.

Grand Chief comments: We need to ask our Director of Education if we are in a position to ask for exemption from that legislation. If we come under that legislation it's a matter of coming under their criteria, reporting everything, and we're back under their system again. It took us a long time to get our own education system. That would all change if we don't get an exemption. We will raise this with the Minister visiting next week. We reserve the right to seek exemption but I can't go much further because we don't have a position yet from our Director of Education.

Chief Abram Benedict comments: Staff was also going to look into the steps needed to include education in the Entewetathawi process. We also don't know yet what the legislation will say.

-Request made at PC meeting to share our policing commission charter/history

- Met with three community members regarding personal issues/concerns

- Approached by community member concerned about Cornwall Electric bill. Bill is high for a one-person home. A petition was presented to Council previously on this topic. This person wants to know what MCA can do because the rates are going up.

Grand Chief: A chief from each district should take a look at it. We could form a committee on the issue.

Chief King: This was raised with OPG as well as our

Quebec partners so options are being explored.

Chief William Sunday

-Received complaint again about schools not having air conditioning.

-In regard to education, it was recommended to me that our schools should teach English for 40 minutes and the rest in Mohawk. Personally, I think 50/50 would work or a good portion to be in Mohawk.

-Individual complained that they received visit from Healthy Homes Initiative but did not receive any further instruction

Chief Florence Phillips: When HHI investigates a house they rank them in priority and that determines which house is repaired first.

Grand Chief: There should be a monthly HHI report in Onkwe'ta:ke updating community members.

Chief April Adams-Phillips

-Received email regarding land trade.

-Attended workshop at casino hosted by St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

-Met with Economic Development staff regarding community member's business proposal

-Approached by social worker asking if we had petty cash for community member in emergency situation with no food. I said I didn't know about petty cash but offered money. I think we need to establish something that allows us to donate money out of our paychecks to go to things like this.

-Attended Tsi Snaihne District Meeting. There were many DTS issues brought up and waterline issues/complaints.

-HHI issue – Community members just want feedback regarding what the next steps are.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

-Attended Bursary Presentation.

-Education – In regards to education and comments made for air conditioning, not every home has air conditioning and every effort is/ should be made to ensure that the children are comfortable. Need to be creative and plan activities accordingly. Air conditioning in the building would fall under maintenance of the buildings(DTS) and I'm not sure that it would be feasible. Mohawk language has made great strides within our schools. Parents have the choice to send their children to our Skawitsira program which the enrolment has been on a steady increase. It has come a long way. Its also important to make sure everything possible is being done in the home. There are only so many hours in a school day.

Chief Louise Thompson

-Attended District Meeting. We heard complaints regarding the crossroads and that there will be serious injury there someday. There are speeders, and vehicles that don't abide by the traffic rules etc. Community member who had their vehicle seized asked for help from MCA. I advised them that they need to file the appeal so they don't miss the deadline. Addressed issues on contradictions of Couples Property Law, mainly the definition of common-law. There are no longer any fees at Barnhart Beach. Maybe we can inform community members.

-Attended PC meeting in Niagara Falls. Discussed 30 percent funding cuts. Discussed 250th anniversary of Royal Proclamation. Invitation from INAC to participate, but at PC table it was stated we do not want to commemorate that document. We do not celebrate the document. We should have our own celebration supper, international powwow etc., to show non-native people that we are still here, we survived assimilation efforts. Will ask ARRO for recommendation on Royal Proclamation. Discussed Nation Building. Also discussed treaty rights commission and issues surrounding that. Discussion with First Nations Education Commission and their concerns with the proposed federal Education Act. They also suggested a task force be formed to look at the structure of the AFN.

-Several families (residing on Canadian side) who applied for child tax are having issues. Children may have been born on US side but they have status cards. Canada Revenue Agency is denying them, said the status card doesn't mean they are citizens. It's an interesting situation. Needs legal review.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

-Met with Deputy Ministers in Toronto and new Regional Director General last week. Main item on my agenda was financial reporting study that was being prepared by one of their staff who then retired and no one has picked it back up. Brought Annual Report, Onkwe'ta:ke, stressed that we have always reported to our community and we've never had any problems. Turnover on their side means we have to reeducate them every time. Deputy Minister said he is well aware of Akwesasne's good name in reporting. Ontario RDG said she wants to pick up that project on reporting, enter into agreement for Akwesasne to be a model for reporting. She wanted to discuss other possible pilot projects. Discussed upcoming visit from Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Bernard Valcourt. They were not aware, and said Akwesasne should sign Agreement-in-Principle if Valcourt is visiting. I said we will not

sign yet. The previous Minister promised to advocate for Akwesasne, and now we have a new Minister. We have serious concerns about water legislation, MRP, etc....The next day the Assistant Deputy Minister then called and pressured me to think about signing the AIP because Minister Valcourt is travelling across country etc. I explained why we aren't signing now. When we get things back on track and get commitments from the new minister on how he is going to advocate for Akwesasne, then we will sign. They said fair enough. We have a right to safeguard our interests. They want to come to Akwesasne to talk about other areas they can use as a model. One is the water treatment plants. They're experiencing difficulties with other First Nations in that area. Deputy Minister asked if we can help train, I said yes, but we will charge you. I raised concerns about waterline. Deputy Minister said it will be difficult to write letter making promises in that area but that we can continue working piece by piece. Discussed status cards. Told them we need more because of our large population and that we handle our own, with a backlog. Deputy Minister said he can send a truck to Akwesasne with secure status cards. I said we aren't interested; we are trying to develop our own cards. He said Akwesasne is trying to get out of the Indian Act and that Canada will never go along with our own card. That was one area we didn't agree on. I said we live in a geographic area that others can't fully appreciate. That's another reason we need a full day visit from Minister Valcourt.

August 6 Special Meeting

Chief Karen Loran
-I dealt with two big community issues, held emergency meetings and it was difficult because they were sensitive issues. It's difficult when we have policies in place that don't quite work for the community or community members. I have strong concerns.

Chief Brian David
-Met with group from Nation to Nation bikers. Akwesasne was the starting point. Target is Tyendinaga. There are 15 of them. There is a 15-person pontoon that broke down. Some of us got our boats to transfer people back and forth to Thompson Island.

Chief William Sunday
-Attended meeting with Enbridge and rep from Six Nations. Had a lot of discussion around alternative energy. I was hoping instead of setting up a gas utility, we go ahead and start servicing Cornwall Island with Natural Gas. This would save residents of Cornwall Island about 50% of heating and cooking costs.

Chief Louise Thompson
-Heard complaints over the weekend regarding how CBSA has been treating community members. Mohawk Nation is also frustrated.

-Setting up meeting with Canada Revenue Agency regarding issues people are having to receive Child Tax Benefits. CRA is making it very difficult to prove children are Canadian citizens as registered Indians even if they were born in the US.

August 13 Special Meeting

Chief William Sunday
-Attended meeting about the possible development of Hamilton Island for example tourism and recreation.

-Attended meeting to hear updates from our different departments. Land Claims, conservation, and economic development.

Chief Larry King
-Was informed of construction/sewer issues at the new Kanonhkwashter:io addition. Informed DTS for follow up.

-Participated in visit from Minister Valcourt. Gave pontoon tour, highlighting Yellow Island erosion, possible site of bridge between St. Regis and Snye, proposed ferry site landings.

-OPG Visitors Centre wants to remind us that we can use their building. They have a little auditorium. They're also open to the idea of having something of ours on the outside of the building. Our section inside gets the most attention. They can distribute materials of ours as well.

