

City, Akwesasne and Transport Canada Officials Sign Port Divestiture Agreement



(left to right) City of Cornwall Councillor Elaine MacDonald, City of Cornwall Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Grand Chief Abram Benedict and Kawehno:ke District Chief Troy Thompson.

Officials from the City of Cornwall, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Transport Canada gathered at City Hall this morning to sign the necessary documents for the transfer of the Port of Cornwall.

The signing marks the culmination of numerous meetings and negotiation sessions over the past two years for the area known as the Port of Cornwall and the surrounding lands. Through the transfer, the City of Cornwall and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will become co-owners of the Port lands.

The transfer of ownership is effective today. A joint entity, known as Cornwall Akwesasne Port Development Commission, has been established to oversee the management and long-term development of the Port under the umbrella of a co-owners' agreement.

"The transfer of the Port of Cornwall signals a new era of cooperation and collaboration between our two communities," said Cornwall Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy. "By taking ownership of the Port, we will collectively oversee the future use of a key piece of our waterfront.

This milestone in our partnership with the City of Cornwall and Transport Canada is a model for other Indigenous and non Indigenous communities to strive towards. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners to create additional opportunities for both our communities," added Akwesasne Grand Chief Abram Benedict.

A media event and community celebration is being planned in the near future at the Port of Cornwall site to formally announce the transfer.

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

She:kon,

It is my honor to provide the greeting for this month's edition of Onkwe'ta:ke, MCA's community newsletter. I hope this message finds you and your family safe, healthy and in high spirits. With the summer months upon us, I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather and are taking advantage of the outside activities here and around Akwesasne.

My name is Joe Lazore and I am a Chief in the District of Tsi Snaihne. I am the Department of Technical Services (DTS) Major Portfolio Holder, and am the Minor Portfolio Holder in the Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS), Justice, Public Safety and Tehotiennawakon.

Onkwe'ta:ke is a great medium for readers to be informed of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's many undertakings. The content of this newsletter is intended to provide transparency to membership through regular updates on portfolios and political initiatives, through Chief's Reports, as well as program announcements and other notable events.

In this newsletter, you will see updates on the Community Comprehensive Plan. The CCP is the collective voice of Akwesasne community members that helps Akwesasne prioritize its goals and directions to guide the future growth of the community for the next 20 to 30 years. It provides policy guidance for programs and budgets, actions and services, provides a basis for coordinating land-use direction and provides a degree of certainty for the membership, the business community and the surrounding municipalities and governments. Also included within the newsletter is information on the new Tourism Corner, which includes upcoming events, and a new tourism and artist spotlight located at the Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre on Kawehno:ke at the Peacetre Trade Center. There is also information on a new ambulance available to better serve the community. Also included in this month's newsletter is an update on the Port Divestiture, which entails the transfer of the Port of Cornwall from Canada to Akwesasne and the City of Cornwall; Chief reporting updates, MCR's that were passed; flyers for upcoming events and much more!

I hope that the information provided is beneficial and that you find the Onkwe'ta:ke newsletter informative. We would love input on what you would like to see included, so be sure that you attend all of the monthly district meetings and the general meetings to provide feedback! Should you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about the initiatives mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other District Chief's at 613-575-2348.

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Joe Lazore, Tsi Snaihne District Chief





Land Claims: Putting the Process into Perspective
Rasennes Pembleton
ARRO Researcher

On April 6, 2016, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) informed the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne that both the Baxter and Barnhart Island Claim and the North Shore claims were not accepted for negotiation.

To put this into perspective, the Tsikaristisere/Dundee claim began in 1980. Just now, 36 years later, it is reaching a point of finalized negotiation and community ratification. MCA had to overcome many hurdles to get Canada to admit the legitimacy of this claim. North Shore was filed in 2012. It is a much larger claim than Tsikaristisere – it’s almost 20 times the comparative land base and of immense value.

The North Shore claim is not dead – far from it. We have simply entered into a more focused research phase to overcome the most recent hurdle. Another submission, focused

squarely at refuting Canada’s assertions, will be forthcoming.

