

# Canoe Journeys Honors Inspirational Women

The strength of a community depends on those who work to make it better, and those who are willing to be role models, leaders, and an inspiration to others. The role of women in the community is vital, as they are not only serving as role models, but also raising both men and women to be role models themselves.

To honor women in the community who have been known for their commitment to helping others, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Canoe Journeys, a part of the Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) program, selected eight special ladies to honor who have given the best of themselves to help inspire others.

Canoe Journeys was started by ACFS with the purpose of using an element of Mohawk culture – a canoe - to be the basis for positive events. Last year, Canoe Journeys chose to honor volunteer firefighters. This year, the Canoe Journeys board members selected women who have inspired others through their work.

On September 30th, a special gathering was held at Tsionkwanati:io along the St. Regis River. The eight women and some of their family members gathered to be honored through the positive words spoken by Canoe Journeys members and ACFS staff. The women each took a turn as well sharing positive words. Then, the group stepped into a canoe and paddled together up the river, symbolically combining each other's strength and empowering one another and those who were present.

"With each paddle, we release our own negativity and the vessel moves forward," said Brandon David, Community Support Worker for ACFS and Canoe Journeys board member.



*(front left) Chelsea Sunday, Melerena Back, Leona Barnes and Nikaiataa Skidders were among eight women that were honored by the Akwesasne Child & Family Services with a canoe trip held at Tsionkwanati:io on September 30, 2014. The women were recognized for their inspirational work and committment to helping others.*

The group peacefully paddled up the river, a lot of laughter and everything fell together and on their return the women sang beautiful Mohawk songs together while paddling in unison.

"It was very meaningful to not only honor these women but to see them lifting one another up by being positive and giving strength to each other just by paddling together down the river," David said. "There was

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## Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

**F**rom my office and my homeland, I extend good health and greetings to all Akwasasronon and their families. I hope everyone had a beautiful summer season and is getting ready for the cold winter season that is surely coming our way.

Mohawk Council of Akwasasne is involved in many political areas and subject matters, and it is our pleasure, as Chiefs, to comment on those areas that we are personally involved with. For my message in this month's issue of *Onkwe'ta:ke*, I would like to report on my personal involvement on the following topics.

First, I would like to report on the negotiations taking place between Akwasasne and Canada on the development of a new government-to-government relationship. As you may be aware, Akwasasne signed two Agreements-in-Principle in the areas of Governance and Relationship and Lands and Estates Agreement with Canada's Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Bernard Valcourt on Kentenhkó:wa/November 4, 2013. This initial step was necessary before continuing to the next phase of final negotiations that are aimed at acknowledging the jurisdiction and authority of Akwasasne in areas previously governed by Indian Affairs. In the coming months, the Entewatathá:wi Program will host community educational sessions and present drafts of the Akwasasne Governance Code and the Akwasasne Land Code for the community's review and acceptance. This will be followed by presentations of a draft Akwasasne Education Law currently under development in response to Canada's First Nations Education Act. I invite and encourage you to attend these informational sessions.

Secondly, I would like to report on the Akwasasne Tekaiat'orehthà:ke Kaianerénhsera (Akwasasne Court Law). This law has been drafted to safeguard our people's Aboriginal rights by exercising MCA's jurisdiction and authority. In accordance with the Law Enactment process, a draft was mailed out to each household in Akwasasne in Ohiarikhó:wa/July 2014. Consultation to the community has been conducted in the Districts of Akwasasne and the legislative committee may be conducting focus group meetings in the next few weeks. Following these additional meetings, an updated draft that incorporates community input will be presented to Council for consideration. This will happen before the final draft is distributed to the community members for review. The next step after that will be for community members to vote on the ACL for the enactment of the law.

On another legislative matter, the Akwasasne Iatathróna Raotiiéntáhtsera 'Couples Property Law' was previously voted on and approved by the community. Given the low voter turnout, the law will be put to another referendum to reaffirm its passage. Mohawk Council of Akwasasne has decided to conduct this second vote in hopes of getting a larger consensus of community members to participate by implementing newer means of vote taking, such as electronic voting.

Thirdly, I would like to provide a summary report on the 2nd Indigenous Border Security Summit held in Akwasasne from Seskehkó:wa/September 3-5, 2014. Following the first summit held in March 2006 at the NAVCAN Centre in Cornwall, this second convening was held at the Akwasasne Mohawk Casino Resort, which served as an ideal venue that allowed visitors to view our border community and experience border-related issues firsthand. Many service and agent representatives were present to discuss issues surrounding current border management practices, safety and security. The presence of U.S. Department of Homeland Security representatives at the conference demonstrated their country's commitment to work with Indigenous border communities, including the Mohawks of Akwasasne. I wish I could say the same for Canadian Border Services Agency. It was nice however, to meet representative from other First Nations border communities from across Turtle Island that share similar issues, frustrations and experiences.



The Pascua Yaqui of Nevada made a presentation on their own border crossing card that looks very promising for Akwesasne. Nia:wen to the staff and management for coordinating this important border conference.

Fourthly, I will provide a brief report on my involvement at the Iroquois Caucus meetings, which are held every month in a different community belonging to the Iroquois Caucus. The last meeting was held in Oneida on Seskehkó:wa/September 18-19, 2014. The major topics discussed at this meeting were the position that individual member communities took on the Energy East Pipeline Project. The Caucus agreed that Iroquois communities will stand united and oppose the oil pipeline project until Trans Canada addresses the 120 concerns raised by Kahnawa:ke. These concerns were presented over a year ago and still have not been addressed. Federal legislation on tobacco (Bill C-10) was also discussed and the Iroquois Caucus agreed to maintain its position against it. The Iroquois Caucus will send a delegate to the Senate Hearing to voice its opposition to the bill. It was reported that Six Nations Chief Ava Hill previously presented before the Senate Committee and shared the following statements and questions that Senators made in regards to Bill C-10:

1. Why are there so many regulations imposed on First Nations?
2. How is Akwesasne doing with its agreement with the Province of Ontario setting up a regulatory framework?
3. Department of Justice lawyers told Senate, that First Nations do not have jurisdiction to sell off – reserve. How do you respond?
4. Senator Jean-Guy Dagenais was a former policeman and arrested people at Kahnawake for having contraband cigarettes. Dagenais said he knows there is a criminal element in our communities and asked how we are dealing with security issues to keep cigarettes from getting into the hands of criminals?
5. Senator Denise Batters asked Grand Chief Peters about his statement that the bill would cause more crime in our communities. Batters asked him if he didn't think the bill would actually solve crimes instead.
6. Senator Donald Plett quoted Chief Ava Hill about saying the bill

could lead to violence and asked her to clarify.

7. Quoted presentation raising the moral issue and asked if health was also not a moral issue and where we stood on that.
8. One senator asked us what control mechanisms we would put in place, with respect to criminal gangs and controlling the manufactured of tobacco.
9. One also asked us if we wanted to compete with tobacco giant Rothmans, Benson and Hedges.

The Iroquois Caucus agreed to host a First Nation Education Summit in November, following heavy discussion on taxation on reserve. Iroquois Caucus agreed they will not be tax collectors for non-Natives buying goods on reserves.

On the issue of letters being sent to Akwesasronon living in the District of Kawehno:ke requiring them to complete and submit the forms for jury duty. Mohawk Council participated in an inquiry that was conducted by the Ontario government, which followed protest from First Nations across the province. The inquiry was completed and a committee was created to share the report with the First Nations that participated. A meeting was held to meet with community members and the committee on Seskehkó:wa/September 25th to discuss the recommendations. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a death in my family however; their report will be forth coming.

Lastly, I have been helping the community members in completing their applications to access the Personal Credits that are available to Residential School Survivors and their families under the Residential School Settlement. There are approximately 150 survivors in our community and many of these people are not aware that if they do not wish to use these educational credits for their own personal use that they can transfer them to their children or grandchildren. or to any learning institute they wish. The deadline to submit the application forms is Kenténha/October 30, 2014.

That is it for my report. Have a safe and prosperous year.

Louise Thompson  
District Chief of Kawehno:ke

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<b>Ionkwanonhsasetsi Adolescent Treatment Center</b> (613) 932-5050	<b>MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE</b> 1-866-996-0991	<b>Cornwall Hospital Withdrawal Management Services</b> (613) 938-8506	<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ DRUG-RELATED CRISIS</b> (800) 480-4208
<b>IETHINISTEN'HA FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM</b> (613) 937-4322	<b>Akwesasne Eagle Watch</b> Promoting a Safe and Drug free Akwesasne facebook	<b>Akwesasne Child &amp; Family Services</b> (613) 575-2341 ext. 3139 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	<b>ASEO-STE0</b> ADDICTION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937





# Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs)

## Seskéha/August 2014

### SESKÉHA/ AUGUST 5, 2014

#### 2014/2015 - #130 No Wake Zone

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #131 Lot 21 Block B Hamilton Island

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #132 Lot 37 Block B Hamilton Island

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Benedict  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #133 Special Meeting Minutes Dated December 16, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #134 Special Meeting Minutes Dated December 17, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillip  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #135 Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 16, 2014

Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thompson  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #136 Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 21, 2014

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Thompson  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #137 Food Bank, Distribution Center & Community Gardens

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

### SESKÉHA/ AUGUST 12, 2014

#### 2014/2015 - #138 Leakage Study

Moved by Chief Sunday, Seconded by Chief David  
*Voting: For – 10, Against – 1* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #139 BMO Guarantee

Moved by Chief Benedict, Seconded by Chief Loran  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #140 Special Meeting Minutes Dated September 20, 2013

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Loran  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

### SESKÉHA/ AUGUST 19, 2014

#### 2014/2015 - #141 - Application for the \$10 Million National Trails Coalition Grant - Trail Development on Kawehno:ke

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips  
*Voting: For – 9, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #142 Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 28, 2014

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Sunday  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #143 Council Meeting Minutes Dated 2/4/14

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Phillip-Jacobs  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #144 Council Meeting Minutes Dated 2/11/14

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #145 Contribution Agreement for the Akwesasne Community Justice and Aboriginal Court Worker

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Sunday  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #146 General Referendum Regulation – 7/18/14

Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Thomas  
*Voting: For – 11, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #147 Renewal of Probation Services Contract For The Native Community Correctional Worker

Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Thomas  
*Voting: For – 10, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

#### 2014/2015 - #148 Acceptance of Final Report For The AANDC P&ID Common Annual Report

Moved by Chief Thompson, Seconded by Chief Loran  
*Voting: For – 10, Against – 0* **CARRIED**

- 2014/2015 - #149 BMO Guarantee

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief King

Voting: For – 9, Against – 0

CARRIED

2014/2015 - #150 Review & Consideration For 2014/2015 Aboriginal Recipient Funding Agreement/Amendment

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief Thomas

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0

CARRIED

2014/2015 - #151 Neh Kanikonriio Courtwork Symposium

Moved by Chief David, Seconded by Chief Thompson

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0

CARRIED

2014/2015 - #153 Amendment to the 2012 – 2015 Portfolio Holders-Listing

Moved by Chief Phillips, Seconded by Chief King

Voting: For – 10, Against – 0

CARRIED

SESKÉHA/ AUGUST 26, 2014

2014/2015 - #154 Administrative Trustee

Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Thomas

Voting: For – 6, Against – 3

CARRIED
- 2014/2015 - #155 Law Enactment Procedure Regulations

Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Thompson

Voting: For – 6, Against – 3

CARRIED
- 2014/2015 - #156 Housing Application - Upgrade Program
- Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Thompson

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0

CARRIED
- 2014/2015 - #157 Housing Application - Upgrade Program
- Moved by Chief Thomas, Seconded by Chief Thompson

Voting: For – 7, Against – 0

CARRIED
- 2014/2015 - #158 Housing Application - Upgrade Loan to Renovation Loan
- Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs, Seconded by Chief Thompson

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0

CARRIED
- 2014/2015 - #159 Housing Application
- Moved by Chief King, Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs

Voting: For – 8, Against – 0

CARRIED

Kawehnoke Medical Clinic 932-5808						October 2014
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# Council Meeting Roundtable Reports

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

## Council Meeting Roundtable Reports

OHIARIHKO:WA/ JULY 29, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the Special General Meeting.
- Mentioned that Kanatakon Chiefs are concerned with the diving board at the point in Kanatakon.
- Hydro Quebec contacted FP regarding issues and Hydro Quebec is requesting a meeting with Council. FP requested for Hydro Quebec to be on the Council agenda for next week.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Received a call about the point and the rocks. There is an option to remove the rocks to make the diving board more secure and safe.
- Attended the Special General Meeting.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Attended the Special General Meeting.
- Attended the OPG presentation and the opening of the basket display in honour of Salli Benedict
- Been having discussions with Harry Sachse regarding meeting with Rob Williams. The meeting is to occur on August 4th or 5th. The letter sent to Governor Cuomo will be discussed.
- LK will be having surgery in August for a torn ACL (anterior cruciate ligament).

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Attended the Space Needs meeting for the Administration Building. The soil was tested and did not pass. The cost of constructing a foundation for the building would cost \$500,000.00 dollars. Other locations for the building are going to be looked into. MKM shared that proper drainage needs to be considered. The beaver dam that is located in the location of the Administration Building is a concern of the community.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran:

- Attended the Governance Code meeting.
- Attended the Chiefs Committee meeting and discussed the PREA and the 360° evaluation of the Executive Director. A 10 item

synopsis is to be developed for discussion. The Executive Director is going to work on a PREA from 2012 to April 2014.

- Attended the Constitutional Court Question meeting with Andrew Unger and Gordon Scott-Campbell.
- Monday, July 28th participated in a conference call with the First Nations Women's Caucus.
- SB asked KLo where she is getting her information about rape being on the rise in the community. This is because community members have been inquiring. KLo shared that victims have been consulting with one community member in particular. The community member is encouraging the victims to report the rapes to the police. There are 15 – 16 that have consulted with the community member. Some of the rapes have been reported and some are unreported.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Worked on her annual report last week.
- Was on vacation from Wednesday, July 23rd to Friday, July 25th.
- Received a call from a community member who is experiencing an issue with the complaint process. AAP could not find the complaint process on the website. The community member asked where they could find the process. MKM suggested for the Communications to look into the request.
- Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:
- Attended the Governance Code meeting.
- Attended part of the gathering at the OPG Visitors Centre. Did not attend the meeting afterwards.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brain David:

- Attended committee and task force meetings
- Worked with the summer students regarding the food bank and food security.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- Attended Community Fund meeting.
- Attended a meeting with Andrew Unger, Jerry Swamp and Wesley Benedict regarding the Quadripartite Agreement from the Federal Government.

- Attended the meeting with the review committee for the 360° review of the Executive Director.

- Was unable to attend the Special General Meeting due to being sick.

- The Tobacco Law review meeting. LT attended the meeting and there were some concerns regarding the law, and that is why the MCR has been tabled til next week's Council Meeting.

- Contacted the project officer for the proposed traffic plan for the 3 Nations Bridge demolition. The officer is an engineer for American Bridge.

- Tuesday, July 29th the 3 Nations Project team will be meeting, to approve the traffic plan.

- Monday, August 11th Glen Hewus will be presenting the proposed traffic plan to the City of Cornwall.

- Wednesday, August 13th there will be a luncheon meeting with American Bridge.

- Took pictures of the diving board and sent them to Jay Benedict.

- The RCMP have requested a meeting with council in September regarding the Ship Riders Program

- Contacted SRMT Chief Beverly Cook regarding the pricing of casino rental. There is no consistency and certain MCA departments are being charged more than others.

- There is a dedication ceremony of the new lacrosse box at Generations Park at 4:00 today in memory of Travis Solomon.

- CBSA will be moving one of the canopies to the new commercial building during the week and traffic will be disrupted. Fewer lanes will be open. BD requested alternative reporting to CBSA for those days of construction. The weekends are very busy and this upcoming weekend is going to be very busy with lacrosse.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Met with Alicia Shenandoah and assisted her in submitting her application for membership.

- Attended a meeting by Justice regarding a protocol agreement for section 84 on how inmates are released from prison.

- Attended the Tobacco Law review



meeting.