Chief Joe Lazore
-Back on meeting schedule with Conservation Working Task Group. We're going to try and get something to this table in mid-September. Staff are fine tuning.

-Attended Finance Meeting. I requested for all of Council to get the list of who we are donating to. We went over the guidelines for donations. We have to address the deficit.

Chief Karen Loran
-Participated in visit from Minister Valcourt

-Attended Directors meeting

-Attended Finance Committee meeting

-Attended Ec Dev meeting/presentation from Chinese business person

-Participated in conference call regarding Droulers site. Expropriation is going forward so notice should be given by August, then it will take 60-90 days to go into effect. We're still taking a role of support.

-Discussed Quebec Health Contribution fee with

lawyers. I would like to get permission from Council to have the lawyers start working on this to find a solution.

-Attended presentations from our Government Secretariat staff. IGL to provide pamphlet on federal contacts and information, along with Ontario and Quebec versions. Updates provided from community advocate, liaisons, Nation Building, very informative.

-Will be taking personal time to attend Quebec Native Women's Association meeting in Kahnawake

Chief Brian David
-Just finished up Nation to Nation Bike Tour. Send off was in Kingston.

-Took personal time to attend St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's Diabetes Golf Tournament

-Council received request to speak at a Parliament Hill rally against Canada's agreements with China. I offered to do it but would be speaking on personal opinion as Council has not taken a position on Canada's relations with China. We have a meeting with Chinese investors this coming Monday. Since we have no position, I did not speak.

-Meeting with directors was very well structured. Healthy Discussion. ARRO provided history on the bridge passes and Customs. It was excellently put together, timing is perfect. We all need to know how the bridge passes originated, what the circumstances were, etc. It's a 5-page document, really interesting history.

-I will be assisting Chief Thomas with tour on Monday with Chinese investors

Chief Steve Thomas
-Attended MCA Directors Meeting

-Attended Finance Committee Meeting

-Attended meeting with Allen Yapp, representative for Chinese investors

-Attended SRMT Diabetes tournament

-Attended Montreal Allouettes golf tournament - meeting with Mike Gaul and Vincent Buron (Cree economic development)

Chief Louise Thompson
-I've been helping parents with their Child Tax Credit applications. Canada is giving them a hard time when the parents or child is born in the U.S. In one case I've been helping with, we filled in the appropriate information and I think we have resolved the issue for these parents.

-Regarding the CBSA car seizure reported on here back in June... that person got their car back and CBSA admitted they made a mistake and told the person to

submit a claim for the towing.

-Attended Kanikonriio Council hearing for person charged by CBSA.

-There is a new sign at CBSA, we are verifying what it means. They are keeping track of people leaving the US and they have it stored when you leave one country but don't arrive in another.

-Regarding the Education Act that's coming down, we can enter our own sectoral agreement

-Consultation meetings for amendments to traffic law will take place in September and October

-Community members at General Meeting asked if Akwesasne can have its own Child Protection law. Also asked that we review Donation Policy because of some contradictory clauses

-I read about FIPPA agreement in which foreign businesses can come to Canada with their business venture. First Nations are scared because the majority of profits go to the foreign businesses. Also, the land is in issue.

-Had discussion regarding jury duty. Director of Justice and myself will sit on advisory committee.

Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs
-I've been off this week, I attended the Ontario Lacrosse Festival in Whitby. Many of our teams lost in overtime, overtime was not kind to us this tournament. Novice 2 team came home with Silver medal in a double overtime defeat. Team Iroquois Peewee and Midget teams both came home with Silver medals. We were well represented and the future is bright for lacrosse in Akwesasne.

Chief Florence Phillips
-Participated in Minister Valcourt visit, water plant portion.

-Attended Kawehno:ke Water Supply meeting. Technicians/contractors were in attendance. Everything is going good, on schedule, almost done to end of Cornwall Island with the main line. They'll be starting the roads pretty soon. Some people who initially signed up for their roads to become public roads for the bigger line went back and changed their minds. A couple of them are going with just the smaller line which is changing the plans a little but they're ironing that out.

-Attended Directors meeting

-Attended Finance Committee meeting. Discussed donation policy and all the donations Sheree has had to approve since being tasked with that. Reminded staff that we haven't done a presentation of our audit to the community for a couple of years now.

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

-Participated in visit from Minister Valcourt. He said he now has a totally different understanding of Akwesasne's issues. He wants to come back and talk about our series of issues. We told him about the Duty to Report and we asked him for help. He said he will talk to the new Minister of Public Safety. We will be having a conference call this Thursday with officials on Alternative Reporting. Our target is September.

- Next General Meeting was set back to September because we have a lot of things on the go and need time to properly prepare reports.

-Regarding demonstrations going on in Ottawa this week...I'll defer the request for speakers to any chief who wants to. I'm always careful in how we respond to agreements etc. because Akwesasne is in a unique position and sometimes we can do things here that are strictly tailored to Akwesasne so it's not fair to paint all Nations with the same brush all the time.

- Director of Education has asked for a meeting with Council and Nation Building to discuss grant from Indian Affairs.

August 20 Special Meeting

Chief Florence Phillips

-Attended the Tsi Snaihne Watermain design/St. Regis water treatment plant optimization study on the island. They're catching up on deficiencies Kawehno:ke waterline. Update on the waterline, everything's coming along good, and they're starting on the roads now. This is Phase 1 of the last leg of the waterline. Next year will be Phase 2 and that will be the last phase of this project we started years ago.

-Participated in conference call with Public Works who will make decision if we can use old port or not.

-Attended Health Portfolio meeting. Discussed ambulance, special needs committee, funding.

-Meeting held on demolition of bridge and the partnership with MCA and AECON. We are putting a proposal in to FBCL to be partners with us on this.

Chief Larry King

- I've been busy working with the overseers on the trust. Had a long meeting and will have another next week. Should advance us quite a bit and get us close to making an announcement or call out for people interested in being a trustee.

-Update on CBSA sign. I still have not received a letter granting us permission to use the location. Individual was in the process of getting the lands back. We needed to get 911 over to get a physical address.

-Attended meetings for upcoming powwow.

Chief Joe Lazore

-Held our district meeting. It turns out that people are reading Onkwe'ta:ke and they brought questions from it. -Firemen came to the table and asked for upgraded equipment. Is the fire department ours, or is it private? Either way I need to tell them that. They need a walk in cooler for fundraisers. They all volunteer. Are we the providers for the building or is it their building?

Grand Chief: Every year we have a budget for them. If it's above and beyond the budget the budget, they have other funding and grants to draw from and after that they can come to Council.

Chief Thomas: There is a call out for the community fund until the end of the month. Historically we have been very generous with them. We have never scrimped on things that are needed. As for the walk-in coolers the building in Hoganburg has six from the Casino that are not being used.

Chief Karen Loran

-Attended Education Planning meeting. Director of Education was very happy to finally have a working template.

-Participated in Public Works conference call.

-Attended special emergency meeting to discuss unionization and jurisdictional issue.

-Attended Health portfolio meeting. There are a lot of things moving ahead. The Prescription Drug Strategy will be working with Communications in the development of a pamphlet for distribution.

-Good news: We've been approved for Tele-Health. Lets look at the cost and the relationship.

-Used personal time to attend Quebec Native Women's Association gathering in Kahnawake. With huge budget cuts they are concerned with funding.

-Attended pre-meeting for bridge demolition

-Attended District meeting. They are really enjoying Onkwe'ta:ke. They asked a lot of questions and wanted clarification on information in Onkwe'ta:ke.

-Community members are having issues with health, Quebec referrals and refusals, insurance and non-insured. Needs to be discussed at Executive Committee meeting. -Community members want Grand Chief to clarify information in Onkwe'ta:ke on membership.