The Baxter and Barnhart claim is more complex. The border creates a unique situation that requires unique approaches. Canada maintains that it cannot be held liable for the actions of a foreign government (United States), and that the Boundary Commission acted within its rights to alter the border so that the two islands would become U.S. territory.

This is not supported by the historical documentation. Additionally, no consultation had occurred, nor agreement ever struck, with Akwesasne concerning the status of these islands. This claim will also go through another submission after more focused research and legal arguments are finalized.

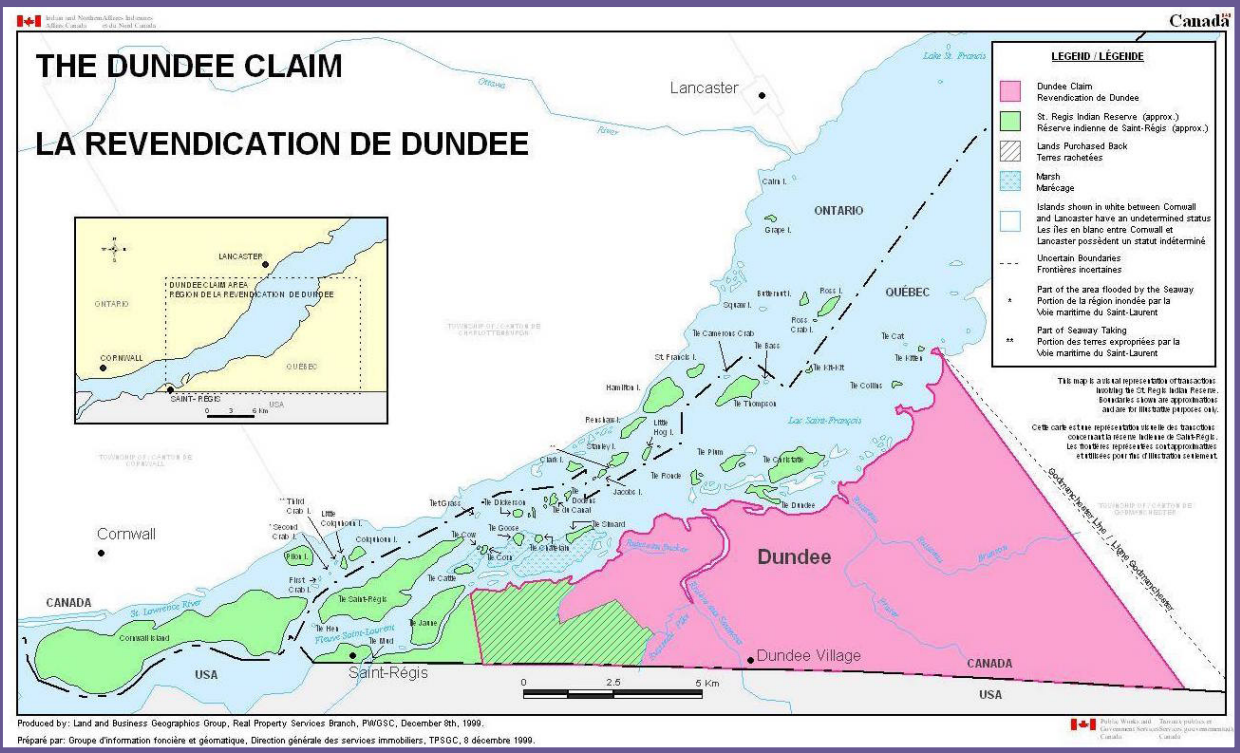
The land claims process is long. The larger the claim, the more pushback can be expected. Negotiations are arduous and put the burden of proof squarely on the First Nation. This recent refusal to negotiate is simply another step in a long journey.

The Survey Chain

Throughout the many instances of land loss in Akwesasne’s history, runs a common theme: instruments with which our lands were measured, divided or excavated.