- Asked Communications for another public announcement on the personal credit. Have been receiving a lot of call regarding the personal credit. Disappointed in how the personal credit is being organized and put in a complaint on the process that is being carried out.
- Attended the District Meeting which ended early.
- There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 31st for community members affected by the waterline.
- Will be attending the court session in Montreal on Wednesday, July 30th.
- The diving board is located on Lot 75 which is designated to the church. It is not MCA's responsibility.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- MKM requested for the portfolios to work together to put an announcement out to the community about the bridge demolition and when it is to occur. MKM has been receiving calls as to when the demolition is to occur and if Akwesasronon are going to be hired in the demolition process.
- Met with Gordon Scott Campbell and once his report is finished it will be shared with Council.
- MKM will be attending the court trials tomorrow in Montreal. The trials are in regards to the CBSA seizures and Peter Hutchins will be representing. An amount of \$20,000.00 - \$28,000.00 is to be returned for unlawful seizures. CBSA does not want to be mentioned as to blame. CBSA does not want their evidence of their faulty machinery to be mentioned in court. CBSA is to blame and MKM wants that to be known in the court.

SESKEHA/ AUGUST 5, 2014

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting. Discussed at the meeting the General Personal Policy, OPSEU, the Respect in the Workplace Policy, environmental scan, change in systems for computers, and the auditor's report. The GPP is dropping Easter Monday as a holiday for employees.
- Attended the Kawehnoke Waterline community meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Out of office last week.
- Attended a meeting with OACAS and with the Ministry of Children and Youth. The issue of jurisdiction is the problem. Review is to begin in September to April 2015.
- AB and JPJ were invited to a court

decision for the Hamilton Cottage Association.

- Attended the Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended the DCSS Portfolio meeting regarding the upcoming AANDC meeting for the shelter.
- This Wednesday, August 6th is the student bursary presentation, hosted by Enbridge and BMO.

Kawehno:ke Chief JoAnne Jocko:

- Met with Debbie Terrance about special needs children not being recognized.
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting and the Kawehnoke Waterline community meeting.
- Gus Pyke still wants to leave his pharmacy and it is up to him to do so. Fadi Chamoun is not returning Cindy-Francis-Mitchell's calls. Melanie Gibson has contacted Edward Roundpoint about his interest in taking over the pharmacy.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- Took part in the staff activity day.
- Attended the court sessions in Montreal regarding the CBSA car seizures.
- Went to the dedication ceremony for Travis Solomon.
- Will be meeting with Rob Williams regarding the NYS Claim.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Met with community members. Some of the community members are asking about the bank in TsiSnaihne and when it is coming.
- JL would like to set up a meeting with the TsiSnaihne District Chiefs and the Executive Director on the bank and doctors for the district of TsiSnaihne.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- Attended the court session in Montreal. Julie Cory believes that a ruling will occur very soon.
- Alicia Shenandoah has received her status number and is working on getting membership in Akwesasne.
- LT has been working with community members to complete their personal credit. Some of the survivors do not want to apply, and she is encouraging the survivors to apply. For the survivors that don't want the money for education LT is encouraging them to donate the money to educational institution like the Freedom School or Iohahii.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended the court session in Montreal.
- Attended the Executive Committee

meeting.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- AAP dealt with a community member issue on the long weekend regarding a mother and her son, who is mentally unstable. AAP contacted April White and Melanie Gibson who both worked on the weekend to try and get the mother and her son to Montreal, so he could be examined.
- Attended a brainstorming meeting with Jim Ransom regarding the arena hosting a home and trade show next year.
- Attended the meeting Boston Bruins alumni game planning session.
- Went to the TsiSnaihne Recreation Centre with Troy Thompson for a site visit for trails. Constructing trails at the Recreation Centre site will be expensive, because of the marsh and trees.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brain David:

- Accompanied WS to Montreal for the CBSA court session.
- Met with a David Poser regarding the CBSA Enforcement Team. The Enforcement Team is similar to the team that US Customs has.
- Received word from Ottawa that CBSA is not using their secondary inspection that much, and should, because of the heavy amount of traffic that flows through that port of entry daily.
- MKM shared that residents of Kawehnoke traveling from Kawehnoke to the City of Cornwall have been getting pulled over to secondary when they are traveling within Canada. MKM believes the reason for this is because some community members are answering the CBSA officers question with a question.
- BD shared that community members just need to declare if they have anything, even if they have items that they have purchased on prior date, and never removed from their vehicles.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- CBSA is reacting to an editorial that was written and they are receiving pressure by Canada Revenue. Most of the CBSA officers at the port of entry are not questioning driver's possessions that they are bringing across. CBSA is not receiving enough duty and tax according to the Canada Revenue. There is a global enforcement plan to occur and community members may be subject to searches in the near future.
- Attended the Chiefs Committee meeting. The Executive Director PREA was

discussed.

- The Economic Development Leakage Study is in draft form. \$140 Million is generated by Akwesasne, and \$107 Million is leaving Akwesasne.
- The diving board area is not as bad as it seems. The rocks surrounding the diving board are sharp. It is not very costly to remove and fix the rocks. The work can be done internally and will cost less to do it in house instead of hiring someone externally.
- After the severe thunder storm last week, a Yellow Island renter reported that 14 feet of the island fell in the water after the storm.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended a meeting with AB on Wednesday, July 30th on Hamilton Island.
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding Education, Health and Social and to identify the gaps between the three and ways to amalgamate the three programs.
- Has been speaking with the Assistant Director for Education, who has been filling in for Barry Montour, and is asking for the portfolios to help support her while she is in the position.
- The Education Summit meeting is occurring this Thursday, August 7th.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- MKM received a call from the chairman of Peace Hills Trust, and he asked MKM if he received a letter from Peace Hills Trust. MKM has no memory of a letter from Peace Hills Trust. Peace Hills Trust has the letter on file and they are going to add to the letter. MKM needs to find out if the letter has arrived to the office yet.
- Joe Francis gave an assessment for a lacrosse box for Kawehnoke. The lacrosse box is in good condition in Kanatakon. The lacrosse box just needs a walking trail for it. TsiSnaihne needs to identify a formula for a lacrosse box

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Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips:

- Attended the waterline meeting for Kawehnoke Phase 2. Mitchell Road is to be completed first and whichever roads paperwork is complete will be next to be completed.
- Attended a conference call with the IFN Executive Committee. The conference call was in regards to the Host Nation for Diane Maracle-Nadjiwan. Lyndia Jones who is the IFN Health

Policy Analyst will be dropped at the end of the month. There will be meeting with the Traveling College to get confirmation whether the Traveling College can be the Host nation for Diane Maracle-Nadjiwan. The request will have to be sent to the executive board.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict:

- Attended the Student Bursary Presentation hosted by Enbridge Gas and BMO. There were 20 students that received bursaries.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting. Audits were reviewed and program donations were reviewed including ABGC.
- Attended the DCSS portfolio meeting. There was a conference call and the Fuel Assistance program was discussed.
- The Ontario Child Tax rates have increased and when the rates increased the welfare dollars decrease.
- There is no agreement with the Hogansburg fire department on fire inspections. Joe Francis is working to get an agreement to do fire inspections.
- Received a call about a community member who wants to sell his property.

Kawehno:ke Chief JoAnne Jocko:

- Attended the Kawehnoke Waterline meeting.
- Attended the DCSS portfolio meeting and there was a kinship presentation.
- Attended the Membership Board meeting.

Kana:takon Chief Larry King:

- LK gave an update on the Rob Lynch meeting regarding the NYS Claim. Franklin County has been met with and LK has not heard an update from that meeting.
- A letter was sent to the governor by MKM about more commitment for islands in the regards to the NYS Claim.
- The St. Lawrence County still has some concerns. There is a possibility of having all 3 governments (MCA, SRMT, & MNCC) to address St. Lawrence County.
- There have been 2 conference calls regarding the divestiture for the Cornwall port lands.
- LK brought up two points regarding the Cornwall port lands. One being that Transport Canada is to take care of the lease with Trillium. MCA does not want to inherit the problem. Second is Cornwall is trying to get funding and there is a good chance Trillium will go quietly. There is a sunset clause in the lease for a 365 day termination. Transport Canada is to put

some dollars forward and Transport Canada is not sure that they can give dollars for lawyers.

- LK attended the student bursary presentation hosted by Enbridge Gas and BMO. In the past \$1,000.00 dollars bursaries were given out to 10 students. This year \$500.00 dollars bursaries were given out to 20 students.

- Robert Pratt is the lawyer for the Dundee claim and he has held the file for 30 plus years. He wants to retire soon. LK suggested that his travel be compensated and LK believes that we should not change lawyers and do our best to keep Pratt.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore:

- Wednesday, August 6th visited the Droulers site with KLo & WS, and met with Pascal Peron. Pascal is scheduled to present at next week's Council meeting.
- Volunteered at the firemen's fundraiser on the weekend.
- JL is working on a welding program and has contacted Troy Thompson.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran:

- Attended a special AFNQL meeting on behalf of MKM.
- Attended the brainstorming meeting for the Home and Trade Show.
- KLo mentioned that the Boston Bruins alumni game is to occur in December and a rep from Kahnawake has asked if Akwesasne can host the Nation Cup this year at the Anowarako:wa Arena.
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting.
- Wednesday, August 6th visited the Droulers site with JL & WS, and met with Pascal Peron.
- The next AFNQL meeting is September 9th, 10th & 11th.
- Attended the pre-meeting for the Multi-Jurisdictional Table. Council needs to review documentation and get back to Vaughn Sunday & Victoria Irving.
- The Experience Akwesasne event is coming along and the agenda, program and invitation have been finalized. The event is occurring at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Sat in on a conference call with IFN regarding Diane Maracle-Nadjiwan.
- AAP suggested having US Customs and CBSA be invited to the Multi-Jurisdictional Table.

Tsi Snaihne Chief April Adams-Phillips:

- Community support is aware of a



community member's issue with their son. Dennis Chaussi is aware of the issue and has access to a mental health assessment rep in Cornwall. Access is needed for someone to be on call 24 hours 7 days a week for mental health issues.

- AAP and ST met with Steve MacNaughton and Dave Poser of CBSA in regards to taking over the bridge wait time sign.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.
- Been in contact with Troy Thompson in regards to the lacrosse box and trails.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday:

- Attended the DCSS meeting.
- Wednesday, August 6th KLo & JL visited the Droulers site and met with Pascal Peron.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David:

- Attended an emergency meeting at the church for the priest. The priest's living location is in need of inspection. Last winter the priest froze. The home was inspected but not fully. The home has been talked of being turned into a museum for the church. The question of the priest staying at another location was brought up at the meeting. The apartments in Kanatakon were suggested. BD does not believe that the priest would need a permit to stay in the apartments.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas:

- ST and AAP met with Steve MacNaughton and Dave Poser of CBSA in regards to taking over the bridge wait time sign.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting.
- Attended the Police Commission meeting and dealt with a community complaint letter. The AMPS is experiencing low staff due to short and long term disability.
- American Bridge is going to start their plan for the bridge demolition soon. When the bridge demolition begins there is going to lengthy delays starting with Second Street heading north in Cornwall. The demolition is going to be completed in stages and in sections of the bridge. There might be long delays and disturbances when the demolition is close to the tollbooth.
- ST suggests starting negotiations for alternative reporting with CBSA during the time of the bridge demolition.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson:

- LT shared that she has finished a course for Nation Building (NNI course). The first course was free however the next course she will have to pay. She asked for permission to take the other course. MKM asked if there is a group rate. LT will look into it.
- LT will be attending the all-day strategic planning session for Nation Building.
- There is also to be a farewell dinner for Wendy Adams. Wendy is taking another position and will be leaving Nation Building.
- LT shared that her husband reported to CBSA and was travelling from Hogansburg to Cornwall. When he pulled up to the officer to give them his passport; the officer said that he did not need to and let him on his way. LT finds this suspicious and does not want incidents like this to affect our community members in the future. There have been other cases of this happening.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs:

- Attended the Student Bursary Presentation hosted by Enbridge Gas and BMO.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting. The auditors have some concerns with different programs and what is occurring with their budgets. AMBE and Social have gone over their budget. The Enbridge dollars and MCA credit cards and the idea of Council members getting their own personal credit cards and to get reimbursed were discussed.
- Attended the DCSS portfolio meeting and the heating assistance and concrete numbers for clients were discussed.
- In regards to the mental health issue from last week there is a protocol in place with the AMPS.

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell:

- Met with two reps from BMO a week and a half ago. MKM raised the concern of the 8-16 Akwesasne businesses being let go from BMO. MKM wants to know if BMO is willing to invite them back. BMO would like to meet with the business individuals. MKM would like the Village Currency to be the first business to meet with BMO.
- Friday the Chairman of Peace Hills Trust called MKM and Chief Robert Louie went to the highest level to get Peace Hills Trust to contact MCA. Tony Shirt of Peace Hills Trust shared that a new letter from Peace Hills Trust should be arriving at Mohawk Government in a week.
- A letter was sent to the AANDC Minister on the Dundee Claim and an exemption for 5 years for education and a response is to be given back soon. MKM has requested a meeting with the Minister on this letter.

- Attended the AFN meeting on education.

• MKM gave a report on car seizures for the court session on the Alicia Shenandoah and Sarah Lee Skidders case. A bus was requested by the community so community members don't have to park all over and can travel to the court session easily and all together. At the court session the lawyers asked if CBSA has made a decision to mediate a solution and to try and accommodate the Akwesasne community. The lawyer from CBSA said that it is the law and that is why community members have to report to CBSA. CBSA has not made any action on accommodating or mediating a solution.

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NO ROUNDTABLE REPORTS

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Kana:takon Chief Larry King

- Attended the District Meeting. The community requested more elderly housing.
- Participated in the Nation Building meetings.
- Attended the Akweks:kowa meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding the point in Kanatakon. There are some written recommendations for the Point. The diving board is not safe for swimmers.
- Attended a meeting regarding arena usage, Housing authority meeting, the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting and the Experience Akwesasne event at the Mohawk Casino.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Joe Lazore

- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table for the two days.
- Had a site visit to the Dundee property that is for sale. JL took some pictures of the property. There is a letter of intent to buy the land. JL would like more Council members to view the property. JL will be visiting the property again this Friday, August 29, 2014.
- Had a meeting with Dan Garrow, Daniel Bruyere, and Troy Thompson regarding an iron workers course. We are looking to work with local 765.

Tsi Snaihne Chief Karen Loran

- Attended the Nation Building meeting.
- Attended the planning meeting for the Boston Bruins alumni hockey game. The game is to occur on December 6, 2014.
- Attended the St. Regis Tourism planning meeting, and the Multi-Jurisdictional Table for the health component.
- Took care of two community issues. One regarding housing and another regarding

social services.

Tsi Snaihne Chief William Sunday

- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting, and the MCA Organizational Review.
- Met with AAMB about setting up a welding course.

Kawehno:ke Chief Brian David

- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting and the District Meeting. CBSA tracking US goods was brought up and traffic and high wakes on the river were issues that were brought up at the District Meeting.
- Should communicate with CBSA that this weekend is going to be a busy time for Akwesasne members, who will be traveling to the NY State Fair and will be shopping for back to school in NY State. CBSA has picked a bad weekend to survey US goods coming across the border.
- SB mentioned that CBSA has gotten worse the more MCA pushes at them.
- BD would like a press release to go out to the community about CBSA conducting a survey this upcoming weekend.

Kana:takon Chief Steve Thomas

- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting and was a disheartened that the portfolio directors did not attend.
- Met with HR and the Executive Director, and met with Jim Ransom.
- Attended the buy local event and a community member meeting about issues in Kanatakon and the future of Kanatakon.
- Attended the District Meeting and the topic of elder housing was discussed.
- Will cc Council and WJB regarding the future of the bridge wait time sign.
- Attended the MCA Organizational Review and it went well. John Lees is to be present at the next meeting and WJB will chair the meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Louise Thompson

- Attended the District Meeting, discussed the request for elder housing, the CBSA abuse and harassment. One community member suggested MCA renting a ferry.
- Attended the youth and elder conference.
- Attended the Nation Building meeting and the continuation of the strategic planning.
- MCA is sponsoring the Masters Tournament, which is to raise money for the arena.
- LT is still assisting residential school survivors with the personal credit. The

deadline for the personal credit is in October 2014.

- The Director of Justice has asked who is paying for no wake sign.
- LT will not be in the office on Friday, August 29, 2014. She will be at the NY State Fair for Indian Day.
- LK shared that when he was looking into the ferry but did not go through with it because it did not seem feasible.
- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting and the MCA Organizational Review.
- LT asked when and where the next General Meeting is. FP mentioned that the next General Meeting is to be in Kanatakon and on September 18, 2014.
- LT called KL to confirm the date.

Kana:takon Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs

- Passed on her roundtable this week.

Kana:takon Chief Florence Phillips

- Attended a meeting regarding American Bridge. The workers of the demolition will be unionized. The demolition will begin in September.
- FP is working with JJ in regards to the Kawehnoke waterline. The waterline is being held up due to easements. There will be penalties for those that are holding up the waterline from being completed.
- Attended the health Portfolio meeting with AAP. Discussed the ambulance, the pharmacy and the new buyer. Dr. Paul is asking for more money.
- Attended the Multi-Jurisdictional Table meeting, and the Organizational Review meeting.