-Community members had many questions about our executive position. They're interested to know when the position changed from a CAO to an ED, from an elected position to an appointed position. The community has an interest in that position on how it evolved and changed.

Chief William Sunday

-Attended District Meeting. Heard from community members having drainage problems in new housing district. Also heard request for paving of Wade Lafrance Road and McDonald Road area. Problems with ambulance service recruiting so I suggest we help them recruit. Discussed possibility of health unit having training funds for paramedics course.

Grand Chief comment: Make a list of the questions and we will answer them in Onkwe'ta:ke and in future meetings. We have to follow up with relevant information. I like the idea of answers in Onkwe'ta:ke or on radio. In past year's people just vent not expecting to get answers in return. Let's turn that around.

Chief Brian David:

- Met with Canadian Armed Forces staff for reserves in Cornwall. They are interested in setting up an affirmative action like program to allow for Akwesasronon to serve as reservists and it is a paid position of hourly rates and you are paid for the time you put in. The youngsters can work to get their diplomas, High school is not required for this and an academic component can be worked in so they can get their GED at the end. Then they can decide to continue service or opt out. At that point they would have exposure to a multitude of various trades on the civilian side. There are 70 positions and they make up 1/3rd of the defense department. They literally have everything from scientists down to administration.

Talked about a military college from MCA organization in order to provide our people with the same level of staff training that their officers get. They will talk about it to see if there is any appetite for that. I said I would discuss it with Council and before we make any type of commitment we would talk to the community. It is an option and essentially a job opportunity and possibly a career opportunity for a lot of our people.

-Attended St. Regis Mohawk Tribe's inauguration on behalf of Council

-Gave tour to visitors from China.

-Wrote articles for Onkwe'ta:ke and our annual report

-Attended Governance Code meeting

Chief Steve Thomas

-Attended Justice Portfolio meeting

-Participated in Conference call with Public Works Canada, update on Alternative Reporting

-Attended Emergency special meeting - Labor Relations

- Jeremiah Point & Travis Seymour received a proposal for due diligence from MNP for economic development on major projects - & Hotel development near Arena

-Participated in Chinese investors river tour with Allen Yapp, Irene Cameron

Chief Louise Thompson

-Attended Justice Portfolio meeting. Review commission is being revitalized. Responsibilities would be supervising justices, serve as ombudsman for complaints about boards, committees. Discussed development of court law. Question posed about who would be financially responsible for Education law. Possibility of E-voting discussed. Director of Justice is putting in application for E-voting funding in case we ever need Indian-status-wide voting. Land Dispute Tribunal discussed. Director submitted proposal to get tribunal up and running but funding is an issue.

-Community members still calling about Quebec Health Contribution. Advice we are giving them is that they pay under protest or don't pay and wait for a resolution. MCA is bringing issue to Quebec meetings. -Residency letters being revamped

Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell

-Regarding Chief David's Armed Forces meeting, I told them we aren't interested in being a stepping-stone to get into the Canadian Military. In the earliest time, the Iroquois were allies with the British. I told them we still see our relationship the same way. If you're going to set up a program that trains youth on military right, which is like advanced Boy Scouts, plus education, I will need to add cultural awareness, being aware of nations history etc. We want them to come back from this training knowing more about their nation, not about Canada. I said I don't mind having both but the trouble I have is how you're looking at this as a training ground to get into the military service. They also said the program is in place at other First Nations and it is geared toward low-income or single parents or young people disadvantaged in some capacity needing help. It pays up to \$100 a day.

-CBSA Duty to Report - I put a letter together to the Minister reminding him that he committed to contact the Minister of Public Safety. We will also follow up with a phone call requesting another meeting with the minister in Ottawa.

-We talked with our lawyers to look at what is a class action as it relates to treatment from CBSA. What has changed in recent months to make them so aggressive? Strip searches, etc. We asked our community advocate to make a list of recent human rights issues.

-Before Minister Valcourt left we asked if he is aware of a Dundee Land Claim counter offer. He said response is coming in a few weeks.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David Presents at IJC Water Plan Hearing Hosted by Akwesasne

The International Joint Commission (IJC) held a hearing on its new Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River water management plan at the Tri-District Elders Lodge on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) on July 19th. The regulation strategy, Plan 2014, proposed by the IJC will attempt to mimic natural flows in the lake and river rather than keeping levels steady within a relatively narrow range.

Kawehno:ke District Chief Brian David presented on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne at the hearing. Chief David provided an overview of the Akwesasne community and discussed the jurisdictional complexity of the community as it is located in two provinces, one state, and two countries. He explained the three Mohawk governments that are in place at Akwesasne.

Chief David stated that while the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne was still discussing the IJC's Plan 2014, the Council saw the benefits to it and strongly supports the effort to mimic natural flows of the river versus a lake environment. He pointed out that the community understands the value of wetlands and the role they play in keeping the waters clean and supporting the diversity of species.

Chief David mentioned the community's ongoing concern for erosion of several islands in the St. Lawrence River and along the southern shore of the river. He shared a 2006 Shoreline Erosion Report that showed the problem and mentioned that Council is looking for opportunities for collaborating with others in developing plans to address shoreline erosion and that he would appreciate any technical assistance if it became available.

Chief David shared with the Commissioners that Akwesasne has two water treatment plants, one on Kawehno:ke and one in Kanatakon, that draw their water from the St. Lawrence River. He asked the IJC to be aware of these facilities as they engage in planning and other activities that may affect them.

Chief David spoke about Akwesasne's strong interest in projects to address climate change in the vicinity of the community. He mentioned the Ice Storm of 1998 that the community lived through and the concern that extreme weather events are occurring more frequently, including tornado

warnings. He shared with the Commissioners that Council has its own Emergency Measures Office and that it is willing to work with others in planning for emergencies.

Chief David spoke about the International Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River Board of Control and advocated for a First Nation/Tribal representative on the board. He mentioned that such a voice is not present right now and it can lead to more informed decisions by the Board of Control.

Chief David discussed Species at Risk and that Council was starting a three-year project to look at five turtle species, one bird species, and one plant species. He shared the partnership approach that was being taken between Akwesasne, provincial, and federal agencies in support of the project. He added that Council welcomed the opportunity to work with others on species protection.

Chief David asked the Commissioners to consider First Nation participation as it works to create an Adaptive Management Plan. He gave examples of how First Nations were advocating for a First Nation Annex to the Canada-Ontario Agreement for the Great Lakes and for greater inclusion in Ontario's proposed Great Lakes Protection Act.

Chief David mentioned that the St. Lawrence River is the heart of the Akwesasne community and that the fishery is important to the community. He expressed Council's willingness to engage in studies that may improve the fishery and asked the question how changing water levels in the St. Lawrence River would impact the fisheries?

Other presenters included representatives from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division representatives from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, and representatives from the 1000 Islands Boating Association.

The public comment period on the IJC's Plan 2014 ended on August 30, 2013 and then the IJC intends to make a recommendation and seek concurrence from the United States and Canadian governments this fall on its plan. ❖

Economic Development: Natural Gas Survey Results

IN MAY 2013, THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE AND ST. REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES CAME TOGETHER AND LAUNCHED A COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY TO DETERMINE IF AKWESASNE WISHED TO SWITCH TO NATURAL GAS. THERE WERE 484 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY.

THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- ☐ 62.8% WERE FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF AKWESASNE, WHILE 37.2% WERE FROM THE SOUTHERN PART.
- ☐ 59.9% WERE INTERESTED IN CONVERTING TO NATURAL GAS, 32% NEEDED MORE INFORMATION AND WERE UNDECIDED AND 8.1% WERE NOT INTERESTED.
- ☐ 76.3% OWNED THEIR OWN HOMES, 23.7% RENTED.
- ☐ THE TOP 5 HEAT SOURCES PRESENTLY IN HOMES: 1. OIL FURNACE, 2. ELECTRIC BASEBOARD, 3. ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER/STOVE, 4. PROPANE FURNACE, 5. ELECTRIC FURNACE.
- ☐ 26.3% SPENT \$1500 ANNUALLY ON HEATING COSTS, 20.5% SPENT \$2000, AND 16.5% SPENT \$2500.
- ☐ 46.5% OF HOMES WERE SINGLE STORY, AND 44.4% WERE 2 STORY.
- ☐ 46.5% OF HOMES WERE OVER 20 YEARS OLD, 15.2% WERE 11-15 YEARS OLD, AND 12.8% ARE 1-10 AND 16-20 YEARS OLD.
- ☐ 62.9% SAID THEY WOULD CONVERT TO NATURAL GAS IN 1-2 YEARS, 5.9% SAID 3-4 YEARS AND 29.4% WERE NOT SURE.
- ☐ APPLIANCES INTERESTED IN FOR NATURAL GAS – 82.5% WATER HEATER, 79.9% FURNACE, 70.3% RANGE/STOVE, 58.4% CLOTHES DRYER, 43.9% AIR CONDITIONER.
- ☐ PARTICIPANTS WOULD CONVERT EXISTING APPLIANCES TO NATURAL GAS – 63.2% IN 1-2 YEARS, 21.9% IN 3-4 YEARS, 8.2% IN 5-6 YEARS AND 6.6% IN 7-10 YEARS.
- ☐ FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO RENT, 74.7% PLAN ON BUILDING IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, 25.3% DO NOT.
- ☐ FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO PLAN ON BUILDING IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS, 87.5% PLAN ON HAVING NATURAL GAS.

THERE WERE ALSO QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY, SUCH AS "WOULD YOU CONVERT YOUR HOME TO NATURAL GAS? PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY OR WHY NOT?" FOLLOWING WERE THE PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSE:

HEALTH/SAFETY CONCERNS

- ☐ "GAS LEAK, EXPLOSION, POISONING."
- ☐ "CONVINCE ME OF SAFETY FIRST."
- ☐ "WOULD THIS PIPELINE BE NEAR MY HOME? CAN THIS BE DANGEROUS TO ME AND MY FAMILY?"
- ☐ "WHAT KIND OF LONG TERM MITIGATION EFFORTS (OR EMERGENCY PLANNING) HAVE YOU ALREADY COMPLETED OR CONTEMPLATED – BEYOND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY?"
- ☐ THE SAFETY OF THE PIPELINE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE FIRST CONCERN IF THIS PROJECT GOES AHEAD."

NEED MORE INFO

- ☐ "NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THIS ENTAILS. A LITTLE NERVOUS WHEN I HEAR NATURAL GAS. A COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY."
- ☐ "DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD CONVERT TO NATURAL GAS. TOO MANY QUESTIONS..."

- ❑ "NEED TO KNOW REAL COST OF USING IT. A 3RD PARTY RATING (IE CONSUMER REPORTS TYPE) TESTING RESULTS. NOT THE PROPAGANDA FROM THE SELLING COMPANY."
- ❑ "NEED A COMMUNITY MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE AND WHAT EXACTLY IT ENTAILS."
- ❑ "I NEED MORE INFORMATION ON WHETHER IT'S CLEANER (ENVIRONMENTALLY) THAN WHAT I USE NOW, ANY POSSIBLE SAFETY ISSUES, COST, ETC..."

FINANCIAL CONCERNS

- ❑ "CORNWALL ELECTRIC IS COSTING WAY TOO MUCH."
- ❑ "QUEBEC HYDRO IS EXPENSIVE."
- ❑ "WHAT WILL BE THE COST TO INSTALL, CONVERT MY SYSTEM TO NG AND HOW MUCH PER GALLON, COMPARED TO FUEL AND PROPANE?"
- ❑ "DEPENDS IF THE COST OF THE CONVERSION WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL IN THE LONG RUN."
- ❑ "DEPENDING ON THE COST TO CONVERT & EXPENSE TO HEAT BY SQUARE FOOT."

FOR NATURAL GAS

- ❑ "I WOULD CONVERT MY HOME TO NATURAL GAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR VARIOUS REASONS, ONE FOR BEING CHEAPER AND SAFER."
- ❑ "I WOULD CONVERT ASAP. NATURAL GAS IS A NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCT."
- ❑ "COST, CLEANER SYSTEM, EASIER TO MAINTAIN AND LESS HASSLE."
- ❑ "I WOULD SWITCH RIGHT AWAY. MY OTHER PROPERTIES IN CORNWALL ARE ON NATURAL GAS AND IT'S THE CHEAPEST SOURCE OF HEATING AROUND!"
- ❑ "CHEAPER, RELIABLE. CAN'T BE KNOCKED OUT BY A FALLING LIMB, CAR ACCIDENT OR ICE STORM."

THE SURVEY PROVED THAT A BULK OF THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT NATURAL GAS TO EVEN CONSIDER BRINGING IT INTO THEIR HOMES. THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SEVERAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS, IN EACH DISTRICT, TO EDUCATE EVERYONE ON THE BENEFITS OF NATURAL GAS AND THE PROJECT AT HAND. THE COMMUNITY WILL GREATLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT IF THEY KNEW MORE ABOUT IT.

At this time the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Economic Development Offices would like to thank everyone who participated in taking the Natural Gas Survey. All input was greatly appreciated.

List of the lucky winners who won local gift certificates

CANADIAN PORTION

- 1) Mamie David winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to Bounce N Bounce
- 2) Adrian McDonald winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to Mohawk International Lacrosse (MIL)
- 3) Lisa Roundpoint winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to Local Restaurants and stores
- 4) Dan Garrow winner of the \$250 Lazare Tree Service & Lawn Care

AMERICAN PORTION

- 1) Dana Cook winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to Twin Leaf
- 2) Megan Connors winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to #9 Fuels
- 3) Lois Boots winner of the 250 Gift Certificate to Bears Den
- 4) Jennifer Standing-Arrow winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate to Akwesasne Sports

Community Care Day Held at St. Regis Recreation

The MCA Case Management is a partnership between MCA Department of Health and MCA Department of Community and Social Services. The team hosted a Community Care Day that was part clothing drive and part soup kitchen. They chose to have the Community Care Day at the St. Regis Recreation on August 20th the same day as the Green Food Box distribution to bring in as many community members as possible.

The team recognized the need for back to school clothing and interview clothing for struggling Akwesasronon. MCA employees were invited to clean out their overflowing drawers and closets of chaos for this great cause. Frontline workers were able to identify those in greatest need and invited them to look through the clothing before the public was due to arrive.

Community Support employees were in the kitchen serving up enough soup and sandwiches to feed 200 people. This time around the Community Support Program bought all the ingredients and supplies. In the event of another Community Care Day it is their hope that local businesses will eventually donate the supplies. They also envision the soup kitchen to be run entirely by volunteers.

"It was so nice to get out of the office and give back. Today was out of the ordinary for us. We were here do something positive because we seem to have a negative image," commented Shelley Rourke, Intake Worker for the Community Support Program.