In the case of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee lands, it is an ordinary surveyor’s chain used to measure and sub-divide lots for leasing to settlers. The word *Tsikaristisere* literally means, “the place where they dragged the chains.”

“Ordinary surveyor’s chain is 66 feet long and is composed of 100 links, connected each to each by two rings, and furnished with a tally mark at the end of every ten links. A link in measurement includes a ring at each end, and is 7 and 92/100ths inches long. The rings are oval and are sawed and well closed, the ends of the wore forming the hook being also filed and bent close to the link, to avoid kinking.”



Source: *Manual of the Principal Instruments used in American Engineering and Surveying, 1910.*



Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs) Spring-Kakwité:ne 2016

2015/2016-#333 Approved of the 2014/15 draft audited Quebec SAA, AEDF/AIF 11 Financial Statements
Moved by: Chief L. Thompson
Seconded By: Chief J. Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#334 Energy Subsidy/ Parity Strategic Plan-Presented at General Meeting
Moved by: Petition
Seconded by: Petition
For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#335 General Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrkó:wa/January 28, 2016
Moved by: Chief T. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief C. Lazore
For: 10 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016 -#336 Council Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrha/December 22, 2015
Moved by: Chief K. Loran
Seconded by: Chief T. D. Thompson
For: 6 Against: 2 CARRIED

2015/2016-#337 Council Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrko:wa/January 6, 2016
Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief V. Thompson
For: 8 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#338 Council Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrko:wa/January 12, 2016
Moved by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief S. Thomas
For: 8 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#339 Council Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrko:wa/January 19, 2016
Moved by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief S. Thomas
For: 8 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-# 340 Council Meeting Minutes dated Tsiiothohrko:wa/January 26, 2016
Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson
For:8 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#341 Housing Upgrade Application
Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas
For:7 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#342 Letter to TransCanada
Moved by: Chief S.Thomas
Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson
For:7 Against:1 CARRIED

2015/2016-#343 Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-ON-000028 Amendment NO: 0011
Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas
For:8 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#344 Accept and Approve the MHLTC Agreement and Amendment 2
Moved by: L.Thompson
Seconded by: D. Chaussi
For:7 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#345 Initiating Development of Proposed Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Law
Moved by: Chief L.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore
For:7 Against:2 CARRIED

2015/2016-#346 Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-ON-000028 Amendment NO: 0001
Moved by: Chief L.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips
For: 9 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#347 Council Meeting Minutes Enniska/February 9, 2016
Moved by: Chief K.Loran
Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore
For: 8 Against: 1 CARRIED

2015/2016-#348 Council Meeting Minutes Enniska/February 23, 2016
Moved by: Chief K.Loran
Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips

For: 8 Against: 1 CARRIED

2015/2016-#349 Salary Administration Policy and Procedures-Revision of Chapter 8-Movement on Salary Grid
Moved by: Chief R.Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore
For: 9 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#350 AMPS Akwesasne Organized Crime Initiative Amendment to Original Agreement
Moved by: Chief S.Thomas
Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson
For: 5 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#351 Hourly Rates of Pay for Students Effective April 1, 2016
Moved by: Chief V.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson
For: 7 Against: 1 CARRIED

2015/2016-#352 Champlain LHIN and Akwesasne Nursing Home Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for 2016-2019
Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson
Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson
For:9 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#353 Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-ON-000010-A0003 to include an annual permanent growth of 2% in funding
Moved by: Chief K.Loran
Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore
For:9 Against:0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#354 Amendment to Champlain LHIN 2016/17 Multi Sector Service Agreement for the LHIN Community Support Services
Moved by: Chief K.Loran
Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips
For: 8 Against: 0 CARRIED

2015/2016-#355 The Hiring of a Pediatrician, Department of Health April, 2016
Moved by: Chief C.Lazore

Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For:7 Against: 0	CARRIED	Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 6 Agianst: 0	CARRIED	Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson For: 10 Against: 1	CARRIED
2015/2016-#356 Akwesasne Economic De- velopment Fund-Administration Fees for 2013/14 and 2014/15 Final Reports Moved by: Chief D.Lazore Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED	2015/2016-#365 General Meeting Minutes Enniskó:wa/March 3, 2016 Moved by: Chief J.Lazore Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#009 Bank of Montreal –Mort- gage Agreement Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 7 Against: 4	CARRIED
2015/2016-#357 Council Meeting Minutes Enniska/February 2, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief L. Thompson For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED	<u>New Fiscal Year-2016/2017 (MCR's)</u>		2016/2017-#010 Memorandum of Under- standing between MCA and the City of Corn- wall regarding the “Port Lands” Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 9 Against: 2	CARRIED
2015/2016-#358 Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 1, 2016 Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief L. Thompson For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#001 Appointment of Overseer for Akwesasne Community Trust Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 8 Against: 2	CARRIED	2016/2017-#011 2016 Census of Population Program Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief R.Jacobs For: 10 Against: 1	CARRIED
2015/2016-#359 Trails Development for Tsi Snaihne Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#002 Akwesasne Economic De- velopment Fund-2014/2015 Final Report Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#012 Operating Plan MCR for to Council April 11, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 8 Against: 2	CARRIED
2015/2016-#360 Trails Development for Kawehnoke Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 8 Against: 1	CARRIED	2016/2017-#003 Akwesasne Economic De- velopment Fund Moved by: Chief D.Lazore Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#013 Budget Reduction Strategy Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED
2015/2016-#361 Hiring of a Traditional Man, Department of Health April 1,2016 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 6 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#004 P&ID FY 2016/2017 Re- quest for Funding Proposal Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#014 Akwesasne Police Commis- sion, Seat for Kana:takon Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2015/2016-#362 The Hiring of a Physician, Department of Health Moved by: Chief D.Chaussi Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 6 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#005 Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 8, 2016 Moved by:Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#015 Housing-Upgrade Applica- tions Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2015/2016-#363 The Hiring of a Clinical Su- pervisor/Certified Counsellor, Department of Health April, 2016 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 6 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-# 006 Arbutus Retainer Agree- ment Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#016 Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1617-ON-000028 Amend- ment NO.0012 Moved by: Chief D.Chaussi Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2015/2016-#364 The Hiring of a Family Phy- sician, Department of Health April, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson		2016/2017-#007 Rescind MCR-Bank of Mon- treal ORHLP Moved by: Chief L.Thompson Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#017 Focus Meeting for Cornwall Port Divestiture information Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore	

For: 8 Against: 1	CARRIED	Acceptance in Principle Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 10 Against: 1	CARRIED
2016/2017-#018 Cornwall Port Divestiture Co-owners Agreement Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#028 Akwesasne Tobacco Law- Enactment by Referendum Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 10 Against: 1	CARRIED	2016/2017-#038 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:kha/April 18, 2016 Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#019 Acceptance of Trustee Res- ignation Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#029 Housing-Upgrade Applica- tions Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#039 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:kha/April 25, 2016 Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 10 Against: 1	CARRIED
2016/2017-#020 Appoint of Community Trustee for the Akwesasne Settlement Trust Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-# 030 St.Regis Catholic Donations Moved by:Chief A.A.Phillips Seconded by: K.Loran For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#040 Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Amendment NO 2 to increase the funding with a one-time enhancement of qual- ity and access to health care and a base in- crease Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#021 INAC/AANDC Common An- nual Report FY 2015/2016 P&ID File 4260-3- 0159 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#031 Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Seat for Kana:takon Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 8 Against: 3	CARRIED	2016/2017-#041 Housing Upgrade Applica- tion-Rescind Approve Repair Loan Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#022 Up-grade Application-Re- scind Approved Renovation Loan Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#032 Employee Payroll Deduc- tions and Incentives Plan Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 11 Against:0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#042 Housing Upgrade Applica- tion-Rescind Approve Repair Loan Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 10 Against 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#023 Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 8, 2016 Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 8 Against: 1	CARRIED	2016/2017-#033 Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-ON- 000010-A0004 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#043 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:wa/May 9, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#024 Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 15, 2016 Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 7 Against: 2	CARRIED	2016/2017-#035 Emergency Chiefs Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 30, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 7 Against: 4	CARRIED	2016/2017-#044 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Dis- order and Child Nutrition Program Services Contact for 2016/2017 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief D. Chaussi For: 12 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#025 Council Meeting Minutes Ennisko:wa/March 22, 2016 Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 7 Against: 2	CARRIED	2016/2017-#036 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:kha/April 3, 2016 Moved by: Chief A.A.Phillips Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 11 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#045 Akwesasne Economic De- velopment Fund Administration Fees for 2015/2016 Final Report Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief D. Chaussi For: 12 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#026 CMHC Loan Renewal Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 7 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#037 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:kha/April 11, 2016 Moved by: Chief S.Thomas			
2016/2017-#027 Akwesasne Tobacco Law-					