Kawehno:ke Chief Abram Benedict

- Met with Heather Phillips and Debra Diego.
- Attended the Akweks:kowa meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding OACAS in KI.
- Attended the District Meeting.
- The issue with Iohahiio and the proposal to AANDC has not been resolved yet.



really nicely. At the end, two women who are both battling breast cancer sat down together and that's the type of sharing and connection that we were happy to see." Canoe Journeys honored the following women with this year's journey:

- Donna Benedict
- Louise McDonald
- Roxanne Whitebean
- Melerena Back
- Sherril Lazare
- Chelsea Sunday
- Leona Barnes
- Nikaiataa Skidders

A group of eight women are seated in a row outdoors. From left to right: the first woman wears a bright yellow jacket and a colorful patterned skirt; the second wears a black top and a red skirt; the third wears a vibrant, multi-colored poncho over a grey top and grey boots; the fourth wears a grey jacket and a brown skirt; the fifth wears a blue jacket over a white scarf and a black and white patterned skirt; the sixth wears a dark vest with floral embroidery over a maroon top and a black skirt; the seventh wears a brown plaid jacket over a pink scarf and a black skirt; the eighth wears a purple dress with white floral patterns. They are all smiling at the camera. The background shows a building with colorful striped awnings and a wooden structure.

*(from left) Akwesasne Child & Family Services honored Louise McDonald, Melerena Back, Chelsea Sunday, Nikaiataa Skidders, Sherril Lazare, Donna Benedict, Leona Barnes and Roxanne Whitebean.*

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# Update: Kawehno:ke District Chief Abram Benedict

## BURSARY PRESENTATION

The 2014 Student Bursary Presentation was held on August 6, 2014. This is an annual event co-sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and Enbridge Gas. This year we asked each of the corporate sponsors to provide ten (10) bursaries in the amount of \$500 each, as opposed to the five (5) bursaries in the amount of \$1000 each, that they graciously provided in previous years. This change allowed for more students to receive a bursary while maintaining the amount provided by the sponsors. The Student Bursary Presentation provided the opportunity for Council to personally congratulate the recipients and for the corporate sponsors to meet the recipients and their parents. The event was held at the Kana:takon Recreation Centre this year and was catered by a community member.

## FUNDING FOR IOHAHI:IO

By correspondence dated August 28, 2014 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) informed Iohahi:io that their recent proposal for funding had been approved, but only for \$76,000 of the \$202,600 requested in the proposal. This amount was less than what was anticipated and the outstanding issue with the approved amount is that the eligibility requirements of AANDC's new program stipulates that Band Councils cannot be recipients of this funding and that any approved funding must go directly to an educational institution.

Although Iohahi:io is an educational institute, it is still under MCA. Iohahi:io does not have its own bank account or corporation status. The Ontario Region Program Director for Social Programs and Education at AANDC requested that Iohahi:io apply for its own recipient number. On September 6 we sent a letter to request assistance from the Director General of the Education Branch at AANDC headquarters outlining what MCA has done to date to address this funding issue and asked for an exemption to their new requirements. On September 18 Acting Director Chris Rainer advised us that the Ontario Region was working to assist MCA and we should contact the

Ontario Regional Director for assistance. We are continuing to seek an exemption but are also considering other options.

## HOUSING

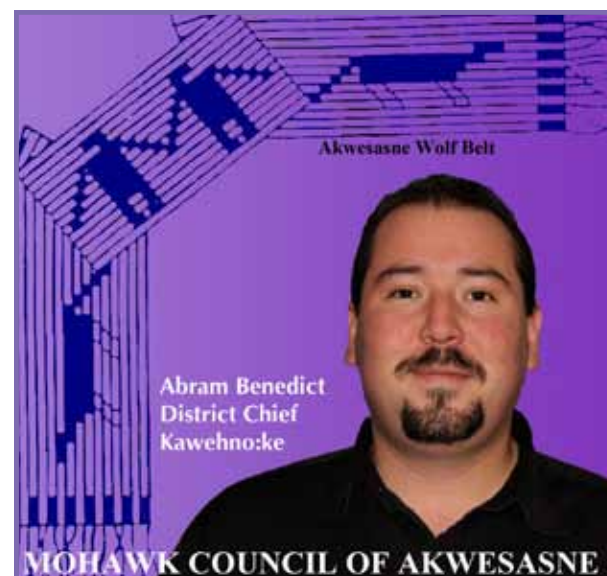
On August 12, 2014 the Director of Housing and I met with the Manager of Social and Housing Services for the City of Cornwall, Debora Daigle. This was an informational meeting which gave us the opportunity to meet with the people responsible for housing at the City of Cornwall and for us to share information on each other's housing programs. The City of Cornwall is a service manager for the province and oversees 11 providers who in total manage just over 2000 housing units. The area covered by them includes the City of Cornwall and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

## DISTRICT MEETING

At the August 25th Kawehno:ke District Meeting approximately six (6) community members were present and each District Chief updated the members on our ongoing files. Members present were upset at CBSA's recent decision to refer all Akwesasne international travelers to secondary inspection when they reported goods coming from the States. This was reportedly an interim measure by CBSA to get a snapshot of what type of goods Akwesasnon are bringing into Canada. The CBSA conducted this exercise for a two week period. The increased number of large boats (yachts) within Akwesasne waters and the disturbance they are causing to shorelines and community beaches was discussed. Council recently passed a MCR calling for stricter enforcement of community laws as they relate to our waterways.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DCSS)

At the August 11, 2014 DCSS Portfolio Meeting, the Portfolio Chiefs and the Director held a conference call with the Regional Director of the East Region for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). This call resulted from a face to face meeting I had with Assis-



tant Deputy Minister (ADM) Darryl Sturtevant in Toronto on July 29. The call was with regard to the issue of Akwesasne having to receive prior approval from the ministry before placing a child outside of Ontario. Based on direction from the ADM, the Regional Director had been tasked to follow up with Akwesasne and find a solution to the issue. The solution we proposed was for Akwesasne's DCSS Director to receive delegated authority to approve placements of children in care outside of Ontario, but only within the Territory of Akwesasne. Technicians from Akwesasne and Ontario, along with a legal advisor from Ontario, have been working to draft language that will allow for this authority to be delegated by the Minister. We expect this to be approved within the next few months.

Outreach workers for the Akwesasne Child and Family Services (AFCS) also presented on kinship care at the monthly DCSS meeting. August was kinship awareness month and ACFS outreach workers provided group presentations on kinship care throughout the month describing how you can become a kinship provider.

I was invited to attend the Tikinagan Child and Family Services Annual General Meeting which occurred on August 20 & 21 in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (also known as KI or Big Trout Lake). This remote northern community is located about 400 km north of Sioux Lookout with a population of approxi-



mately 1300 residents. Tikinagan services most Aboriginal communities north of Sioux Lookout including KI and was established in 1984. All Children Aid Societies are required to hold an annual meeting of its board of directors. Tikinagan's board is comprised of representatives from eight (8) of the communities it services. The Board of Directors is accountable to the Chiefs of the First Nations within Tikinagan's service area. The Board reports to the Tikinagan Chiefs Assembly on its services, operations and finances.

Due to Akwesasne's unique geographical location and the current governance structure of the MCA, Akwesasne Child and Family Services is exempt from having a board of directors but in exchange is held accountable though the Director of DCSS and the portfolio system of the MCA.

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETIES (OACAS)**

On September 11 I traveled to Toronto to meet with Steven Vanloffeld-Executive Director for the Association of Native Child and Family Services of Ontario, Mary Ballantyne-Executive Director for the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) and Deputy Grand Chief Denise Stonefish-Social and Health Portfolio Holder for the Chiefs of Ontario. This meeting was arranged following our meeting on July 28. In 2015, the Minister of Children and Youth Services must do a review of the Child and Family Service Act (CFSA). Many Aboriginal agencies and communities are in agreement that Part X (ten) of the Act entitled "Indian and Native Child and Family Services" needs to be reviewed and amended. The CFSA review was discussed at length and will be an area that the three organizations will meet again to discuss and work on together.

This meeting was also used to discuss an upcoming meeting with the Social Service Coordination Unit (SSCU) under the Chiefs of Ontario on September 24. At the September 24 meeting a presentation on the Aboriginal unit of the OACAS and the ongoing work with mandated CASs and pre-mandated CASs was provided. The CFSA review was again discussed at length. The SSCU will bring back the

information to the leadership and will ask the Chiefs to endorse the cooperative work of the three organizations.

On September 18 I attended the regular monthly meeting of the OACAS in Toronto. Lough Barnes Consulting Group provided an interim report on the OACAS decision making project. A shared services update was given and discussed at length. The Ministry has been encouraging CASs to examine ways of sharing services, but the Aboriginal agencies have made it clear that they do not want to discuss shared services—they want equitable

funding for Aboriginal agencies before they can consider sharing services. This will continue to be the advocacy message for OACAS. The night before the regular meeting, the Board President provided an orientation session to the board and an update on the OACAS business redesign project underway.

**BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

In early September I was on bereavement leave and spent time with my family.

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June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Grand Chief Michael Mitchell and  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary marks an important milestone in the relationship between BMO Financial Group and the Akwesasne Community. We're honoured to have been a part of your community, and look forward to continuing to build on our relationship.

BMO Financial Group is committed to the Akwesasne Community, through our involvement in many initiatives including educational bursaries for students, the March Break Aboriginal Youth Camp (2012) and the International Pow Wow. We're also committed to providing career opportunities for members of the community in our branches at the Peace Tree Trade Centre and in the Cornwall Area.

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It's important that we consider the needs of all stakeholders and at the same time fulfill our banking obligations. We want to emphasize that when regulatory impacts occur, they generally occur nationally or even internationally, and not specifically to a market, region or community. Regulatory impacts in the last few years, unfortunately sometimes resulting in account closures, required us to adapt to circumstances quickly. Accordingly, we were unable to disclose intended changes to the Mohawk Council in advance.

We recognize these changes happened quickly, and we could have handled them more effectively. We wish to apologize for this and the negative impact on both the Mohawk Council and community members. We're confident we can improve our approach and response in future.

Through our conversations with community members and clients, we've identified additional ways to improve our service delivery to the Akwesasne Community. We look forward to the implementation of those changes in the coming months.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 marked an important date for BMO Financial Group; it was the anniversary of the opening of our first Aboriginal Branch in Canada, and an important date in our history.

Thank you for sharing your community with us, and the friendship you've shown to us over the last 20 years. We look forward to moving into the future together.

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Regional Vice President  
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Stephen Fay  
Head, Aboriginal  
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Katherine Scarlett  
Regional Vice President  
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# Akwesasne Justice Department Update

## *Director's Monthly Activity Report: August 2014*

### **Director's Activities for August 2014**

- Attended four (4) planning and development meetings in regard to Nation Building Program: one and five year plans.
- Met with NYS and St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Probation officials
- Meeting with Leslie Papineau to discuss the layout for the new Tsi Snaihne Justice building
- Teleconference with the Ontario Jury Implementation Team meeting scheduled for September 25, 2014 in Akwesasne. Discussion on the draft agenda and the logistics of the meeting.
- Interviews completed for the Native Inmate Liaison Officer position
- Interviews started for the Administrative Assistant position
- Met with community member to assist with an Ontario Human Rights complaint
- Weekly file management for legal services
- Student intern assigned to the Akwesasne Justice Department last day was August 14: report on the Akwesasne Mohawk Court completed
- Attended mediation training presented by the Office of Vital Statistics
- Met with various MCA service program staff to introduce Shannon Nicholas (Paralegal) and to discuss the objectives of the programs
- Review of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation. Additional edits were necessary. The MCR was forwarded to Council and the regulation was passed.

### **Akwesasne Community Justice Program**

- Attended the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court – Wellness Court (addiction-related clients)
- Attended the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court to work on facilitating cross border probation
- Assisting the Intergovernmental Liaison with the planning for Border Summit,

taking place in September.

- Completed the final stages of the proposal for continued funding
- Reviewed the multi-jurisdictional agenda and added comment
- Working with the Native Inmate Liaison Officer to ensure delivery of services
- Interviews done for the Native Inmate Liaison Officer
- Coordination between the Native Court Worker and the Native Inmate Liaison Officer for clients at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre
- Funding received for the Native Court-worker training
- Staff assists with various services through the Akwesasne Mohawk Court

### **Akwesasne Mohawk Court**

- Attended the Multi-jurisdictional meetings on behalf of the Director, held in Akwesasne, worked on a briefing paper for reciprocity of fines to the licensing agency in Quebec and Ontario
- Held a training session for Mediators who will work on Land Disputes
- Working on an Ethical conduct complaint against a Kawehnoke Chief. The process was relayed to the complainant to follow the outline under the Ethical Conduct By-law and its regulations
- Met with the S Skidders to work on the training for the Akwesasne Review Commission members
- Met with Cecile Laborde Capella (student intern) to direct her report on the Akwesasne Mohawk Court, giving her background material and previous MCRs.
- Missing UTT payment lost between the Akwesasne Justice Department and the Akwesasne Mohawk Court. No check was ever received by the Court. New procedures put in place.

### **Compliance**

- Assisted the Conservation Officer with weekly River patrols.

- A total of 32 hours of weekend River patrol was logged.
- Assisted the Conservation Officer with the capture and removal of raccoons on Stanley Island
- Assisted the Conservation Officer with the removal of a skunk from an Elder's home
- Weekly patrols were completed on all three Districts
- Weekly patrols were completed for Hamilton Island and Hopkins Point
- Tsi Snaihne:
  - o 7 reports of loose, stray and nuisance dogs responded to
  - o 6 traps were set resulting in five captured dogs. Note: A community member released a captured dog from a trap. Tickets are pending for tampering with the trap.
  - o A warning ticket was issued to a first time offender
- Kawehnoke:
  - o One missing dog
  - o Eight nuisance dog complaints: one on a report of a dog destroying domestic animals (pigs and chickens)
  - o Ten dog traps set on Kawehnoke. One trap was broken to let out a captured animal. Police report done.
  - o Warnings were issued for first time offenders for Unsupervised Aggressive Dogs and were given notices with instructions for their dogs.
- Kanatakon
  - o Removal of a dead dog carcass
  - o Three nuisance dogs complaints responded
- Four Residency complaints:
  - o Two Residency complaints were investigated: C Donaher on Cornwall Island; K Blasiak Lazore in Snye;
  - o One complaint was unfounded, person was a Member
  - o One additional complaint of a non-member living in Snye is on-going



Conservation

- River Patrols were completed every weekend
- Four regular River Patrols were completed during the week.
- Attended one Conservation Law to work on the regulations for the Conservation Law.
- Dead goose reported
- Trapped and relocated four raccoons reported a nuisance on Stanley Island
- Setting up a camera on the Archaeology field study to look for persons who are tampering with the site.

Internal Technical Trust Team

- Review of the Administrative Trust Agreement and sent the document to for an internal Legal Review. Additional information on the Administrative Trust Agreement was sent by Legal Counsel for further edits to the document.

Legislative

- Attended Nation Building meetings
- Attended Conservation Law meetings to get the draft out to the community. Waiting for the Legal Review.
- Contacted Leona Benedict to start planning the door to door voting in September. The Federal Matrimonial Real Property will be effective as of December 2014.
- New Referendum Regulations were drafted and passed by Council. The final report on last year’s Professional & Institutional Development (P&ID), funded by AANDC, was completed and the MCR was passed approving of the report.
- Akwesasne Court Law: the Special General Meeting was held; Council Quorum was present; a Council Recorder was present. The proposed draft law was accepted in principle and the Akwesasne Court Law advances to Phase III of the community consultation phase.
- Akwesasne Conservation Law: comments from Council would like the revised law to be sent to the community. We are still waiting for the legal review to be completed.

- Akwesasne Traffic Law: recommendations to Council are being prepared.
- Akwesasne Review Commission training package is being worked on by the Paralegal.

Probation

- Attended a meeting with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court to work on collaborating with cross-border clients serving probation. Met with the Deputy Commissioner and Director for the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives
- Quebec: Six client case files were worked on
- Ontario: forty-four (44) client case files were managed, working with various Supervising Ontario Probation Officers in Cornwall.