The Case Management has many similar projects in the works in the near future. They hope to hold



Johnny and Kenan, children from a local day care, enjoyed the free meal.

more Community Care Days each season and would rotate through the districts. They hope to partner with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to have a food pantry for the hungry. The team may also begin to pick up and deliver used furniture. The furniture would go to those in need and the team would make sure that the item fits in the recipient's home and make sure that they are in need.

Due to lack of storage space they cannot take any and all donations. One day they hope to have the space to accept gently used clothing, furniture and food donations. Throughout the Community Care Day a small survey was handed out to gauge public opinion on need and whether or not community members would use any of these services. The results of the survey are being compiled and will be shared with the community at a later time. ♦



Members of the Case Management Team Caroline Peters and Michelle Smoke.



Heather Mitchell, Dennis Chaussi, Shelley Rourke, and Mary Ann Jacobs from Community Support ran the Soup Kitchen.

MCA Youth Representatives Selected

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne conducted a call out in July for youth representatives. As a result t four community members were chosen to represent the Youth of Akwesasne. They are Phillip White-Cree, Shara Francis-Herne, Bobbi Lauzon, and Victoria Ransom.

The youth representatives are to engage in activities that advocate, promote and advance the priorities, concerns and recommendations of the Youth of Akwesasne and provide recommendations of emerging issues, collaborative opportunities and address issues identified by the Youth of Akwesasne. The MCA Youth Representatives will also be assigned to the Independent First Nations (IFN) Youth Working Group. They are to actively participate in youth forums at the local, regional, and federal levels as requested.

The appointed MCA Youth Representatives will be tasked with providing Council routine activity reports and updates. They are to provide



Shara Francis-Herne and Phillip White-Cree were selected as the new MCA Youth Representatives, along with Bobbi Lauzon and Victoria Ransom (Not picutred).

notification of existing and upcoming local, regional, national, and international opportunities available to the Youth of Akwesase. Each of the MCA Youth Representatives will serve a two year term. ❖

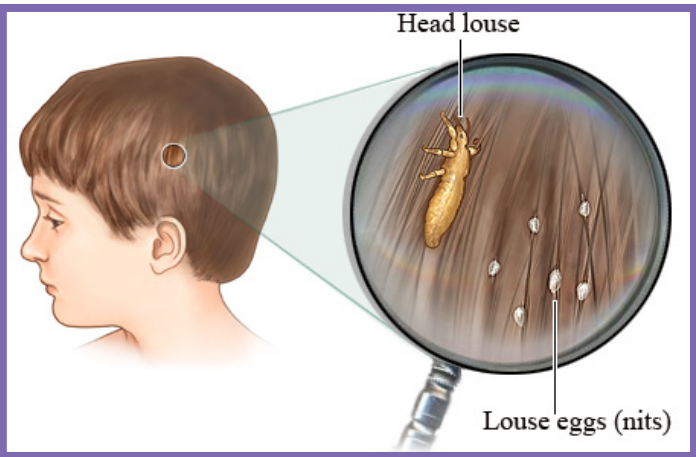
Message from Community Health Nurses

Reminder from Community Health as we approach the 2013-2014 school year: Last year we made the change into playing an educative & supportive role regarding head lice. Children will not be kept out of school or child care due to head lice or presence of nits, according to updated standards from the Canadian Pediatric Society.

You, as a parent, are going to be in charge of preventing, identifying and treating head lice on your child (ren). MCA Community Health will be here every step of the way to help support you in your new role as "Head Caretaker" (so to speak).

We have lots of information on how you can teach your child to help prevent head lice by not sharing hats, combs, brushes, etc., We have info on how to identify head lice, i.e. what is and what isn't nits & lice. We also have info on current treatments available, what works & what doesn't work.

We will continue to offer Resultz head lice treatments at no cost to you. If you should find live lice on your child's head, stop by your child's School Nurse or Secretary's office for Resultz head lice



Head lice will no longer keep your child out of school. Preventing, identifying, and treating head lice is the parent's responsibility.

treatment, or the MCA Community Health Office at Kanonhkwatsheri:io in Kanatakon.

If you have any questions regarding head lice, please do not hesitate to contact us at (613) 575-2341 Ext. 3219. ❖

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

ATTENTION AKWESASNE PARENTS

Important Information concerning your children

Do you know if your child is a member under the Akwesasne Membership Code?

If your child was born after April 17, 1985 and one of the following applies:

- Child's mother or father is non-native, or
- Child's mother of father is from another First Nation, or
- There is no father indicated in your child's records

Your child is not a member. Since they are not a member, they may not be eligible for some services.

What's the difference between Indian Status and Akwesasne Membership?

Indian Status entitles you to benefits like non-insured health benefits and tax exemptions.

Akwesasne Membership rights and benefits include those listed above as well as residency, land ownership, voting privileges, post-secondary education assistance.

How do I apply for Akwesasne Membership for my minor child?

Applications can be picked up from the Office of Vital Statistics, Cornwall Island Administration Building #3 (CIA#3) Kawehnoke. The application will be forwarded to the Akwesasne Membership Board in accordance with the Akwesasne Membership Code. The applicant must attend a meeting with the Akwesasne Membership Board. A minor or dependent child, who is under 18 years of age when their application is received, does not have to complete a probationary period of 5 years.

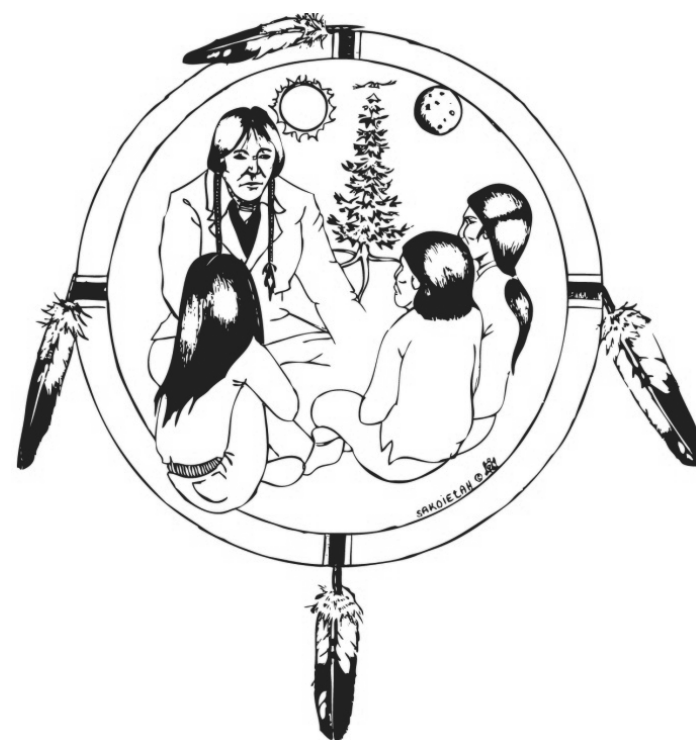
Support a Drug Free Community!



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

Akwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education



“Te thi ha hon:nien – We make the road for them.”

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

Message from Barry M. Montour, Ph.D. –
Director of Education



Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year!

Shé:kon Sewakwe:kon,

I'm sure you've noticed that the stores are in full swing with “back to school” items, as the start of the 2013-2014 school year for AMBE begins on Thursday. Seskehkó:wa/September 5, 2013 (excluding Head Start, which begins on Seskehkó:wa/September 9, 2013). Whether your child is a returning student, or if they are new to AMBE, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to an exciting year filled with numerous learning activities, school events, and lasting friendships. Your child's school principal and the staff have been busily preparing to get things ready for your child's arrival.