2016/2017-#046 Reimbursement of Funds from AANDC for Tsi Snaihne Sewage Treatment Plant Replacement Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 12 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#055 In Support of the SACAIS Quebec Poverty Project Proposal Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	For: 8 Against: 1	CARRIED
2016/2017-#047 Bell Canada Fibro Optic Detailing Moved by: Chief T.D. Thompson Seconded by: Chief V.Thompson For: 12 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#056 Contribution Agreement from Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#064 2016-2017 Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Service Contract Amendment Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief S.Thomas For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#048 Akwesasne Harbor Development Corporation Moved by: Chief S.Thomas Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 9 Against: 2	CARRIED	2016/2017-#057 Contribution Agreement for the Akwesasne Community Justice and Court Worker Program Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#065 2016/2017 National Child Benefit Reinvestment Projects Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#049 General Meeting Minutes Enniskó:wa/March 30,2016 Moved by: Chief T.Thompson Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 11 Against: 1	CARRIED	2016/2017-#058 Draft Memorandum of Agreement and Consent for Access to Property Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#066 Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-NO-000010-A0005 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief D.Chaussi For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#050 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:wa/May 16, 2016 Moved by: Chief C.Lazore Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson For: 7 Against: 3	CARRIED	2016/2017-#059 Social Infrastructure Fund Renovation Program & Retrofit-2016-2017 Call for Applications Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#067 Accept MCA Block 1 Lands-Environmental Remediation Moved by: Chief K.Loran Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 9 Against: 0	CARRIED
2016/2017-#051 Housing Up-grade Loan Moved by: Chief A.A.Phillips Seconded by: Chief D.Lazore For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#060 Council Meeting Minutes Onerahtohkó:wa/May 24, 2016 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief J.Lazore For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED	<div>KAWEHNO:KE AND TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEFS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON</div> <p>The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Mohawk Government office is pleased to announce that Tsi Snaihne and Kawehno:ke District Chiefs offer office hours in their home district every Friday afternoon from 2-4PM.</p> <p>One Tsi Snaihne District Chief will be available to meet with community members at Iohahi:io from 2-4PM every Friday afternoon.</p> <p>One Kawehno:ke District Chief will continue to meet with community members at CIA#3 small meeting room from 2-4PM every Friday afternoon.</p> <p>For more information, please call (613) 575-2348 Ext. 2200.</p>	
2016/2017-#052 Ministerial Loan Guarantee for CMHS Section 2015/2016 Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief A.A.Phillips For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#061 To Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1617-ON-000028 Amendment NO.0013 Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief K.Loran For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED		
2016/2017-#053 Akwesasne Economic Development Fund Community Infrastructure Application for the Department of Community & Social Services Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief C.Lazore For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#062 MCA Organizational Structure & Improvement Strategy Moved by: Chief A.A.Phillips Seconded by: Chief T.D.Thompson For: 8 Against: 0	CARRIED		
2016/2017-#054 MCA Special Needs Policy Amendment Moved by: Chief T.D.Thompson Seconded by: Chief T.Thompson For: 10 Against: 0	CARRIED	2016/2017-#063 Right of Way Lot 185-13 Kawehnoke Moved by: Chief V.Thompson Seconded by: Chief L.Thompson			