Early Release Parole

- A teleconference was set up to discuss a Protocol Agreement with Correctional Services Canada. Further revisions are necessary
- Working on two (2) Gladue reports

Quebec Legal Aide Clinic

- Assisted with seven community members: child custody, child support, accessed to local programs
- Developed forms, made contacts, orientation with organization
- Researched with other clinics for models
- Networked with other organizations
- Terms of Reference for Steering Committee and approaching various service organizations to be part of the committee
- Met with Community Support and the Community Health Nurse Program
- Sworn declarations and commissioned statements for community members

For more information, or to contact the Akwesasne Justice Department, please call (613) 575-2250 ext. 2400.



Are you feeling sick as a dog?

If very sick call your health care provider:

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Usually present 100.4° F or 38° C
Headache	Mild if present	Common
General Aches & Pains	Mild if present	Common, often severe
Fatigue & Weakness	Sometimes	Extreme, can last 2-3 weeks
Stuffy or Runny Nose	Common	Uncommon
Sneezing	Common	Uncommon
Sore Throat	Common	Common
Chest Discomfort	Mild to moderate	Often severe
Cough	Hacking cough	Common

Kanohkwatsheriio Health Facility (613) -575-2341 Ext:3215  
Kawenoke Medical Clinic (613) -932-5808  
Central Dispatch (613) -575-2000  
Health Unit 1-800-267-7120

Kawenoke Flu Clinics	Time	Location
Tues, October 21st	4pm-7pm	Kawenoke Recreation Center
Thurs, October 30th	4pm-7pm	Kawenoke Medical Clinic
Tues, November 4th	4:30pm-7pm	Kawenoke Recreation Center
Thurs, November 13th	4pm-7pm	Kawenoke Medical Clinic
Tues, November 18th	4pm-7pm	Kawenoke Recreation Center
Kanohkwatsheriio Flu Clinics	Time	Location
Wed, October 22nd	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Thurs, October 23rd	4pm-7pm	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, October 24th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Mon, October 27th	4pm-7pm	Kanohkwatsheriio
Wed, October 29th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, October 31st	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Wed, November 5th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, November 7th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Wed, November 12th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, November 14th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Wed, November 19th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, November 21st	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Wed, November 26th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Fri, November 28th	8:30-3:30	Kanohkwatsheriio
Tsishnainhe Flu Clinics	Time	Location
Mon, October 20th	4pm-7pm	Snye Homemakers
Tues, October 28th	4pm-7pm	Snye Fire Hall
Thurs, November 6th	4:30pm-7pm	Iohahio
Thurs, November 20th	4pm-7pm	Snye Recreation Center
Tues, November 24th	4pm-7pm	Snye Recreation Center

# Department of Tehotiennawakon Update

## *Director's Monthly Activity Report: August 2014*

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. **Experience Akwesasne Tourism Conference:**

125 were in attendance. Staff coordinated with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe in cohosting event. It was well received but ran too long.

#### 2 **Economic Leakage Study:**

Rolling out the study to the community. One page fact sheets were distributed as handouts for the August district meetings. Coordinating press release for week of September 16th.

#### 3. **Economic Development Corporation**

Continuing to develop Preliminary Business Plan. Focus is on Marketing Plan and Start-up costs components. Setting up meeting with the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business to review draft plan. Had consultation with Ho-Chunk Industries concerning its development.

#### 4. **Comprehensive Community Development Plan:**

On April 15th, 2014, submitted an application to the Community Economic Opportunity Program at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. We just learned in late August that we have to reapply to the Community Opportunity Readiness Program. It will require at least another month to get approval of an application.

#### 5. **Archaeology Field School:**

This is the second year that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has instituted an Archaeology Field School. It just ended as an eight week program with 14 students being taught by a licensed Archaeologist. Students learned about their history while undertaking a Stage 2 archaeological assessment. Hope is that the training will lead to job opportunities for some of the participants. Strong interest is being shown by other Mohawk communities for the project. Approximately \$80,000 in external funding being sought to support

this initiative for next fiscal year and a positive response was received from Quebec SAA for this possibility. There are currently five students employed from the Field School. One was hired short term for the Island Harbour Gananoque project which required Stage 3 and 4 assessments. Two have been hired through Mohawk Council of Kahnawake to participate as site monitors as well as field technicians in an Archaeological dig on their territory which is considered Stage 2 and 3 assessments. Two have been recently hired by the Native North American Travelling College as Cultural Resource Management Trainees.

#### 6. **Local Market Project:**

The local market project at the Peace Tree Trade Centre has completed its initial run for this year. It was held every Saturday over a six-week period. Five to eight vendors participated and an average of 80-100 people stopped in on any given Saturday. There will be a Fall Festival held during the Nation's Cup weekend at the end of September.

#### 7. **Golf Tournament:**

Economic Development staff assisted the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce in the hosting of a Golf Tournament on August 22nd at Cedarview Golf Course. Sixty-six golfers participated and all of the proceeds benefited the Chamber of Commerce.

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGY

#### 1. **Broadband Project:**

In order to achieve Council's objective of bringing a fibre-optic broadband network to every home and business in the community, the following steps have been identified:

- a. Prepare a Request for Proposals to design and engineer the build-out of a community-wide fibre-optic broadband network and secure

\$75,000 in funding.

- b. Based on design and engineering work, prepare application to potential funders for build-out. Estimated \$4.1 million required from previous feasibility study.

- c. Once funding is obtained, build the network.

- d. Research becoming a conduit for hi-speed Internet services between Canada and the United States.

- e. Continuing to work with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to create a community TV station.

#### 2. **Tobacco Pilot Project:**

Drafting of Akwesasne Tobacco Law finished by Working Task Group. Draft law is before Council with a request to deem it ready to be brought to the community. It is hoped that Council will either accept the draft law in principle at its September 16th meeting or will reject the draft and send it back to the Working Task Group for further revisions. Acceptance by Council will start a community consultation phase that could lead to enactment of the draft law before the end of the calendar year. Staff will also be working on an outline for a proposed Trade Agreement that could allow for the "legal" trade of cigarettes with other First Nations.

#### 3. **TransCanada Energy East Pipeline Project:**

Negotiations are wrapping up with TransCanada for a two-year \$300,000 Community Engagement Funding Agreement that will allow staff to work with the community and Council to evaluate the proposed \$12 billion Energy East Pipeline Project. The funding will allow staff to participate in environmental and Traditional Ecological Knowledge studies associated with the proposed project as well as gather information to educate the community about the



project and prepare it to participate in the National Energy Board licensing process. It is expected at some point that a community plebiscite will be held in regards to the project.

#### **4.Natural Gas Distribution Company:**

Efforts are underway to restart discussions with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to create a Mohawk Natural Gas Distribution Company and build a natural gas distribution system to serve the entire community of Akwesasne. The effort was derailed when the hydrofracking issues arose in Atlantic Canada and concerns were raised in the Akwesasne community. Natural gas remains a low-cost heating source with a long-term supply being available.

#### **5.Mohawk Electric Cooperative:**

Efforts continue to establish a Mohawk Electric Cooperative and take over electric distribution in the community. A \$90,000 grant application to examine the bankability of creating a Mohawk Electric Cooperative that was submitted to the Ontario Aboriginal Energy Program was rejected because it did not meet the criteria for the grant that focused on development of community energy plans. Funding for bankability of project being sought.

#### **6.Community Services Complex:**

Staff are part of a Working Task Group for the establishment of a Community Services Complex for the District of Tsi Snaihne that would have two components: 1) the Tsi Snaihne Diagnostic and Wellness Center; and 2) Governmental Services Complex Building. Activities of the department have focused on:

- a.Diagnostic and Wellness Center: Outreach to SAA in Quebec to see if Infrastructure Funding could be used to cover half of the cost of building an addition to the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center. Response has been positive but indicates that the MCA would have to lease the space out to a private entity if the addition is built.

b.Financial Institution: Efforts have been undertaken to research creating a financial institution in the Tsi Snaihne District that would be a core tenant of the Service Center. A community survey was conducted that showed strong support for such an initiative. A major issue that has to be addressed is bringing large quantities of cash from either Quebec or Ontario to the institution if it is created and having to go through the international border every time.

c.Other governmental services that could be offered in a Service Center include a Post Office, Insurance Office, grocery store, and Business Office Space for lease to community members.

#### **A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA**

##### **1.Mixed Martial Arts Event:**

Continuing to work on hosting an event. Target date is Spring 2015. Training for Athletic Commissioners and Troy Thompson took place at Mohegan Sun on September 4-6, 2014. Next steps include developing contract with Promoter and confirming date with A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. Cooperation of Ontario has been requested and is being received.

##### **2.Boston Bruins Alumni Game:**

Continuing to plan for event. Meetings to discuss next steps will be held in early September and follow-up regarding a contract will be undertaken.

##### **3.Pow Wow:**

Followed up with the Pow Wow Committee to finalize a contract for hosting the event at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena that took place on September 6 and 7, 2014.

##### **4.Home Improvement Trade Show:**

Following up with staff to host the first annual Home Improvement Trade Show at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena in the spring 2015. Scheduling meeting in September as part of planning process.

#### **5.Masters Cup and Nation's Cup Lacrosse Tournaments:**

Following up with Arena Manager as the Arena sponsors the Masters Cup (September 21-22, 2014) and hosts the Nation's Cup (September 27-29, 2014).

#### **6.Trails Development:**

Monitoring trails development proposal as it is reviewed by National Trails Council. Proposal would address Phase I and construct a river walk trail from the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena to the new 3 Nations Bridge and connect to the Cornwall Trail system. Additional funding is needed to move project forward.

#### **ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

##### **1.Thompson Island Youth and Elders Camp:**

2014 was a good camping season as 17 camps were held with 334 participants attending. With two months left in the season, 400 participants may be achievable. Vincent Thompson has been hired as the seasonal carpenter for the camp.

##### **2.Species at Risk Project:**

The Species at Risk Project continues to move forward. While nine species at risk were targeted, 22 species at risk have been identified. Work is continuing to get stories from elders and training on fish identification will take place in the coming weeks.

##### **3.Environmental Monitoring Class:**

Henry Lickers and Jim Ransom have been invited to present at the Environmental Monitoring Class at Six Nations (Grand River Employment and Training). They have used our academic papers and work in their class and would like us to present to them during the week of September 29th. They will reimburse travel costs and pay an honorarium of \$200 each that will be revenue to the Environment Program.

# Department of Technical Services (DTS) Update

## Director's Monthly Activity Report: August 2014

### Tsi Sniahne Admin Building: Design Phase

The Detailed Design Phase of this Project has progressed to 25%. The schedule has been delayed due to soil conditions. (Site 5A near the Tsi Sniahne School) Additional soil testing will be completed on a different location within that site. Those testing results will determine whether or not this site is suitable for this Project.

The floor plan is trying to be finalized. Currently the Project Team is dealing with office spaces that are in excess of the MCA Space Standards. The larger spaces are being dic-

tated by the existing furniture that Programs have. All space allocations will require Executive Director approval.

### Tsi Sniahne School W.W.T.P.

Detailed Design is approximately 33% complete. 100% completion is targeted for December. Some delays have been experienced due to soil conditions.

### Kawehno:ke Water Supply Project

Work progress on Phase 2 of this project currently Mitchell Road, Bear Road and McCumber Road North are complete. This final phase is providing to be the most difficult project to date in terms of obtaining access agreements. Before installing water Services, a land survey is required, and then all persons with an interest in the land are required to sign-off. This has created extensive efforts and delays. DTS would like to recognize Chief Florence Phillips, Chief Joanne Jocko and Stephanie Ransom for all their hard work and long hours working on this project.

Mohawk Government is currently scheduling a meeting with AANDC to continue funding negotiations on this project. These discussions will be a focus for the coming fall and winter.

### DTS ROADS PROGRAM Gravel Road Resurfacing Project

All Public Gravel Roads

will be resurfaced. Kawehnoke Roads are complete. We are experiencing difficulties getting material into Snye due to the Border Restrictions. Most Canadian Haulers are not interested in dealing with the Border. United States Haulers do not want to deal with the Borders. We are negotiating an arrangement with Cornwall Gravel but there will be significant Premiums charged.

### DTS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM Border Crossing Summit

A DTS employee is attending the Summit today to attempt to share issues that hamper the Department of Technical Services operations. DTS has difficulty accessing Service Providers, Contractors and Delivery Services. If we find companies to come to Akwesasne then we pay significant premiums.

### CMMS

The Computerized Maintenance Management Program continues to be implemented. There have been delays due to delayed response from the Service provider as per contractor. A Conference call was arranged last week to negotiate a Contract Completion Work plan. The tasks and schedule was agreed upon and will be monitored.

### Infrastructure Funding

DTS continues to monitor how additional Capital Funding will be allocated by AANDC. Arrangements will be made to add this item to the upcoming meetings with AANDC. AANDC is behind schedule unfolding the Capital Allocations Process.

### OFNTSC Student Awards

The Director of DTS nominated 4 Students for these awards this year. Three of the five available awards have been awarded to the Akwesasne Students. All First Nations Students in Ontario are all eligible to apply for these awards. The winning Students are Lauren Adams, Deneen Cole and Noah Bero.



### Akwesasne Assists Kashechewan First Nation in "State of Emergency" 2014

**THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE'S** Emergency Measures assisted the Navcan Centre in hosting the Kashechewan First Nation who were evacuated from their territory due to flooding. The Kashechewan First Nation derive from the James Bay area. They declared a "state of emergency" that lasted 39 days and returned home on day 40. A total of 489 evacuees were housed at the Navcan Center in the City of Cornwall (Ontario). Akwesasne made it's presence as a member of the Community Control Group (CCG) within Navcan's Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Arriving in Cornwall with limited amount of clothing, MCA's Emergency Measures put out the call for donations and the Mohawks of Akwesasne answered the call. Our guests were in need of various spring / summer items, footwear, playpens, bassinets, and single strollers. As always, Akwesasne responded and your generosity was overwhelming and it's never too late to say "Niawenko:wa / Thank you very much" to those who came out to assist and / or donate.



#### Niawenko:wa Akwesasne!

Bero, Katie	Francis, Mikayla	Lauzon, Bobbi	Ross, Jamie
Bero, Walter	Francis, Shirley	Lazore, Bernice	Roundpoint, Dawn
Bigtree, Kateri	Herne, John	Lazore, Elaine	Rourke, Matt & Sandy
Bonaparte, Darren	Iakhihsotha Lodge	Lazore, Kendra & Sacoyah	Rourke, Sue
Bonaparte, Rosemary	Ireland, Shoshone	Leaf, Sharon	Rourke, Tim
Brave Manufacturing	Irving, Victoria	Lord, Cynthia	Rourke, Timmy John
Bush, Audrey & Evelyn	Iseroff, Val	Martin, Scott	Rourke-Bay, Maggie
Cole, Julie	Jackson, Joanna	McDonald, Anna	Square, Katherine
Cook, Elaine	Jacobs, Adrian	McDonald, Edith	Sunday, Billy
Cook, Javan, Jorie & Kevin	Jacobs, Carissa	McMillon-Wilkinson, Sam	Swamp, Dyan
Cook, Millie	Jacobs, Cheryl	Mitchell, Barbara & Larry	Tarbell, Caleigh
Cook, Sara	Jacobs, Jhazmayn	Mitchell, Joe	Tarbell, Emily
Cook, Sonny	Jacobs, Julie	Mitchell, Kathy	Tarker, Marion
Cook, Yvette	Jacobs, Katrina	Mitchell, Teneya	Thompson, Alice
Cree-Cook, Valerie	Jacobs, Shirley	Oakes, Delores	Thompson, Daniel
Cumins, Donnie & Delinda	Jock, Glen & Lisa	Phillips, April & Thomas	Thompson, Kelly
David, Josh	Johnson, Racine	Phillips, Florence	Thompson, Kiana
Davidson, Rachel	King, Joyce	Point, Phyllis	Thompson, Tim
Delormier, Sierra	King, Ron	Porter, Deborah	Thompson, Viola
Francis, Cecelia	King, Sesi	Porter, Jamie	White, Carol
Francis, Joe	Lafrance, Hannah	Porter, Shirley & Henes	White, Paulette

**SPECIAL NIAWENKO:WA:** MCA's Emergency Measures would like to send out a special "Niawenko:wa / Thank you" to MCA Chief & Council, Executive Services, Finance, Communications Unit, CKON 97.3 FM Radio, Ahkwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, Anonwarako:wa Arena, Margaret George, Mamie David, St. Regis Recreation Center, the Navcan Centre, City of Cornwall, the SRMT's Emergency Planning Office, Akwesasne Mohawk Casino and everyone else who took the time to volunteer and participate in our planning efforts. If we forgot anyone, we sincerely apologize!