AMBE will continue to provide each child with new challenges that will make for a rewarding school experience. As part of the First Nations Student Success Program and the Board's Success for All / Akwe:kon Wetewaterihwatkweni initiative, we have upgraded the KinderCorner and Getting Along Together programs, as well as the Saxon Math series.

AMBE Food Services will again provide every child with a free breakfast, and lunches are available at a free or reduced rate for families that qualify. The After School Program (ASP) is available for parents who need the service as a “latch key” between work and school. If you accessed either of these programs last year, please ensure that your account balance has been paid in full so that there is no disruption in service. Both programs will begin on the first day of school.

As a parent or caregiver, you play a vital role in your child's education. We encourage you to attend the school's Open House, as well as the Parent/Teacher conferences. You are also welcome to attend the meetings of the Board of Education, which are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Visit the Board's website at www.ambe.ca for information on all of our meetings, activities, and events. Please contact your child's school if you would like to join the Parent Committee, which meets monthly to plan and organize activities and events to enhance the overall school program.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and do not hesitate to contact the Board Office or your child's school principal if you have any questions. ❖

AMBE School Bus Runs		
School Year 2013-2014 Seskeha/August 16, 2013		
*Subject to change		
School	Bus Route and Explanation	Driver/Bus Number
Tsi Snaihne	West End of Tsi Snaihne starting at West end of River Road headed east including Snye Road, Border Road, McDonald Road, Phillips Road, James Lazore Memorial Road, Sunday Horse shoe School Road, and Hemlock Road.	Alvena Delormier/ 06-07
	East End of Tsi Snaihne starting at Adams Marina down to Sugar Bush, up Wade Lafrance Drive, Whoville Road, Toby Roundpoint Road, and the Chapman Subdivision to Snye School	Michelle Laffin/36
	Kana:takon, including all of Kana:takon, St. Regis Road, Cook Road to Spaghetti Corner to the Tsi Snaihne School	Sandra Boots/ 1
Kana:takon	Akwesasne Head Start including all of Tsi Snaihne and Cook Road	Nancy Oakes/ 10
	Tsi Snaihne, all of Tsi Snaihne, all of Cook Road and St. Regis Road	Harry King/ 11
	Tsi Snaihne/Kana:takon Early Years for students who are in the early years programs in the districts of Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon and who reside on Cook Road and St. Regis Road	Theresa Cook/ 37
AMS	Kawehno:ke, including early years students and students on Route 37	Alicia Herne/ 06-25
	Kawehno:ke East, Grades K-4-Grade 5 From the east end of the Island to Chiefs Road including McCumber Road South, KRA, KRA Road, Lighthouse Road and Paul Taxi Road	Celena Mitchell/ 35
	Kawehno:ke West, Grades K-4-Grade 5, From Chiefs road to the West End of Kawehno:ke, including Arena Road, Recreation Road, Peter White Road, Wishe Delormier Road Seymour Road, and Tewasatani Road.	Ann David/ 3
CCVS	Middle School Bus for all students in Grades 6-8 from Kawehno:ke	Doreen Delormier/ 06-11
	Kana:takon, including all of St. Regis, St. Regis Road, and Route 37 from the light in Hogansburg	Debbie David/ 5
	Tsi Snaihne, including all of Tsi Snaihne and Cook Road to # 9	Missy King/ 33
	Akwesasne Head Start, including Cornwall and all of Kawehno:ke	Geeshie Guay/ 13-18
	Cornwall, designated pick up points through out city of Cornwall	Jennifer David/ 22
	Tsi Snaihne, Including all of Tsi Snaihne and Cook Road to # 9	Ruth Peters/ 26
	Kana:takon, including all of Kana:takon, St. Regis Road, and Route 37 from the light in Hogansburg	Debra Square/ 06-12
	Kawehno:ke East, From the East end of the Island to Chiefs Road including McCumber Road South, KRA, KRA Road, Lighthouse Road and Paul Taxi Road	Cheryl Benedict/ 06-24
	Kawehno:ke West, from Chiefs road to the West End of Kawehno:ke, including Arena Road, Recreation Road, Peter White Road, Wishe Delormier Road, Seymour Road, and Tewasatani Road	Elaine Cole/ 16

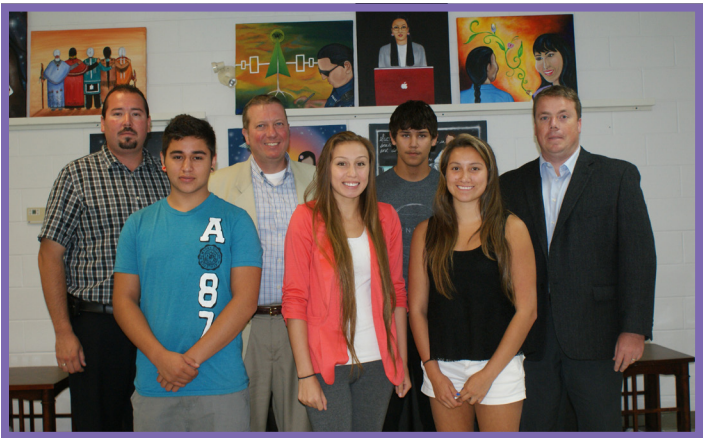
Local Graduates Receive Student Bursary Award

On July 29th, eleven local high school students were honored with a \$1,000 bursary award from one of the three sponsors during a luncheon at Iohahiio. For the past eight years Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict has coordinated with sponsors Bank of Montreal (BMO), Enbridge and the Akwesasne International Powwow Committee to present local graduates with a student bursary to support their educational goals.

Peter Valiquet and Mike Wagle from Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. were on hand to present five students with their bursaries. The utility company has been a sponsor of the student bursaries for the past eight years. This years recipients were Jerome cook, Brittani Lazore, Shyla Oakes, Nicholas Thomas, and Austyn Boots.

Since 1993 the Bank of Montreal has been a fixture of the Peace Tree Mall on Kawehno:ke. For the past nine years they have been sponsors of student bursaries. This year Frances Mannarino, Al Smith and Kelly Evans represented BMO as they dispersed a bursary to Logan Francis-Mitchell, Sandra Bigtree, Mitchell Green, Kelsey Poitras, and Quinlyn Jacobs.

Every high school student must complete a mandatory forty hours of community service in order to graduate. Many students choose to volunteer at the Akwesasne International Powwow. The Akwesasne International Powwow Committee offers a student bursary to show their appreciation. The students must complete an essay explaining



Recipients and donors of Enbridge Gas bursaries. L-R: Chief Abram Benedict, Jerome Cook, Peter Valiquet-Enbridge, Shyla Oakes, Nicholas Thomas, Brittani Lazore, and Mike Wagle-Enbridge. Missing: Austyn Boots. All photos courtesy of Indian Time.

their educational goals and aspirations. Typically one student is chosen from a Canadian school and one from a US school. Unfortunately they did not receive a submission from a US school. This year the committee has selected Quinlyn Jacobs to receive the bursary. Jacobs was also valedictorian of the CCVS Class of 2013.

Sandra Rourke, Kahontineh Swamp, and April Thompson chose the students selected to receive a bursary award.

The MCA would like to extend their appreciation every person involved in making the annual bursary presentation a success. They would like to congratulate and offer best wishes to all the student bursary recipients in their continued education.❖



Recipient Quinlyn Jacobs with Akwesasne International Powwow Committee Representatives Romaine Mitchell and Larry King.



Recipients and donors of the BMO bursaries: L-R: Logan Francis-Mitchell, Sandra Bigtree, Frances Mannarino-BMO, Mitchell Green, Quinlyn Jacobs, Al Smith-BMO, Kelsey Poitras, Kelly Evans-BMO and Chief Abram Benedict.