Grand Chief Abram Benedict Quarterly Activity Report

Grand Chief Activity Report for the Month of Enniska/February 2016

February 1, 2016 Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy, Ontario Minister Zimmer

The Political Confederacy (PC) for the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) hosted a Leadership meeting with the Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, David Zimmer, to discuss the implementation of the Political Accord, which was signed in August 2015 between the Chiefs of Ontario and the Premier of Ontario. The four-hour meeting covered a variety of topics as outlined:

- Jurisdiction over Child Welfare: Ontario has been involved in the development of an Aboriginal Children and Youth Strategy which includes a large component on jurisdiction. The Province is committed, as part of Truth and Reconciliation, to supporting jurisdictional discussions over what this means to the communities and the government. The Chiefs highlighted the need for transition, follow up, as well as the resources process to take over and maintain jurisdiction.
- Treaty Awareness: The Chiefs highlighted an upcoming Treaty Awareness Week scheduled for November 2016 and asked Ontario to support the efforts.
- Wealth Creation Summit: A proposal was given to Ontario for COO to host a Wealth Creation Summit in the coming months. The Province was receptive to the request and a committee would follow up with Ontario on the planning.
- Consultation Office: Chiefs of Ontario outlined an initiative it has been working on with Ontario to create a consultation office in Ontario. The Province recognized that it doesn't have a standard consultation practice and will work jointly with the Chiefs to develop one.
- Relationship Issues: The Chiefs ad-

ressed a number of ongoing issues with the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and reiterated to Ontario that daily issues with these ministries strains relationships and makes it difficult to see Ontario's commitment to a better relationship.

- OPP Task Force on Contraband Tobacco: With a recent announcement that the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services was financing the creation of an OPP Task Force that will be dedicated to disrupt the distribution of contraband tobacco in Ontario and beyond, the Chiefs asked why they were not consulted on this announcement. The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs is supporting the Tobacco Pilot Project in Akwesasne and it was questioned as to what this means for those projects. The Ministry would be following up with the announcement and its originators.

February 2, 2016 Council Meeting

Tuesday Council meeting update:

- Representatives from Statistics Canada presented to Council on the upcoming 2016 Census Canada Survey and talked about benefits of Akwesasne participating; a presentation will take place at the next General Meeting prior to Council determining if we will participate in the Census Survey.
- Representatives from Enbridge introduced themselves to Council and provided Council with a brief on ongoing work in the region.
- A request from the 2016 Akwesasne Carnival Committee was discussed and Council agree to send the annual 5K contribution but will request additional information before considering an additional contribution.
- Council discussed public safety concerns

and the need for community awareness; portfolio will follow up with AMPS on the need to promote awareness and presence

- MCR's passed: Approval of 2016 Addendum(s) to Leases on various islands; Approval of new lease(s) on various islands; Approval to proceed with new wholesaler for Ontario cigarette quota allocation systems; Approval of renewed Service Contract with Dr. Ojistoh Horn; Approval of renewed Service Contract with Dr. Brian Young; Allotment of land to community member (loan paid off); (3) Approval of upgrade loan(s) to community member(s); Approval of mortgage guarantee Bank of Montreal; Approval of new permit with DFO; Approval of Youth Representative to sit on Akwesasne Youth Council; Approval of Workplace Revitalization Working Group Terms of Reference and formation; Acceptance of 2015-2018 Strategic Plan; Approval (2) of Council meeting minutes.

February 2, 2016 Canadian Council for

Aboriginal Business (CCAB) Toronto Gala

On the evening of February 2, 2016, I was invited by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to attend the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) 18th Annual Toronto Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Toronto. The CCAB honored and celebrated the 2016 Aboriginal Business Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award inductee, Chief Darcy Bear, and the recipient of the National Youth Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Jacob Pratt. Over the course of evening, NHL legend Reggie Leach spoke to the guests about his childhood and his career in the NHL.