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



# Kawehno:ke Water Supply and Distribution Project

## *Watermain Construction and Domestic Water Service Connections*

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has made it a priority to provide access to safe and secure potable water to all Akwesasne residents.

The current project, Contract 9 Phase 2, extends the watermain to residences that have indicated they want piped water along the following roadways; McCumber Road North, Mohawk Lane, David Lane, Bear Road, Mitchell Road, Angus Delormier Road, Jocko Road, Paul Taxi Road, Wolf Lane, Martin Road, Ohkwa:ho Road and Walter Delormier Road.

MCA retained Jp2g Consultants Inc. as the design engineers for the project. They were also the design engineers for the Tsi Snaihne district water supply (*completed in 2013*). Jp2g Consultants are also providing assistance with contract administration of

the project and working closely with MCA Department of Technical Services field representatives and project staff, as well as the contractor.

The tender closing date for Contract 9 was on April 17, 2014; with the successful bidder being Lazore’s Construction. Lazore’s Construction has performed numerous MCA watermain contracts. They started the project on August 5, 2014 and are scheduled to be completed in 2015.

To date, residents along McCumber Road North, Bear Road, Mitchell Road, Jocko Road, Paul Taxi Road, and Wolf Lane have been connected. Approximately 428 meters of watermain, and 1800 meters of water service line has been installed.



Above: Before (bottom) and after (top) Mitchell Road watermain service installation.

Above: Before (bottom) and after (top) McCumber Road North hydrant installation.



# Entsiakwakaèn:ion Tsi ni Kionkwè:non

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

## Land Grab and Encroachment: 1785–1812 (Part 2)

With the majority of the territories reduced to few square miles by treaties, surveyors and settlers Akwesasne and the Haudenosaunee now have to deal with a different lifestyle. Questions of authority and leadership have not been resolved. Leadership in Akwesasne begins taking more authority and religion is also used to give direction for a very mixed and diverse community.

### HANDSOME LAKE AND CORNPLANTER

While Akwesasne had fared well by sustaining themselves after the American Revolution, the communities in Western New York did not. The Seneca Nation was hit especially hard with reservation life and dependence on hand-outs and alcoholism was rampant. During these times nearby settlers from Pennsylvania, most notably the Quakers were frequently visiting the Seneca to offer charity and their ideals of abstaining from alcohol. There was very few and only private traditional rituals being performed, with no continuity. Religion in these communities was either Christian or a loosely mixed view of traditional spirituality.

During these rough times, a condoled Seneca Chief by the name of Handsome Lake experienced visions during one of his alcoholic states. After experiencing these visions, he saw himself as a new man, and thereafter rejected alcohol and began spreading the message he had received in his dreams. He preached that the Divine sent three of four messengers to him in order to revitalize the Haudenosaunee.

He advocated the adoption of European based farming practices, and abstinence from alcohol. He also gave a very dark view of the afterlife for anyone who practiced witchcraft, gossiping, gambling, selling of lands or who yielded to any other vice. A new ritual he introduced was very similarly to the Christian ritual of confession, with

the use of white wampum strings. He combined the ideas of the Haudenosaunee Creation Story's Twins with the Christian ideas of God and the Devil. His depiction of an afterlife was a new concept to the Haudenosaunee spiritual belief system, and was not accepted by everyone, as it mirrored much



*Seneca Chief Cornplanter Portrait by F. Bartoli, 1796*

of the Christian views of Heaven and Hell.

Handsome Lake's own half-brother Cornplanter was his biggest skeptic and critic. When Cornplanter's daughter became ill he asked his brother to use his power to save her. When Handsome Lake failed to save his niece, it cemented Cornplanter's view that everything his brother was preaching was false. These events sent ripples throughout all Haudenosaunee related communities, and people were split over whether Handsome Lake was a true prophet with a divine code of conduct, or he was just preaching about social reform.

The same debate continues even today, as

some of Handsome Lake's Code has clearly bias and sexist overtones in regards to women, and the debate over how much of the code was meant to be literally interpreted. Regardless of the whether it was divinely inspired or not, the results of this new code of conduct were dramatic. It was seen in many reservation communities that fully embraced the code were able to cope with settlers and renewed their own culture. Alcoholism was on the decline and families began living and working together peacefully - 'sinners' and non-conformist were not tolerated. There were reports of witch-hunts and other vigilante acts being committed among different communities against "witches". During one of his preaching's in Onondaga, Handsome Lake became ill and later died from what has been told was an unknown source of poison. This did not stop his movement, and instead galvanized several communities with his spiritual and social teachings.

From Handsome Lake's teachings, the Longhouse then become a spiritual center where teachings and ceremonies were revived and new ones were recreated to honor the cycles of farming and nature. The oldest rituals based from Midwinter and Harvest were brought back and began to be used again in renewed traditional ceremonies. Forgotten rituals were replaced with new interpretations, and the Longhouse becomes the focal point in communities for spiritual rituals. Ceremonies moved from outdoor and private home settings into community-wide gathering places, the modern-day Longhouse structure. This spiritual renewal did have impacts with already established Christian residents living on the reservations.

### RED JACKET: SENECA ORATOR AND PEACEMAKER

Born sometime around 1750, Red Jacket the wolf clan leader of the Seneca became



well known during the American Revolution for supporting the British and leading several Seneca men in battle. His common name was from his frequent wearing of a British red coat. While he was supportive of the British, Red Jacket was not on friendly terms with Joseph Brant, who had on several occasions insulted and provoked him.

After the Revolution, Red Jacket stayed in Western New York and worked to help save what little Seneca lands still existed, as the Americans claimed the Seneca were British supporters and were not entitled to any lands under the American jurisdiction. For his commitments to peace, George Washington sent a Peace Medal to Red Jacket, whose paintings always show Red Jacket wearing the medal. Red Jacket along with Handsome Lake and several other Haudenosaunee leaders from Buffalo Creek negotiated the Treaty of Canandaigua in 1794 to define the remaining Seneca lands within the American jurisdiction.

By about 1780, Red Jacket became a renowned speaker and was given the Seneca name, Sagoyewatha, meaning “He keeps them Awake.” In 1805 when a missionary sought to enter the Seneca territory, it prompted Red Jacket to give a speech to the United States Senate regarding religion and state of the Haudenosaunee. His speech was called, “Religion for the White Man and the Red,” and he advocated for peaceful co-existence and respect. From the conflicts over religion that had existed, Red Jacket argued that all beliefs have the same goal and same faith, and that one religion is not greater than another. He stated that forced indoctrination of other religious beliefs violated a person’s liberty and that core Haudenosaunee beliefs are not much different from core Christian beliefs.

Red Jacket became famous for his oratory skills and religious tolerance, where religion was a source of conflict within many First Nations communities. Red Jacket said his only regret was his dependence on alcohol later in life, which was a major issue throughout Haudenosaunee and Indigenous communities.

## INDIAN AGENTS AND CHIEFS

The British Crown had always issued officials to look after and report on “Indian Affairs,” and from Sir William Johnson’s legacy the position of Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in Canada continued with his son Sir John Johnson. After the American Revolution, Sir John Johnson was tasked with managing the loyal “Indians” and also to help relocate other Loyalists to Canada. In 1776, Johnson led a group of Loyalists fleeing Mohawk Valley, with Mohawk guides to the head waters of Racquette River. From



*Red Jacket Lithograph by Henry Corbould, 1835.*

there the group had used up their supplies and they were greatly welcomed and resupplied by the community of Akwesasne.

In 1784 United Empire Loyalists under the direction of Johnson came to a scenic and fertile area on the northern shore of the St. Lawrence River near to the St. Regis Mission. Lands they intended to settle were part of the Northern Shore area of Akwesasne’s Aboriginal territory. The Loyalist founded the settlement of New Johnson Town, which would later be renamed the city of Cornwall.

Sir John Johnson would work with other officials to oversee the management and care of “Indians” under the British Crown’s

responsibility and this would include Akwesasne. While still functioning under its own direction and with guidance from the St. Regis Mission, Akwesasne was able to carry on daily administrative duties while under the eye of the appointed Indian Agent.

Leadership from Akwesasne was mixed and the primary voice came from the collective known as the Seven Nations of Canada. This diverse mix of men, using both traditional Haudenosaunee and Catholic ideals created a hybrid leadership system that was organized by clans and helped maintain a unified identity within a very mixed Akwesasne. Outsiders would recognize the leaders based in Akwesasne as ‘Chiefs’ from their respective clan and many times they would be referred to as “Life Chiefs.” From previous agreements these men would be awarded Peace Medals that they would wear as a sign of their commitment to peaceful relations. These men would also work to deal with minor issues within the community, but overseen by the British appointed Indian Agent.

After the Second Trade and Intercourse Act was passed by the United States in 1793, the legislation authorized the appointment of temporary agents to help guide “Indian” tribes when dealing with land transactions and help develop farming activities for the benefit of the tribe. Indian Agents started to be appointed under the jurisdiction of the Department of War to oversee the affairs and lands of tribes in the United States.

## ST. REGIS MOHAWK TRUSTEES

By the early 1800’s the Seven Nations of Canada collective wished to secure an Akwesasne based representation with New York State and their primary role would be to oversee the transaction of leases and annual monies with the State. A negotiating team consisting of Louis Cook, Loran Tarbell, and interpreter William Gray were sent to Albany to settle Akwesasne’s legal representation with the United States.

In 1802, the New York State legislation passed a motion recognizing the three men as the three (3) legal trustees for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe to oversee annual monies, school and ferry services for the





A Map of Tract of Land in the State of New York called Macomb's Purchase. A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, New York by Franklin B. Hough (1853) Republished in 1970

Reservation. With guidance from the "Life Chiefs" based in St. Regis Village, the Trustees worked together to share all monies and services within a united Akwesasne.

### CONTINUATION

Handsome Lake preached a new social reform and revitalized traditional beliefs into a new spiritual Longhouse. Christian beliefs or renewed traditional beliefs began spreading communities. Clashes of religion continued within different communities, and some, like Red Jacket promoted peaceful co-existence.

With everything that has been taken, the community of Akwesasne continued to persevere and remain united. With the creation of a hybrid political based on clans, people were able to participate in matters concerning the community. Connections faded with other communities of the Seven Nations, and Akwesasne worked to maintain itself by es-

tablishing New York representation. Despite differing opinions - politically, spiritually, or economically, the community still worked with a united community identity.

People will do what is needed for survival, and during this grieving period, Akwesasne was able to cope. Loss of lands had strong and lasting impacts, and kept many communities on the defensive. This period of Akwesasne and Haudenosaunee history had very real challenges, and its repercussions are still felt today.

*In 1812 a new war comes about, and withit, the border between Canada and the United States is drawn between the community. A once connected community becomes bitterly divided, and new policies toward the goal of assimilation are developed to handle the "Indian Problem." Fighting occurs on all sides, and Akwesasne is no longer united...*

## LIST OF RESERVATION/RESERVE NAMES WITH MODERN TERMINOLOGY (Approx. 1797)

### Mohawk Nation

St. Regis Reserve/Reservation (Akwesasne)  
Caughnawaga (Kahnawake)  
Lake Deux Montagnes (Kanesatake)  
Tyendinaga Reserve  
Grand River (Six Nations Reserve)

### Oneida Nation

Oneida Reservation (Oneida, N.Y.)

### Onondaga Nation

Onondaga Reservation (Onondaga Nation Territory)

### Cayuga Nation

Cayuga Reservation (Seneca Falls, N.Y.)

### Seneca Nation

Canawagus Reservation  
Big Tree  
Little Beard's Town  
Squawky Hill  
Gardeau  
Caneadea Reservation  
Allegany Reservation  
Cornplanter Tract  
Tonawanda Reservation  
Buffalo Creek Reservation  
Cattaraugus Reservation  
Cuba Lake (Oil Spring)

### Tuscarora Nation

Tuscarora Reservation

## PUBLISHED WORKS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

*Parker on the Iroquois* (1968) by Arthur C. Parker

*Teaching from the Longhouse* (1994) by Chief Jacob Thomas

*Sa-go-ye-wat-ha Red Jacket and His People* (1886) by J. Niles Hubbard

*Red Jacket: Iroquois Diplomat and Orator* (1999) by Christopher Densmore



# Information Meetings Scheduled for “Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing and Products Law”

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hereby gives notice of Information Meetings for the proposed *Draft Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing and Products Law* on the following dates, times and locations:

**District of Kawehno:ke**

10:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, November 8, 2014

Tri-District Elders Building

**District of Tsi Snaihne**

6:30pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Snye Recreation Centre

**District of Kana:takon**

1:30pm-3:30pm

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Kana:takon Recreation Centre

The ‘Akwesasne Tobacco Law’ Working Task Group has completed their mandate to develop a comprehensive tobacco law that has been presented to Council for acceptance in principle in accordance with the *Law Enactment Procedural Regulation Section 6.0 Phase II Acceptance In Principle of an Akwesasne Law*. The proposed draft was accepted in principle at the September 16, 2014 Council Meeting.

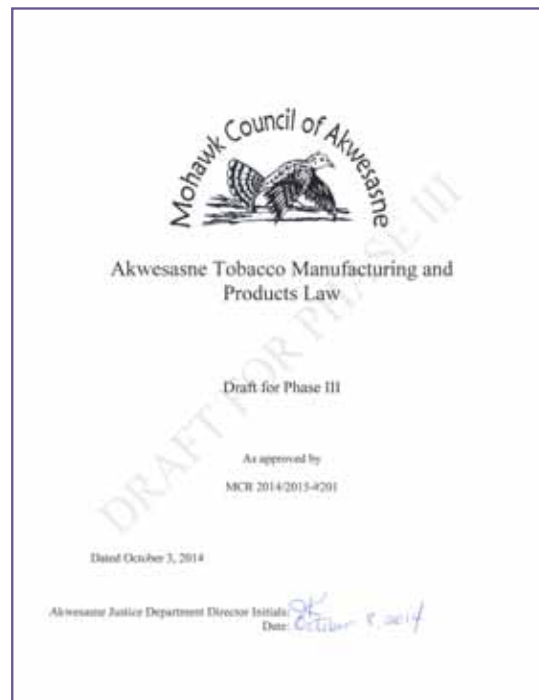
The Working Task Group for the development of a comprehensive Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing and Products Law has concluded drafting the proposed law.

The proposed draft law will now proceed to Phase III of the Law Enactment Procedural Regulation (MCR 2014/2015-#201 dated October 3, 2014).

The Akwesasne Justice Department will mail copies of the proposed Akwesasne Tobacco Manufacturing and Products Law to every household by October 24, 2014. If you have not received a copy in your mail-

box before the scheduled Information Meetings, you can request a copy of the draft law to be mailed to you, personally. Contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-2250 ext. 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 Information Meetings. These meetings will provide



community members the opportunity to ask 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 further revisions.

If the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne ac-

cepts the revisions/recommendations, a Mohawk Council Resolution will be presented at a future Council 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 for 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)
- Kanonkwatsheriiio (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.*

# Understanding the Appeal Process for Administrative Decisions

—Submitted by Cheryl Jacobs, Akwesasne Mohawk Court Administrator

Within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne organization there are eight departments that provide essential programs or services to community members. All MCA departments have a director and the majority of them have a community formed decision-making body known as either an ‘Authority, Board or Commission (A, B or C).’ Some examples of A, B or C’s include: Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Housing Authority, Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, Akwesasne Police Commission, (as a few examples).

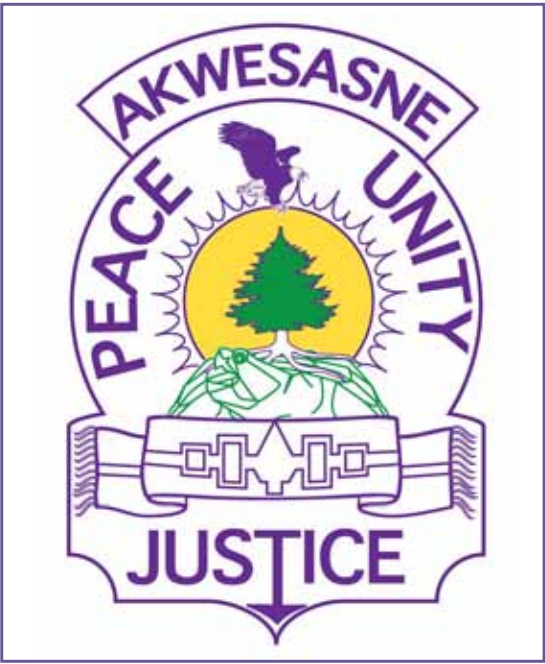
Akwesasne A, B or C’s are established under the authority of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne by a resolution approving a Charter and the Procedural Regulations of the A,B,C.