ACFS Summer Program: A Success!

The Akwesasne Child and Family Services Summer Program started July 8th – August 9th. It was a five week program filled with exciting programming. We had 65 children enrolled in our program ranging from ages 6-12. The children were able to participate in programming that included but was not limited to Cross-fit training, wilderness survival, basic cooking skills, theatre classes and arts and crafts. We strive to provide quality programming, proper supervision and a safe environment for the children of Akwesasne.

The program offered field trips each Wednesday, to Meachum Lake, Droulers Archeological Site, Massena Town Beach, Cosmic Bowling, Super Aqua Park. Our program was very fortunate to have Dee Cook and Ronnie Garrow as our bus drivers from Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education. The children really enjoyed having them as our drivers. Our final trip was to Six Flags, Lake George. The Tsi Snaihne Recreation sponsored two coach buses for the children, staff and family members attending The Six Flags Amusement Park trip to Lake George. This kind gesture was greatly appreciated, it made the three hour trip very convenient for everyone in attendance.

Our program consisted of a very empowering staff: Our presenters and leaders: Billie Jo Phillips, Nancy Lazore, Jordan Tarbell, Ross Lafrance, Brandon David, Glenn Swamp, Vickie Horne. Our group leaders: Waheson Lazore, Lance Jacobs, Trulee Herne, Tobi-Lee Roundpoint, Wishe Greene and Tyler Sunday. These summer students were responsible for an age specific group each day. They did a phenomenal job with the students in their



Participants and Staff of the ACFS Summer Program

group. As with all children some days were better than others although they assisted each other through the challenges. We were also fortunate to have summer workers assist us from Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education: Lacey Thompson, Alicia Thomas, Nicole Benedict, and Sarah Tarbell. These ladies read to the children every Monday and Friday. They would also complete a craft that went along with the book they read. The children truly enjoyed their time with the AMBE summer students.

The children were served two meals and two snacks daily and was provided by the kitchen staff; Racheal George(Community Health), Belinda White, and Krysten Delormier. These ladies provided nutritious meals and happily provided the children with birthdays cakes at the end of the week for those celebrating. We had guest speakers come in throughout the duration of the program. Some of these presenters were:Darren Bonaparte, Akwesasne Mohawk Council Ambulance, St.Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, Bob Stevenson, Hotinonhson:ni Cultural Youth Group, Tony and Cathy Koggel, Eddie Gray, and The Native North American Travelling College.

We greatly appreciate everyone who contributed to our program, each of them did a fantastic job with the youth of Akwesasne. To all the children who spent the summer with us we cherish the new friendships and hope you all have a wonderful school year. See you next summer or even sooner at one of our upcoming events. Remember to look out for the new A.C.F.S. event trailer. ❖



The kids were very excited to meet Iron Man.

Teens Attend Youth Camp on Thompson Island

The 2nd Annual Tsikionhet Onkwawen:na tanon Tsiniiionkwariho:ten youth camp was held from July 22-26 on Thompson Island. Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services and the Community Justice Program partnered to bring youth ages 14-17 workshops and activities with sponsorship from the Holistic Health Program.

Each day the youth were picked up at Adam's Marina in Tsi Snaihne or McComber Road on Kawehno:ke and made the short boat ride out to Thompson Island. Every morning breakfast was served and the Ohen:ton Karihwatekwen was recited to open each day with a good mind and give thanks. Following the Opening Address were icebreaker activities to allow the group to warm up to one another.

Workshops were held daily to deal with some of the challenges faced by the youth. The group learned about bullying, drugs, medicine wheel and Kariwio teachings. Two volunteers, Mike and Tommy Francis, from the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department were available to teach survival skills and ice safety. Eddie Gray shared his extensive knowledge with the youth as he led medicine walks. The group was also given presentations on



The Tsikionhet Onkwawen:na tanon Tsiniiionkwariho:ten youth camp focused on culture and a social dance was held for the teens. Photo courtesy of Indian Time

healthy relationships and prescription drug abuse. The youth were also able to enjoy recreational and leisure activities on Thompson Island. The youth had their choice of swimming, canoeing and crafts each afternoon.

Each participant received a bag filled with a t-shirt and towel for attending the youth camp. They were also given fishing pole kits to keep. The youth camp was a success and all participants departed equipped with useful information to cope with the challenges of adolescence. ❖



Children are a gift
from the Creator

Having a baby?

The months before the birth of your baby are very special. Regular visits to your doctor or registered midwife are important for your health and your baby's health. The MCA Community Health Program offers the following services which can help to make your pregnancy and your baby healthier:

- learn important information about pregnancy do's and don'ts
- child birth circles with a hospital tour
- scheduled home visits from nurses and family home visitors (Healthy Babies Healthy Children)
- breastfeeding information and support
- healthy eating ideas from a dietitian
- food vouchers (Tahonata'karita'kie Healthy Arrivals)

To access any of the services listed above, please call 613-575-2341. Ask for a Community Health Nurse.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health Community Health Nursing Program

All About the St. Regis Recreation Center



The St. Regis Recreation has been serving the District of Kana:takon and the community of Akwesasne for numerous years with a variety of fundraisers, programs and events it regularly hosts. The recreation originally started in a small room at the Angus T. Mitchell Memorial building, but was moved to its current location, the expansive facility that overlooks the beautiful St. Lawrence River in the early 1990s.

The St. Regis Recreation Committee works diligently to raise money to help offset costs through fundraising. In fact, almost any evening of the week, you are bound to find a committee member at the recreation planning the next event. In addition to the money raised by the committee, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) annually contributes \$50,000 towards the recreation. This money is primarily used to maintain the upkeep of the facility and grounds but also helps with unexpected costs.

The MCA Green Food Box also distributes its food at the recreation, and programs regularly utilize the facility for conferences and gatherings. The MCA also runs the Day Care that is located within the recreation available to community members. Laura Thompson, member of the Kana:takon Recreation Committee, would like to also commend MCA District Chiefs Florence Phillips and Julie Phillips-Jacobs for their involvement at the recreation. She noted that "it is so great to have participation from the chiefs...and Chief Florence and Julie are involved in


almost every aspect of the planning process."

The St. Regis Recreation's focus is to create a happy, safe and fun environment for children, but they would love to get more participation from parents, elders and people of all ages. During the summer months, the field at the recreation was utilized daily by youth lacrosse organizations. Currently, there are free Dance and Cheerleading classes available to youth; the recreation will soon be hosting Art Classes free of charge. At the end of August, the recreation will also host actors/players from Crooked Arrows for a two-day lacrosse camp (a small fee will be charged for participants). Later that evening, Crooked Arrows will be shown on projection free to the community.

It is evident that this recreation has a focus on youth and helping out children. Laura Thompson noted, "If we have kids at the recreation for only two hours a day, at least I know that for those two hours, they are safe, having fun and not causing trouble." ❖



Little girls participating in a free dance class offered by the St. Regis Recreation.

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



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

Community Health Events September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Holiday	3 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	4 Breastfeeding Circle 12:00-1:00 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	5 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	6 Immunizations 8:30-3:30 Deadline to order Green Food Box	7
8	9	10 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	11 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	12 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	13 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	14
15	16	17 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30 Green Food Box <i>Pick up day</i> Kanatakon 11- 4	18 Immunizations 8:30-3:30 Green Food Box <i>Pick up day</i> Kawehnoke 11- 4	19 Circuit Training 5:30-6:30	20 Immunizations 8:30-3:30	21
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Tetewatskà:hon Green Food Box Program

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

It's that simple!