A ‘Charter’ serves as the governing document and sets out their mandates and primary responsibilities. The regulations and procedures stipulate procedures to be followed in providing oversight for the administration of a program or service, as well as identifying an appeal mechanism for grievances.

In the majority of cases when a community member wishes to appeal a decision of a program or service, the **first step** is to file their grievance with that department’s director. The director will review the submission and provide a decision. If the community member is not satisfied with the director’s decision, then they may choose to have their grievance proceed to the **second step** and file it with the department’s A, B or C.

If the grievance has merit to proceed to an A, B or C , they will schedule a time for the community member to appear before them to be heard. Soon after the conclusion of the hearing, the A, B, or C will render a decision to either over turn or uphold the original decision. It is important to note any timeframe provided for filing an appeal to the A, B or C’s decision.

The community member will have



the option to bring the grievance to the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal. This is the **third step**. The Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal (AAT), is comprised of community members that hear appeals involving any Akwesasne decision-making body. The AAT must be

identified as the appeal mechanism in the A, B or C’s governing Charter.

If an appeal has merit, the AAT will arrange a hearing panel and schedule a pre-oral hearing to identify any potential conflicts of interest. If there are no objections, an oral hearing is scheduled for grievances to be heard and a written decision provided within 15-days of the hearing. (See page 31, July & August 2014 issue for more information on the Akwesasne Appeal Tribunal).

The Akwesasne Mohawk Court will be the focus of next month’s edition and submission by the Court Administrator. More information on the AMC’s development and role in hearing appeals and other judicial matters will be the subject of a future article in Onkweta:ke.

*If you have any questions regarding the Court and any services offered, please feel free to contact Akwesasne Mohawk Court Administrator Cheryl Jacobs at 613-575-2250 ext. 1025*

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS					
Administration Building #1		Administration Building #2		CIA Building #3	
Tel: (613) 575-2250 Fax: 575-2181		Tel: (613) 575-2348 Fax: 575-2884		Tel: (613) 936-1548 Fax: 938-6760	
Adolescent Treatment Center	Ext. 1300	Home Care/Support	Ext. 1069	Office of Vital Statistics	Ext. 1013
Ambulance Unit	Ext. 3121	Housing	Ext. 2300	Pharmacy	Ext. 3250
Ahkwasasne Mohawk School	Ext. 1700	Human Resources	Ext. 2146	Records Management	Ext. 1202
Animal Control/Compliance	Ext. 2415	Hydro Quebec	Ext. 2388	Snye Child Care	Ext. 4300
Aboriginal Rights & Research	Ext. 2205	Iakhihsoshta	Ext. 4201	Technical Services	Ext. 1003
Board of Education	Ext. 1400	Iethinisten:ha	Ext. 1500	Traditional Medicine	Ext. 3115
Child & Family Services	Ext. 3139	Iohahio Adult Education	Ext. 4100	Tsi Snaihne School	Ext. 4400
Community Health Nurses	Ext. 3219	Justice	Ext. 2400	Tsi ionkwanonso	Ext. 1600
Computers	Ext. 2323	Kana:takon Medical Clinic	Ext. 3215	Wholistic Health	Ext. 3100
Communications Unit	Ext. 2210	Kana:takon School	Ext. 2500		
Community Support Program	Ext. 3262	Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic	Ext. 1110	OUTSIDE FACILITIES	
Community & Social Services	Ext. 3305	Maintenance/Sanitation	Ext. 3400	A'nowara'ko:wa Arena	936-1583
Dental Clinic	Ext. 3208	Mohawk Court	Ext. 1026	Kawehnoke Water Plant	933-1971
Economic Development	Ext. 1053	Mohawk Government	Ext. 2200	Child Care Administration	938-5067
Emergency Measures	Ext. 1030	Mohawk Police Reception	Ext. 3502	Roads Garage	938-5476
Environment	Ext. 1039	Nation Building	Ext. 3194	St. Regis Child Care	575-1915
Executive Services	Ext. 2120	Non-Insured Health Benefits	Ext. 3340		
Finance	Ext. 2168	Operational Support	Ext. 2100		
Health	Ext. 3300	Optometry	Ext. 3131		



# Species at Risk Project: Western Chorus Frog

**M**CA's Tehotiiennawá:kon's Environment program **Species at Risk Project** looks at more than fish, turtles and birds. We also look at frogs! Frogs help by eating insects. Imagine how many more mosquitoes we would have without frogs?

The **Western Chorus Frog** is one frog we are searching for in our territory. The Mohawk name is **Ononwakónha Tsikere'táhníaks**; the scientific name is *Pseudacris triseriata*. The Western Chorus Frog is small, only around 1.9cm – 3.9cm (about 0.75-1.5 inches). This frog is tan in color with dark greenish brown stripes along his body. One stripe goes through its eye. You would more likely hear than see the Western Chorus Frog. Each kind of frog has a different noise they make. Not all frogs go "Ribbbit". Frogs are heard more often during spring when their mating season is occurring, and at night due to being nocturnal.

Frogs commonly heard at night include spring peepers, Northern Leopard Frogs, Green Frogs, Bull Frogs, Wood Frogs, Gray Tree frogs, and American Toad.

**Spring Peepers** sound like "peep peep, peep peep, peep peep".

**Northern Leopard Frogs** sound like "chuck chuck chuck" or the sound of wet hands rubbing a balloon.

**Green Frogs** sound like pulling a banjo sting "Glunk".

**Bull Frogs** sounds like "Grummm grummm grummm".

**Wood Frogs** sound like a rolling duck-like "quacking" call.

**Gray Tree Frogs** sound like a short musical birdlike trill.

**American Toads** sound like a high pitch long trill.



**Western Chorus Frogs** sound like dragging a finger along a comb "cur-cur-cur-cur-curittt".

*If you have heard a Western Chorus Frog, or would like to learn more contact: Cynthia Lazore Wildlife Technician, 613-575-2250 ext.1039 or [cynthia.lazore@akwesasne.ca](mailto:cynthia.lazore@akwesasne.ca).*

## Kanien`kéha Tewatá:ti (Let's Speak Mohawk)

—Submitted by Kaweienon:ni (Margaret) Peters

Karihwí:io ié:ke'skwe.  
*I went to Karihwí:io*

Ka'nón:we?  
*Where*

Kanonhsésne.  
*At the Longhouse.*

Kátke?  
*When?*

Thetén:re.  
*Yesterday.*

Ionkwehnéhne kenh ?  
*Were there a lot of people there.*

Hen. Ionkwehnéhne.  
*Yes. There were a lot of people there.*

Ion'wesénhne kenh?  
*Was it nice?*

Hen. Kwah í:ken tsi ion'wesénhne.  
*Yes. It was very nice.*

Wa'khé:ken ne Ratinien'kehá:ka,  
Rotineniótka, Rotinontá:keka,  
Rotiio'khó'o:non, Rotinontowá:ka tánon  
Rotihskaró:rons.  
*I saw Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas,  
Cayugas, Senecas and Tuscaroras.*

*Teaching Mohawk songs with  
Tsi Snaihne School students.*



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

# A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Summer Sports & Fitness Program

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena held its 2nd Annual Sports & Fitness Summer Program from July 7, 2014 through August 14, 2014. Thirty kids attended the program aged 6-11 and were instructed by MCA summer employees Janisa Benedict, Donavan Thompson, Ryan Thomas and Nina Rourke. Helping them from the AAMB-START Program, Soaring Eagles and the Hotinonohson:ni Program were Ivy Oakes, Kyla Thompson, Dalton Thomas, Kohe David, Bailey Thomas, Jaden Barnes, Kobryn Chaussi, Zachery Williams and Evin Sunday.

The Sport & Fitness Program included a daily sunshine walk, stretches, and an introduction to sports, circuit training and a Spirit session. The group was also treated with a trip to the Aqua Center, Calypso Water Park and the Sky Zone trampoline facility.

The participants were evaluated for physical strength, endurance and stamina at the start of the program and received a final assessment test at the end. In the final assessment, each child displayed improvement however; an overall finding is that our children need to be more active. Children need to be active for at least two hours every day. They are meant to play, so look for opportunities for them to run and climb more often.

On August 15th, the Arena Sport & Fitness Summer Employees held a benefit Taco Sale to obtain equipment that individuals can use at the arena. They were successful at raising \$1,300 to purchase two grills, canopy, grill covers and grill utensils. All arena users are allowed to use the grills, but need to first book a date and complete a form.

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena is very proud of the accomplishments that the Sport & Fitness Program Summer Employees made and express a big thank you to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Arena Staff and to the community for all their assistance in making our summer program a big success. The Arena also thanks MCA's Health & Safety Department, MCA Health Promoter Lorrie Caldwell, Adrienne Jacobs, Arena Manager Kahnastatsi Jacobs, and St. Johns Ambulance.



Top: Ivy Oakes, Donovan Thompson, Kohe David, Janisa Benedict, Taeys Phillips, Carsten Mitchell, Royce Thomas, Kaydon Sylvester, Ivin Sunday and Thayer Thompson. Bottom left: Kahnastatsi Jacobs presenting awards to Royce, Tehohahio, Tayes, Kaydon, Carsten, Drayden, Hawi, Kian, Drey, Shaylen, Addison, Tentha, Koda, & Chase. Bottom right: Tehohahio Pyke & Royce Thomas (mustache boys).



# Upcoming Learn to Skate and Hockey Programs

## LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

The primary focus of the Learn to Skate program is to develop basic skating skills for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. Children are placed in groups of 3-4 kids per instructor. The program is recommended for children 3 to 8 years old that are just learning to skate.

The program works on the fundamentals of skating and prepares participants with the essential skills to participate in hockey, ringette, figure skating, or skating as a healthy activity. Qualified instructors will lead participant's progress through a variety of progressive skating skills.

### Registration Dates:

**Date:** Now – Sunday, November 2nd

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Arena Office (near lobby)

**Cost:** \$125.00 (cash or cheque made out to Mohawk Council of Akwesasne)

### Skating Session Dates:

Saturday November 15 12:30-2PM  
—starting skate evaluations

Saturdays November 22 thru

Saturday March 7 12:30-2PM

Saturday March 7 12:30– 3PM  
—skate presentation show

Please remember to bring your child's health card to registration. The program will accommodate 30 entries on a first come-first served basis. *(No refunds after the 3rd session.)*

All program participants must wear a helmet and it is strongly recommended to wear protective gear while learning to skate.

## HOCKEY SKILLS PROGRAMS

### Skills & Drills Stick Handling & Puck

**Control Program** is in its second year at the A'nowara'ko:wa arena. For a low fee it gives our local hockey players an opportunity to learn a hockey skill specific to their developmental needs as a hockey player. The fifty-five minute session is for the serious hockey player to focus on developing their stickhan-

dling & puck control moves and at the same time working on shooting, skating and team skills. Must have full equipment and be able to power skate.

**Learn to Play Hockey Program** is designed for all skill levels, from beginners to those who have already been playing a few years. Perfect for ages 5-10, this program teaches and reinforces the fundamentals of hockey right from the beginning. Players will learn how to properly hold the stick, handle a puck, pass and shoot. Proper skating technique will be taught throughout the program. Participants are grouped according to skill level and the lessons will be challenging. Players can expect group instruction, individual skills instruction, skating drills, and fun scrimmages. Full hockey equipment is required and must be able to skate.

Coaching staff is dedicated certified coaches and are volunteering to assist your child in developing their skills in the sport of Hockey. P.J. Herne is the Head instructor, he is certified and organized the program last year. He welcomes any other coach to assist with working with our hockey players.

### Registration Dates:

**Date:** Now – November 16

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Arena Office (near lobby).

**Cost:** \$80.00 for all sessions/ \$6.00 Walk in fee per session

### Skills Session Dates:

**Date:** November 16 thru March 1

—held every Sunday

**Time:** 2-3PM Skills & Drills - *recommended for the competitive hockey player*; 3-3:50PM Learn to Play Hockey - *recommended for 1st /2nd & 3rd year hockey players.*

## CONDITIONING SKATE SESSIONS

The A'nowara'kowa Arena is pleased to announce that they will be offering Conditioning Skate Sessions for the competitive player who may be looking to improve their 'game shape' or for those players who may have a

late season tryout to prepare for. Each session will be progressively more difficult than the prior session!

**Requirements:** All hockey players are welcome! To register for the sessions, participants must be playing or has played competitive hockey and should be at least 14 years of age.

**Cost:** \$40 for all nine (9) sessions or \$6 per each drop-in visit

### Dates and Times:

Saturday	October 18	2-4PM
Sunday	October 19	2-4PM
Monday	October 20	7:30- 9PM
Sunday	October 26	4:30PM- 6PM
Saturday	November 1	2-4PM
Sunday	November 2	2-4PM
Monday	November 3	7:30PM- 9PM
Saturday	November 8	12:30-2PM
Sunday	November 9	2-4PM

\*If there is sufficient numbers to register, there will be two (2) groups (e.g. Boys/Girls) with each session being at least 45 minutes in length.

## DRILLS FOR SKILLS

The Drills for Skills sessions will once again be offered at the A'nowara'kowa Arena beginning on Sunday, November 16, 2014 and going until March 1, 2015. Sessions will be held on Sundays from 2-4 PM and is open to ALL players.

If there are enough registered players, a part of the 'Drills for Skills' sessions will offer 'LEARN to PLAY' hockey. This will be geared toward the first-time player with no playing experience needed and regardless of age level! Pre-registration is required to allow for planning purposes.

**Cost:** \$80 *(There is currently an estimated 16 sessions, with the drop in fee being \$6 per session)*

*For more information, please contact Kahna-statsi Jacobs at the arena: 613-936-1583 or email arena@akwesasne.ca.*

# Free Travel to Aboriginal Film Festival

The ImagineNative group is inviting the first 26 people to sign up to attend an Aboriginal Film and Media Arts Festival that will be held in Toronto, Ontario on Saturday, October 25th. This is the 15th year of the festival where participants can watch Aboriginal Films during the day on October 25th and the morning of October 26th.

A 26-passenger bus will be leaving from the Peace Tree Mall at 7am on Saturday, October 25th. The bus and entry into the festival is free. People attending can check into the Strathcona Hotel, which is a 5-minute walk to the film festival. The

Strathcona Hotel has a film festival rate of \$120 per room with a limited number of rooms available. Room confirmations must be made through festival staff.

There are many films, attractions and activities associated with this event. Interested parties will be confirmed on a first come first serve basis.

For more informaiton, please contact Vaughn Sunday at [vaughn.sunday@akwesasne.ca](mailto:vaughn.sunday@akwesasne.ca) , 613-575-2348 ext. 2266, or with Clarissa Jacobs at 613-575-2626 and [cjacobs@aamb.ca](mailto:cjacobs@aamb.ca).



## Attention All Indigenous Film Lovers!

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival has selected your community for a thrilling opportunity!

imagineNATIVE is the world's largest Indigenous film festival and we want you to join us in Toronto this October!

We are offering members of your community FREE transportation to Toronto to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual imagineNATIVE Festival and FREE screenings.

imagineNATIVE offers you an action packed program with plenty of special events including our 15th Birthday Party.

Your single night accommodations are not included, however, you will receive our discounted rates at the Strathcona Hotel, our partner hotel.

We look forward to bringing you all to Toronto! Saturday, October 25.

Please contact Clarissa Jacobs at the Akwesasne Area Management Board to sign up! 613-575-2626 ext. 266

For Further information please contact:

Clarissa Jacobs  
Youth Coordinator  
Akwesasne Area Management Board  
Tele: 613-575-2626 Ext. 266  
[cjacobs@aamb.ca](mailto:cjacobs@aamb.ca)

Vaughn Sunday  
Intergovernmental Liaison  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne  
Tele: 613-575-2348 Ext.2266  
[Vaughn.Sunday@akwesasne.ca](mailto:Vaughn.Sunday@akwesasne.ca)

You're Invited to Join Our Tota's and Watch

**MAGIC MARK,  
MAGICIAN**



Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M.



**TSIIIONKWANONHSO:TE's  
Congregate Room  
East end of Cornwall Island,  
AKWESASNE ON**

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR  
ADULTS AND JOIN THE TOTA'S FOR  
AN AFTERNOON OF MAGIC AND  
ENTERTAINMENT.**

**RESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.**



**Recreation & Leisure Program**



# Community Gardens Initiative Callout

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is seeking individuals interested in volunteering to participate in a working group for the 'Community Gardens Initiative.' Planning meetings will cover logistical coordination, strategic planning, proposal development, and timeline projections for:

- 1) Identification of land(s);
- 2) Research on available grants/funding;
- 3) Determining supplies/equipment needed;
- 4) Development of a budget and costs estimation; and
- 5) Identification of stakeholders for the upcoming 2015 year.