Important Dates:

Deadline to Order:

Kanatakon Pick Up Day:

Kawehnoke Pick Up Day:

Aug 2nd

Aug 20th

Aug 21st

Sept 6th

Sept 17th

Sept 18th

Oct 4th

Oct 15th

Oct 16th

Nov 1st

Nov 19th

Nov 20th

Dec 6th

Dec 17th

Dec 18th

All you need to do is stop in at Kanonhkwatsheriio and place your order at the Community Health Office. For further details, please contact Kyle Thompson at 613.575.2341 ext. 3220



Hazard Help Sheet School Bus Safety

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! So, parents are preparing to send kids back to school and school buses are a popular means of transportation in Akwesasne and the surrounding communities, but school bus safety starts before the bus even arrives at the bus stop. So, parents, please help us by reading these important Bus Safety Tips with your child (ren).

- * Never play in the street / road while waiting for your bus.
- * Always line up in front of the bus and never alongside it. The driver needs to be able to see you!
- * Never enter onto the bus unless it has come to a complete stop and the red caution lights have been activated.
- * Walk slowly up to the bus and climb the stairs. Pay attention to your footing and listen for directions from the bus driver.
- * Entering onto the bus, quickly find your seats and use seatbelts if provided.
- * Share your seat if someone wishes to sit with you. Do not touch anyone and keep your hands to yourself.
- * To prevent injury should the bus come to a sudden stop, please remain in your seat and face forward.
- * Screaming and fighting are serious distractions for your bus driver. Please be pleasant to your bus mates.
- * Never throw items around in the bus. You could hurt yourself or others!
- * Never leave your book bag or sport equipment in the aisle. Fellow bus mates may trip and fall.
- * Never stand up when the bus is in motion. Wait for it to come to a complete stop before getting out of your seat.

For more information go to
www.ambe.ca



Your Bus Driver is in charge of the bus. Please respect their authority. They are there to keep you safe!

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- * Never stick your head, arms or other appendages out of the windows.
- * Never forget your book bag, sporting equipment or any other items on the bus. Especially if you will need them for the day.
- * When exiting the bus, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before attempting to exit the bus.
- * Walk slowly and be patient while getting off the bus.
- * Once you are off the bus, walk directly to the curb.
- * Cross the street at least 10 feet in front of the bus and wait for a signal from the bus driver that it is safe to cross.

**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL
(613) 933-0409**

**Dwayne Thomas
AMBE's Transportation Coordinator**

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Preventing Bullying on the School Bus



BULLIES choose the school bus as their prime location for picking on their peers, because the school bus is an ideal location. Mainly because supervision is generally minimal. Before boarding the bus, the

rush to get on the bus and other activity makes the tactics of a bully hard to notice. On the bus, the only adult may be the driver, who is unable to respond to every incident because he / she is operating the bus. Akwesasne is lucky enough to have Bus Monitors that assist our bus drivers in the monitoring of the bus activities.

School buses are the main source for of transportation in Akwesasne, so students have no choice but to ride the bus. This makes them easy targets for bullies. Space on the school bus is limited, closed in and victims of bullying have no place to escape. A bullies' intimidation and physical abuse becomes frequent. We would like make parents, teachers and other students aware of these problems and how to prevent them for the safety of everyone on the bus.

Signs of Bullying

Students who are being bullied may not be willing to approach adults for help because they are concerned with being labeled weak or tattle-tales. However, adults can recognize signs of bullying - whether it is on the bus, on the playground or in the classroom - to help them know when children may need help. Bus bullying signs include:

- * Fear of going to school or of riding the bus.
- * Habitually delaying or otherwise deliberately trying to miss the bus.
- * Continually asking for rides to school or finding excuses to ride with friends instead of on the bus.
- * Ripped clothes, missing possessions or signs of physical abuse that a teacher is unable to report happening in class or at school.



AMBE's Philosophy

"Ensuring their safe travel on the road." In keeping with our vision and motto, "Je thi ha hon:nien - We make the road for them", the Board is committed to providing a safe environment that is accepting and inclusive of everyone within our school community.



Reacting to Bullying

How to React to Bullying

It is estimated that nearly one in five students is subjected to school bus bullying and many parents' initial reaction may be to rush into the situation and protect their child. While this is admirable, such heroics may not help the situation because the parent cannot be present every time an incident may occur. There are steps that students and parents can take to prevent or stop school bus bullying.

RULES AGAINST BULLYING

1. We will not bully others!
2. We will try to help students who are bullied!
3. We will include students who are left out!
4. If we know someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult!

Students can...

- * Sit as close to the bus driver as possible and on the right-hand side of the bus so they are visible to the driver.
- * Pair up with a neighborhood friend and ride the bus together.
- * Be polite to someone who tries to bully them rather than reacting with anger; fighting back should never be an option and will only make the situation worse.
- * Tell adults when bullying happens, including parents, teachers and the bus driver.
- * Stand up for other students who are being bullied to keep it from spreading.

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Parents can...

- * Check the school's bullying prevention policies and report incidents to the proper officials.
- * Keep the student's name confidential to avoid increased bullying.
- * Be a good listener to encourage the child to tell adults if an incident occurs.
- * Teach responsible bus riding behavior.
- * Be a good role model by avoiding road rage and other driving related intimidation tactics.
- * Avoid blaming the child for being bullied.
- * Avoid encouraging retaliation or fighting and focusing on positive bullying prevention methods instead.
- * Investigate alternative transportation such as car pooling, biking, walking or a different bus route if possible.

In cases of extreme bullying, even these tactics may not be enough to protect children from physical, verbal and emotional intimidation. There are, however, other ways parents can get involved to end this harassment. If this is the case, please talk to the AMBE Director.

For more information go to
www.lovetoknow.com

Seskehkwá:wa / September

Awentatokehtike / Sunday	Awentatawen'ke / Monday	Raitonhia'ke / Tuesday	Soséne / Wednesday	Oharistiahne / Thursday	Ronwaia'nenatkonhne / Friday	En'takta / Saturday
1	2 Labour Day  WENTANO:RON / HOLIDAY	3  Tsi Taweshwabin'at' / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS	4 Public/In-Camera Session 6 pm @ Kanataton School	5 Home Visits for Akwesasne Head Start Students Kio'kierh'at'on Wen'isier'at' / FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	6  Free Breakfast and Hot Lunch Starts the First Day of School	7
8  Kabesh'ishera Raonon'hisera / GRANDPARENTS' DAY	9 Kio'kierh'at'on Wen'isier'at' / FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL For Akwesasne Head Start Students	10	11	12  Don't FORGET! Student Information Sheets for your child(ren) are due. Please forward to your child's school.	13	14
15	16  Tsi Taweshwabin'at' / AMBE School Bus Safety Week	17	18	19	20 Wear Your School Colours Day Kanataton School - teal & white Tsi Snaihne School - blue & yellow Akwesashne Mohawk School - red & black	21
22 Kanenna'kène On:ton /  First Day of Fall!	23	24 Tasewanatà:re tsi Iakwatewe'énstha (Come Visit Our School) / OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS Kana:takon School	25 Tsi Snaihne School	26 5-7 pm Akwesashne Mohawk School	27	28
29	30	School Hours: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm After-School Program Hours: 2:45 - 5:30 pm All schools are "Allergy Aware"				
TERM 1: Seekhekwá:wa/September 5 - Tsiotshon'kwá:wa/January 31						
AMBE Office: 613-933-0409 Akwesashne Mohawk School: 613-932-3366 Kanataton School: 613-575-2323 Tsi Snaihne School: 613-575-2229						

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