Representation from Youth, Adults, and Elders is being sought. A maximum of ten (10) individuals will be accepted to sit on the working group (first come, first serve). Meetings shall start the week of October 27, 2014.

All individuals interested in sitting on this working group should submit their name and contact information to the attention of:

LaToya Rourke  
Mohawk Government,  
Administration Bldg. #2,  
District of Kana:takon

Deadline for submissions is October 24, 2014.

For more information, please call the Mohawk Government at (613) 575-2348.

# MCA Hosts Masters Box Lacrosse Cup



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Tehotiennawakon Department hosted the first annual Akwesasne Box Lacrosse Masters Cup 2014 at the Anowara'kowa Arena on September 20-21, 2014. The two-day tournament featured five teams from Akwesasne, Kahnawake and Montreal; with Kahnawake Mohawks taking home the gold. Pictured above are (left) Ryan Adam of the Akwesasne Masters and Sterling Deer of Kahnawake Mohawks facing off; with (from left) Eric Laffin, Joe Hall, Carl White, Mike Thompson and Clint Jacobs looking on.



Box 578, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5T3

**MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**AKWESASNE FIRST NATION**

**COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**Purpose**  
This Request for Proposals is to solicit a consultant to assist the Mohawk Council of Council in the preparation of its Comprehensive Community Development Plan. The successful candidate will engage the Akwesasne community in comprehensive planning to build a roadmap to sustainability, self-sufficiency and improved governance capacity.

**Overview**  
The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, as the First Nation government in the community of Akwesasne, understands the importance of strategic planning and has had a Strategic Plan in place since 2009. On February 12, 2013, Council passed Mohawk Council Resolution 2012/2013 - #306, accepting and approving its current strategic plan titled "Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Strategic Plan 2012/2013 2014/2016".

In addition to its current Strategic Plan, Council released its "Economic Recovery Strategy" on August 2, 2013 to provide a framework to restore Akwesasne as a sustainable community. Most recently, in July 2014, Council released its "Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Economic Leakage Study".

These documents will serve as foundational documents in the development of the Comprehensive Community Development Plan.

**Objectives**  
The objectives of the Comprehensive Community Development Plan will be to:

- Set the stage for an open, inclusive and accountable planning process;
- Inform and engage the community about the planning process;
- Enable the community to establish a vision for its future and implement projects to achieve that vision;
- Help to ensure that community projects and programs are thought through, make sense and are the best use of resources; and
- Integrate and link all other plans the community has produced.

**Scope of Work & Tasks**  
The Consultant will be asked to complete the following tasks:

- Establish a Community Advisory Group;
- Gather background information to understand the current situation in the community and summarize the findings in an overview document;

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Akwesasne Office: 613 575-2348

Approved by: Susan Wilson, The Field Operations Director

- Review the assembled information to understand what needs to be changed or built on, based on the community's challenges and possibilities;
- Work with the community to create a Vision Statement and Values for what the community should look like in the future;
- Build a Comprehensive Strategic Framework as the basis for the community plan;
- Set Goals and Objectives as the strategic pathway for the community to take to fulfill its vision;
- Identify Activities and Projects to help achieve those goals and objectives; and
- Create an Implementation Strategy including priorities, indicators of success, responsibilities, timeframes, and required resources and support for implementation.

The above work will be summarized in a report that will be the Comprehensive Community Development Plan for the Akwesasne Community.

## Proposal Requirements

Consultant proposals must highlight the following:

- Costs: a complete budget breakdown including all expenses and any GST if applicable must be included;
- Qualifications and Experience of Team;
- Involvement of local labour;
- Workplan, Timetable and Methodology to be employed.

Mandatory requirements of all proposals include:

- company profile;
- individual resumes of team members;
- project workplan;
- project methodology;
- project budget; and
- project timetable.

**Closing Date & Schedule:** all proposals must be received by 4:00 PM on October 24, 2014.

## Contact Information:

**Project Contact:** for further information or copy of entire request for proposal contact:  
James Ransom, Director, Department of Tehotiennawakon  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA)  
(613) 575-2250 X1035  
[jim.ransom@akwesasne.ca](mailto:jim.ransom@akwesasne.ca)

**Proposal Submissions:** proposals should be submitted to:

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Economic Development Program  
92 Third Street  
Akwesasne, Quebec  
H0M 1A1

# Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce that the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program will run once again this year. There will be two separate programs, one of which you can apply for depending on your age category. One is specific for elders and is known as the "Elder Heating Assistance Program (60 and older)" and the other is the "Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program" for community members under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council.

The application process is open to all community members who reside within the territory of Mohawk Council of Ak-

wesasne; one per household, beginning Monday October 20, 2014 up to Friday November 21st, 2014. The final deadline for applications to be submitted will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2014. There will be no exceptions after that deadline date as the fuel distribution will then begin. As per Mohawk Council Resolution 2014/2015 #188, if you are under the age of sixty (60) years old, this year's heating assistance amount will be \$400.00 dollars per household for those who apply and are eligible. For Elders 60 years of age and older each head of household will receive \$600.00.

cumstances who cannot make these locations and times, or if you have any general inquiries, please call the Community Support Program office at (613) 575-2341 and someone will be glad to assist you.

## APPLICATION SESSIONS:

**Tsi Snaihne** (Snyc) - Sessions will be held at Iohahi:io from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Monday October 20th
- Monday October 27th
- Monday November 3rd
- Monday November 10th
- Monday November 17th

**Kawehno:ke** (Cornwall Island) - Sessions will be held at the Kawehno:ke Recreation from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Friday October 24th
- Friday October 31ST
- Friday November 7th
- Friday November 14th
- Friday November 21st

**Kana:takon** (St. Regis) - Sessions will be held at the Community Support Program Office located in the Kanonhkwashteri:io Health Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE A FUEL BILL IF APPLYING FOR FUEL, OR AN OLD ONE THAT CAN BE LEFT WITH THE WORKER, OR AN ELECTRIC BILL IF THAT IS CHOSEN SOURCE OF HEAT ON HAND WHEN FILLING OUT APPLICATION**

## REMINDER:

*NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 30TH 2014, APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICE LOCATED IN THE KANON-KWATSHERIIO HEALTH FACILITY.*

Also, other criteria will apply. **You must provide a copy of the heating bill for which you wish your heating source to be paid. There will be no exceptions to this, and the bill must be accompanied with your application.** No individual checks will be processed, but your name will be provided to your heating source for the amount to be debited to your account.

The Community Support Program has scheduled a number of dates during which staff will be available to accept applications and answer questions. Also, please feel free to drop into the Community Support Program office to fill out an application there. For seniors and those with special cir-



## 10th Annual Christmas Enchantment

Hosted by the Snyc Recreation Committee will take place

**November 13th to 16th 2014**

To show our appreciation for your continued support we will be selling tickets **10** for \$5.00 and we will also be having **10** door prize draws of \$1,000.00 total door prize payout \$10,000.00!

We have currently have a total of 35 confirmed Themed Trees!

(Some Themes: Batman, Disney Princess, Boston Bruins, Montreal Canadiens, Sports, Elf, Thanksgiving, Frozen and many more)

As usual we will have our Quilt Raffle, Secret Santa Shop (No parents allowed), Memorial Tree, Mohawk Auction and our Local Craft Artisans.

The Concession Stand will be open throughout the Weekend.

So mark your Calendars and be sure to Stop by the Snyc Recreations' 10th Annual Christmas Enchantment!



# Skahwatsí:ra Program Fosters Akwesasne Youth Ambassadors

Since the AMBE Kanien'kéha Immersion Initiative began in 1995, it has grown and evolved into the Skahwatsí:ra Program. It is now housed in the Kaná:takon School—thanks to the support of the school principal and AMBE supervisors and board members; as well the Mohawk Council of Akwesáhsne and, more importantly, the parents and *totas*.

Skahwatsí:ra focuses on producing students at various levels of fluency and uses the *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen* as its foundation. Students learn to recite the *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen* and to sing both social and ceremonial songs.


They have been invited to conduct social dances at schools and to open important events—locally and in other communities. It is good experience for producing orators and youth ambassadors of our school and our community.

Skahwatsí:ra students Rakwiráhes and Rarontiióstha Pembleton (sons of Rassenes and Pamela Pembleton), recited the *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen* in opening and closing the National Claims Research Con-



Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell presented a token of appreciation to Rakwiráhes and Rarontiióstha Pembleton for opening and closing the Community Trust Signing Ceremony held on July 21, 2014.

ference that was recently held in Ottawa. They deserve a well received congratulations on a job well done in making our school and community proud with their confidence, pride and orator skills.



Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Affaires autochtones et Développement du Nord Canada

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Notice of Issuance of Status Cards

Please Note: Departmental Policy on Certificates of Indian Status (CIS) states that no more than **two (2)** CIS shall be issued to a Registered Indian within any **12 Month Period**.

If you have received two Status Cards in the past 12 months, we will **not** issue another one.



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ID REQUIREMENTS FOR CIS (STATUS CARDS)

2 PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION  
OR  
1 PIECE OF ID AND 1 GUARANTOR FORM

ACCEPTABLE ID INCLUDES:

Drivers License  
Health Card  
Birth Certificate or Baptism  
Fire Arms License  
Provincial ID Card  
Employee ID, with digitized Photo  
Old Status Card (cannot be expired for more than 6 months)  
Student ID Card, with digitized photo  
Nexus Card (counts as 2 pieces)  
Passport (counts as 2 pieces)

UNACCEPTABLE ID INCLUDES:

SIN Card  
Photocopy of ID  
Bank Card  
Expired Card (Exception: Status Card can be expired for up to 6 months)

\*Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will **not** accept Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Cards



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New Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Requirements

CIS CARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

16 & OLDER

- Must provide two pieces of ID
- Or
- One piece of ID and Guarantor Declaration

15 & YOUNGER

- Must have one piece of ID of parent or legal guardian and one piece of ID for child
- Or
- One piece of ID of parent or legal guardian and one Guarantor Declaration

IMPORTANT:

If the legal guardian is applying on behalf of the child, a copy of the legal guardianship order naming the guardian is mandatory.

GUARANTOR:

A Guarantor must have known the applicant for a minimum of two years. The guarantor must also write: "This is a true likeness of [applicant's name]" on the back of one photo and also sign and date it. This photo must be submitted with the application.

ACCEPTABLE ID:

Certificate of Birth or Baptism  
Health Card  
Provincial ID Card  
Driver's License  
Employee ID, with digitized photo  
Old Status Card (Cannot be expired for more than 6 months)  
Passport/Nexus Card (counts as two pieces of ID - another piece is not required)

ACCEPTABLE GUARANTORS:

Chief/Councilor/RA  
Dentist, Medical Doctor, or Chiropractor  
Judge, Magistrate, Police Officer  
Lawyer, Notary Public  
Principal  
Pharmacist  
Professional Accountant  
Social Worker  
Veterinarian

IMPORTANT:

Individuals who had a Secure Certificate of Indian Status cannot revert back to a Certificate of Indian Status Card.

Please contact the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Toronto Regional Office if you have questions, at: 416-973-7517 Or Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Office of Vital Statistics at: 613-575-2250

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# Economic Development Program

The Economic Development Program's mission is to support the growth and development of a clean and sustainable Akwesasne economy through the development of Economic wealth generators, through Business Development, and through the delivery of training and finance programs to Akwesasronon.

Stop in or call us for more information regarding our:

- Business Registration
- Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF)
- Small Business Grant (SBG)
- Training

## INITIATIVES

**AKWESASNE'S LOCAL MARKET** was held this summer for 6 weeks every Saturday starting Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke. Akwesasne Local Market's goal and purpose was to support and promote our local artisans, farmers and business owners. The market also was implemented to improve and revitalize the economy located on Cornwall Island by increasing revenues for surrounding businesses as well as increase tourism. The market heavily encouraged and promoted the Buy Local Campaign. Each weekend we had between 5-10 vendors and a range of 80-150 visitors each week. Economic Development also held a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27th and had 12 vendors with over 200 visitors. Economic Development plans to continue the Akwesasne Local Market next summer.

Vendors included Phillip Deering; beads, Casey Swamp; automotive accessories, Taylor Swamp; freshly squeezed lemonade, Andrea Cooke; dog food and puppies, Christopher Thompson; homemade salsa, bruschetta, seasoning and carrot cake, Gina Thompson; handcrafted items and strawberry shortcake, Patti and Yvonne Peters; meat pie dinners and handmade moccasins, Debbie Ransom; handcrafted items, Lisa Roundpoint; produce and apparel, Saralee Skidders; cheesecake and banana bread, Tammy Mitchell Music for Miracles; hot dogs and t-shirts, Mystie Garrow; apparel and accessories, Leanne Hill; beaded jewelry, Ron Cook; homemade baked goods, Nancy Ransom & TJ Roundpoint; baked goods and handcrafted items and Sherell Tahy; handcrafted items and homemade jam.





**TAYLORMADE LEMONADE** Taylor Swamp, daughter to Cheryl and Casey Swamp, was one of many vendors that set up at the Akwesasne Local Market at the Peace Tree Trade Centre every Saturday. Taylor is 12 years old and plays hockey, soccer, lacrosse and also fancy dances in powwows.

Taylor has been promoting her lemonade business for three years now and she began her career as an entrepreneur by selling candy and soda out of vending machines at her dad's shop; Swamp's Performance Automotive. She looks forward to expanding her lemonade stand and would like to promote herself at any available locations within the community.

**RIBBON SHIRT FRIDAY'S** we are encouraging the community to participate and lead by example. The goal is to promote our local ribbon shirt businesses and culture! Together we can all support this unique part of the economy. If you would like to submit a photo of yourself promoting Ribbon Shirt Fridays, please send to [cathy.mitchell@akwesasne.ca](mailto:cathy.mitchell@akwesasne.ca) and we will be more than happy to share on our Economic Development Facebook page.

**BUY LOCAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development Program partnered with the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce (ACOC) to host the Buy Local Golf Tournament. The purpose of this tournament was to promote MCA's "Buy Local" Campaign as well as support the ACOC for future endeavors on supporting Akwesasne's local businesses. All proceeds from the tournament were given to the ACOC. The event took place at Cedar View Golf Course on August 22nd. The tournament consisted of 17 teams, 18-holes of golf, a meal following, a 50/50 draw and raffle giveaways.

**TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES** If you are interested in retailing Tax-Exempt Cigarettes at your place of business, please contact the MCA Tobacco Compliance Office for the requirements and more information at Pamela Brown, Tobacco Compliance Officer (613) 575-2250 ext. 1057 [pamela.brown@akwesasne.ca](mailto:pamela.brown@akwesasne.ca) Selling Tax-Exempt cigarettes has the ability to increase revenue, increase patron traffic, create a closer working relationship with MCA and also diversify and increase your product offerings!

**MUTI-USE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT** There are an alarming number of people of all ages in Akwesasne who suffer from metabolic disease, namely diabetes and obesity. Many efforts are being made in the community to help remedy these issues. One initiative that is being sought out by Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's (MCA) Economic Development Program, is to develop and construct multi-use trails in Kanatakon, Tsi Snaihne, and Kawehno:ke. MCA's Special Projects Officer Troy Thompson received a cheque of \$10,000 from TransCanada Pipeline towards the development of trails in on Kawehno:ke. The cheque was presented by Sara Loft, Senior Manager at Ishkonigan Consulting and Mediation, who works closely with TransCanada Pipeline.

MCA used some of these funds to hire a well know trails consultant to write a supporting report and an application for a \$10M National Trails Coalition Grant for trail development in Kahweno:ke (funding is rewarded in October). This proposed project will have three phases. Phase 1 includes a riverfront boardwalk trail (10'-15' feet from the water on the slope) that



would connect the trails at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena and the Akwesasne Mohawk School and provide link to the trails in Cornwall by the bike lane on the new bridge. Phase 2 involves a walking trail and bike pump track at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. Phase 3 consists of a walking trail, a low ropes course and adventure trail (in the woods) at the Akwesasne Mohawk School. MCA will discuss the proposed trail project with all landowners that are involved.

MCA is in the process of having conceptual drawings developed for Kanatakon and Tsi Snaihne. Trails in all three districts have tremendous potential. The development of these trails will inspire people of all ages to become more physically active, create jobs and increase tourism in our community.

If you have questions, please contact Troy Thompson at 613-575-2250 ext.1056 or [troy.thompson@akwesasne.ca](mailto:troy.thompson@akwesasne.ca).



**NATIONAL CHILDRENS DAY** Akwesasne Child & Family Services is currently working on putting together a Talent Show/Art Gallery/Kids Market Starting on National Child's Day (November 20). Economic Development is helping with kid's entrepreneur. For more information you can listen to the Radio, check local newspaper, or see the circulating flyer. Pre-registration will be held in the beginning of November in each district, dates and times to follow. For More information please contact Dana Skye at 613-575-2341 ext 3169 or our Economic Development office at 613-575-2250 ext 1053

**LEAKAGE STUDY RESULTS** MCA hired MNP, LLP consultant firm to conduct the study of Akwesasne's leakage within the three districts. The study looked at income and expenditure of three key segments of the community; households, businesses and local government.

**Estimation of economic activity (Akwesasne spending) = \$140 million per year**

- HOUSEHOLDS EXPENDITURES: \$73.3 MILLION
- BUSINESSES EXPENDITURES: \$22 MILLION
- MCA EXPENDITURES: \$44.7 MILLION

**Estimation of leakage (\$ spent off the territory) = \$107 MILLION per year—76% Leakage off Territory**

- HOUSEHOLD SPENDING: \$53.4 MILLION
- BUSINESSES SPENDING: \$16.6 MILLION
- MCA SPENDING: \$37.1 MILLION

MCA's Economic Development Office will be presenting this information to general meetings and will have information in Indian Times as well as CKON.



Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Economic Development

**If you have any questions or would like more information please contact  
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Economic Development Program  
(613) 575-2250 ext. 1053**





## **Beatrice Johnson, Business Development Officer Akwasasne Area Management Board (AAMB)**

Beatrice is the Business Development Officer for AAMB and has the experience to help Akwasasne's local businesses. She started her own newspaper business when she was 12, then did sales years later. Around the age of 23 she became a certified trainer for adult learners which morphed into a Consulting business. Having participated in Business Management training, and using support services in and around Akwasasne, she has experience working with zero to little budget; "there were minimal funding dollars, no advertising dollars, we made our own brochures and flyers and advertisements. We did everything ourselves, we reached out to everyone we possibly knew and worked countless hours promoting our business. The efforts did pay off, we did receive large contracts and many organizations helped us out by showing support including MCA, SRMT and AAMB." Bea is familiar with the ups and downs of running a business and she is a great resource for our businesses on both the American and Canadian side. "I know what it's like coming from a business owner standpoint; what it's like to survive while making sure your light bill gets paid."



One of her goals as the Business Development Officer is to create mutually beneficial partnerships with the employers, as well as assist employers become ideal candidates to safely place AAMB trainees into their business. When businesses become qualified employers, they would be able to receive contracts with clients wishing to gain experience. Not only will this help local businesses, but it will help Akwasasne's economy as well. AAMB and MCA's Economic Development Program strive to help the local small businesses to expand and grow to their full potential in any way possible.

AAMB has also begun identifying what the labor market needs are in Akwasasne. Results of this study should be available in February, 2015 to provide the employment rate/future training needs of the community. This report will not only assist AAMB; but other Programs, Departments and Organizations for the future of Akwasasne's labor force. The results will also give agencies a statistical standpoint that will help Akwasasne in receiving funding.

Some services that our local businesses can get include:

- **Various Workshops**
- **Coaching Skills**
- **Supervisory Skills**
- **Money Management Skills**
- **Recruitment Fairs**
- **Job Fairs**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Referral Services (if you are looking for employees)**
- **Development Training**
- **SEA (Self Employment Assistance) Training**
- **SEED-Summer Employment Experience Development**

Another advantage Akwasasne Businesses may take advantage of is AAMB's Subsidized Wage Programs. To be eligible, you must be in full operation for at least six (6) months, be registered with Revenue Canada, banking and operations

(payroll, administration, production, sales etc.), and proof of insurance coverage (WSIB/CSST Comprehensive General Liability). If you do not meet these guidelines, you may be able to utilize other AAMB programs, or use a Third Party Sponsor. The Third Party sponsor provides payroll, calculates deductions and issues checks to employees for a nominal fee. This program will cut expenses as well as help your business!

The adjacent chart are the options of the Subsidized Wage Programs.

We encourage the local businesses to take advantage of the services and training programs that AAMB has to offer!

Give Beatrice a call to set up an appointment to discuss training available or if you want to meet and talk about your business. She can be reached through email at [bjohnson@aamb.ca](mailto:bjohnson@aamb.ca) or call 575-2626.

See what they can do for you!

	Job Opportunity (OTJ Training)	Job Creation (EI)	Local Project
Program Description	Matches client's employment needs with a suitable employer's requirements, includes work experience and may include some formalized training.	Provides for the creation of temporary employment for clients to maintain and use working skills.	Provides support for projects that demonstrate Community Benefit and participation to increase their employability through work experience and training.
Client Eligibility	Clients who have some capacity (training) but lack experience.	Currently drawing Canadian Employment Insurance; had a claim within the past 3 years; or maternity, parental leave in the past 5 yrs.	Clients who have capacity (training) but lack experience.
Eligible Employer/ Training Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers that meet eligibility requirements. See Program and Services Officer for more information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers that meet eligibility requirements. See Program and Services Officer for more information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employers that meet eligibility requirements. See Program and Services Officer for more information.</li> </ul>
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wages</li> <li>Off Site purchased training Rental/equip. purchase/disability costs may be covered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clients continue to receive EI benefits or if no longer active, an allowance Overhead costs for employer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wages</li> <li>Off Site purchased training</li> <li>Overhead costs Rental/equip. purchase/disability costs may be covered</li> </ul>
Duration	Min. 16 weeks Max. 52 weeks	Min. 6 weeks Max. 52 weeks	Min. 16 weeks Max 52 weeks



*The mission of the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce is to promote an Akwesasne economy. To promote equality, unity and opportunity and to assist in launching, development and maintenance of small business within Akwesasne.*

Our Vision:  
Think global, but buy Onkwehonwe first and local second

Benefits of joining the ACoC:

- Promoting an Akwesasne economy
- Assist, launch and support Akwesasne's businesses
- Working & growing together
- Member networking and support

- Visibility within the community
- Visibility within the region

Local events ACoC was part of:

- Sponsored the Ace to King tournament at the 2012 Akwesasne Winter Carnival
- Volunteered time at the St Regis Recreation's Easter Egg Hunt 2014
- Co-sponsored with Swamp's Performance Automotive at the "Cruisin for Kids" event to benefit the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club and Akwesasne Freedom School
- "Experience Akwesasne" Guest Speaker
- Co-hosted the "Buy Local" Golf Tournament with MCA's Economic Development Program

Officers: Business Leader—Dwayne Thomas (Turtle Island Promotions); Assistant Business Leader—Casey Swamp (Swamp's Performance Automotive); Treasurer—Randy Hart (Village Check Cashing) and Writer—Ashley Thompson (Ashley's Creative Designs).

For more information or to join, call the office at (518) 333-0385 or email: [akwesasnechamber@hotmail.com](mailto:akwesasnechamber@hotmail.com).





## Tsi Snaihne School Tree of Peace

Students at the Tsi Snaihne School students recently constructed their very own Tree of Peace. Each of the students took turns tracing their hands on different shades of green paper, along with writing their Mo-hawk names and the word Sken:nen (Peace). The handprints were then cut-out and placed in the outline of a tree to form the Tree of Peace.



### SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND NEW PARENT(S) IN THE COMFORT OF HOME



"I have had a 9 month old baby girl and have had services of the community auntie. She comes in to assist me in what I need to get done like household chores. She is very supportive in my parenting and household management skills. It is an old way that an auntie would come to visit to help a mother. I am so grateful for this service because she is a great help. Even just chatting helps relieve some stress. I feel so much more empowered knowing that someone cares. Niwewen to MCA Community Health, Healthy Babies program for creating a space for this helpful person to come in to my life and assist me where I need it. I am looking forward to the next visit." ~ Present Client ~

The Community Auntie/Health Promoter will help new parent(s) gain the necessary life skills needed to strengthen family while helping parent(s) build confidence in their lives.

Clients will learn about and be assisted with:

Basic sewing skills: buttons, hems, bibs, blankets.

Cooking healthy meals on a budget.

Newborn care such as bathing baby.

Please call for an appointment



MCA Community Health Program  
Maternal Child Health Services  
613-575-2341 Ext: 3220

### Feeding Your Baby: Introducing solids

Your baby's first year is a time of great change.  
Learning how to eat is important for your baby's growth & health

Date: Wednesday, October 15th 2014

Location: Cornwall Island Rec Centre

Date: Thursday, October 16th 2014

Location: Snye Rec Centre

Time: 11am-2pm  
Pre-register by: Oct 9th, 2014

Come enjoy lunch while learning how to raise a healthy eater.

#### This workshop includes:

- Learning how, what & when to start feeding your baby
- Building healthy meals
- Portion sizes as baby grows
- How to prepare & store food safely
- Overturning common food myths



Call now to pre-register, **don't wait space is limited!!**

Call Catherine at 613-575-2341 ext 3223

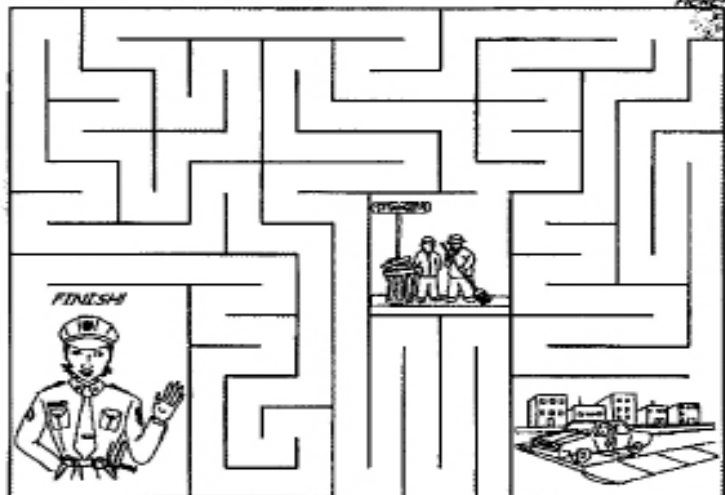
MCA Community Health





## Kids Page

Rule #1:  
STAY AWAY FROM DANGER...  
DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS!



A stranger is anyone who you don't know well. A stranger can be nice or not nice, man or woman, young or old. Help me find the police officer, while staying away from all the strangers.



Sponsored by  
Akwesasne Child & Family Services  
613-575-2341 ext. 3139

The Akwesasne Coalition for Community Empowerment presents:

# MINUTE TO WIN IT

Family Fun Challenges  
St. Regis Mohawk School  
October 29, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Prizes

Teams of 4 or more  
(at least 1 adult)



Free

No drop-offs

A Red Ribbon Week activity. Remember to wear your team jerseys.  
For more information call (518) 358-2967

## ZOMBIE INFESTED



## OBSTACLE COURSE

October 24, 2014 6:00 p.m.  
Tsilonkwanattio (Helena Rd) Ages 11-19

### Registration Dates:

October 19  
A/COP Prevention Program  
Akwesasne Business Center  
447 Frogtown Road  
Suite 104  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

October 18  
Hogansburg Akwesasne  
Volunteer  
Fire Department  
Station #1  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**WARNING:**  
PLEASE  
DO NOT  
FEED THE  
ZOMBIES

FOR MORE INFO CALL (518) 358-2967

Snye Recreation  
Annual Halloween Party  
Saturday, October 25th  
Doors Open at 2:00 p.m.

Fun for the Whole Family!



Bring your Friends!

**COSTUME JUDGING @ 3:00 p.m.**

Categories: Most Original, Scariest, Funniest, Prettiest & Judges Choice!  
ALL AGE CATEGORIES FROM NEW BORN TO 100+

**HAYRIDE: 4:00 P.M.**

(Weather Permitting, dress appropriately)

**SUPPER @ 5:00 p.m.**

**CARNIVAL STYLE GAMES @ 6:00 p.m.**

**!!Guessing Games & Door Prizes!!**

## TRUNK OR TREAT

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

OCTOBER 30, 2014

2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.



KIDS COME DRESSED  
IN COSTUME AND  
TRICK OR TREAT FOR  
HEALTHY SNACKS AT  
THE ELABORATELY  
DECORATED TRUNKS  
OF MEMBERS FROM  
THE AKWESASNE CO-  
ALITION FOR COMMU-  
NITY EMPOWERMENT.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE A/COP PREVENTION PROGRAM AT (518) 358-2967





## 15th Anniversary of Celebrate Bisexuality Day

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 marked the 15th anniversary of Celebrate Bisexuality Day, an international holiday devoted to promoting the visibility and lives of bisexual people. The term bisexuality is defined as having a sexual attraction toward both males & females. The Safe Zone Program of MCA encourages the community of Akwesasne to use this opportunity to have an open mind, explore ways to end stigma relating to bisexuality and celebrate bisexual people in your lives.

The day aims to celebrate the bisexual community, its culture, history and norms. It is also aimed towards bringing more visibility to bisexual persons and the challenges they face in the world because of such identification. Every day we should all be celebrating our own sexual identities and learning more about the identities of each other. Bisexual people face unique challenges in the workplace, in schools and in the community daily.

The holiday was first observed in 1990, thanks to three American bisexual rights activists: Wendy Curry, Gigi Raven-Wilbur, and Michael Page who designed the flag for the bisexual community. The trio of American activists rallied to raise awareness about bisexuality and to dispel the stigma surrounding their community. The celebration was announced at the annual meeting of the International Lesbian and Gay Association back in the year 1990. This was the first time that an observance solely for the bisexual community was instituted and has been celebrated ever since.



For further information regarding bisexuality please contact the Safe Zone committee at 613-575-2341 ext. 3107 or email: [safe.zone@akwesasne.ca](mailto:safe.zone@akwesasne.ca)

Helpful resources are listed below.

[www.bisource.net](http://www.bisource.net)  
[www.rainbowhealthontario.ca](http://www.rainbowhealthontario.ca)  
[www.bisexual.org](http://www.bisexual.org)  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Bisexual-Resource](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bisexual-Resource)  
[www.rainbowsourcecentre.org](http://www.rainbowsourcecentre.org)

## RAINBOW LUNCHEON EVENT



*"The place where no one will hurt your mind"*

The Safe Zone program strives to erase homophobia, heterosexism, and transphobia within MCA and provide support to those who need it. Through education, advocacy and respect of (LGBTQ) gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and ally issues, the program contributes to an open work environment that is safe and accepting for all members of the Akwesasne community.

### Help Celebrate LGBTQ History Month



**Date:** Saturday, October 25th  
**Location:** Senior Center in Hoganansburg  
**Time:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

Please Join the Safe Zone Committee for this informal and fun opportunity for LGBTQ, friends, family and ALLY supporters to mingle, build a community, and make some new friends.

## FREE Lunch Will Be Provided

R.S.V.P required with Kyle Thompson  
 Phone: 613-575-2341 ext. 3107  
 Email: [kyle.thompson@akwesasne.ca](mailto:kyle.thompson@akwesasne.ca)



This event is sponsored by the Wholistic Health & Wellness Program of MCA



## Ahkwesāhsne 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 for them" that will lead to success.*

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

**Deborah Terrance, MST, OCT, Associate Director**

**Tracy Jacobs, Co-Chairperson**

**Connie Hall, Co-Chairperson**

## Public/In-Camera Session Meeting Schedule School Year 2014-2015

*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.*

- *Kenténha/October 1, 2014 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Kenténhkó:wa/November 5, 2014 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Tsióthóhrha/December 3, 2014 @ Kana:takon School*
- *Tsióthóhrhkó:wa/January 7, 2015 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Enníska/February 4, 2015 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Ennískó:wa/March 4, 2015 @ Kana:takon School*
- *Onerahtókha/April 1, 2015 @ Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School*
- *Onerahtóhkó:wa/May 6, 2015 @ Tsi Snaihne School*
- *Ohiarí:ha/June 3, 2015 @ Kana:takon School*

*\*Schedule subject to change.*

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



## Hazard Help Sheet

### Halloween Safety Items

**We all love Halloween!** We 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. So, here's a few Halloween Safety items you and / or your child / children carry and wear.

**Light YOUR way with these FLASHY safety items!**

			
<b>Blinking Lights</b>	<b>Flashlights</b>	<b>Glow-in-the-Dark Makeup</b>	<b>Glow Sticks</b>
			
<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>Reflectors</b>	<b>Reflector Lights</b>	<b>Safety Vests</b>
			
<b>Swords</b>	<b>Treat Bags</b>	<b>Whistles</b>	<b>Wands</b>

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



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