February 4, 2016 Lobby Training

Senior Management of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) as well as Council Chief and Mohawk Government staff participated in an all-day Lobby Training session with

Ron Gersh and Luke Nicholas from the CCS Group. The instructors explained how the structure of government worked in the political division as well as the bureaucratic division of the government. The process and importance of setting up meetings and to follow up was highlighted as well as key elements to remember and consider when a meeting with government is achieved. Government negotiations and strategies were also reviewed and discussed, the importance of approach based on the government values and commitment was explained. The afternoon session of the training the participants broke into two groups to conduct case studies and mock meetings.

February 5, 2016 Tsikaristisere / Dundee Land Claim

The Akwesasne Tsikaristisere/Dundee negotiation team met with Canada's negotiation team on February 5, 2016 to continue to review and negotiate language for the Final Settlement Agreement as well as the particulars on the Referendum process that will be used for the acceptance of the Agreement by the Akwesasne Membership. Each party agreed to certain undertakings to be followed up on.

February 10, 2016 Chiefs of Ontario update on the sale of Hydro One

On the morning of February 10, 2016 while in Vancouver, BC for the Assembly of First Nations Forum on Energy, the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Political Confederacy (PC) met to debrief on a recent meeting with Ontario negotiators on the purchase of Hydro One shares. The COO Negotiating Team debriefed the PC and outlined next step for the ongoing negotiations.

February 10-11, 2016 Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Forum on Energy- Vancouver, BC

On February 9, 2016, I traveled to Vancouver, BC to attend the Assembly of First Nations Forum on Energy. The forum began with

opening words from the National Chief who explained what he saw as expectations over the next two days. The forum was designed to have one main plenary for the morning to be followed by afternoon breakout sessions for presentations by smaller groups on specific areas. The main plenary presentations were from various communities involved in the energy sector as well as some of the larger corporate energy companies, who either spoke about current projects underway with Indigenous communities or about ongoing challenges in the energy sector. The Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer made a presentation to the delegation on how Ontario is working with Indigenous communities in Ontario involved in energy development. During the forum I participated in a breakout session on "Path Taken on Energy Development", "Free and Prior Informed Consent" and "The Transportation Corridor: passing through First Nation Territories". Each of these breakout sessions included panelists from either industry or communities who spoke about experiences, challenges, and opportunities. Also while at the forum a small delegation from the Chiefs of Ontario met with a group from Australia who specialized in providing renewable energy to communities with accessibility challenges.

February 17, 2016 Presentation to the Senate Committee

On the evening of February 17, 2016 the Director of Tehotienawakon Rasennes Pembleton from the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) and I traveled to Ottawa to present to the Senate Committee on Aboriginal People. Akwesasne had been invited to present to the committee who was examining the Jay Treaty and Border Crossing issues. I started off our presentation by introducing Rasennes Pembleton from ARRO who spoke on the history of the Jay Treaty and how the Treaty related to the Border Crossing Rights for First Nations. After Rasennes's presentation, I presented on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; the 94 recommendations and the United Nations

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP). These two documents provide strong rationale as to why and how Canada should recognize and implement the Jay Treaty. After my presentation James Ransom spoke about the on ground realities in Akwesasne and explained efforts to address the reporting requirements by proposing solutions to Canada. Once our presentation was completed the members of the Committee were able to ask questions about our presentation and about our border challenges. The committee was interested to hear Akwesasne's efforts on the proposed solutions for alternative reporting; we explained the proposals had been made to Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) and the Department of Indigenous Affairs. The committee was also interested to hear how the United States Customs Border Protection (USCBP) treated Akwesasne members when crossing the border into the USA. The Committee explained to us that they would be writing a report to the government. We extended an invitation to the senators to tour Akwesasne and to consider holding a special session in Akwesasne. *Transcripts of the hearing can be found on the Senate of Canada website.*

February 18, 2016 Cornwall Port Divestiture

On the morning of February 18, 2016, Chief Loran, the Aboriginal Rights and Research Manager and I along with representatives from the City of Cornwall met with Transport Canada to continue our ongoing negotiations with transport for the divestiture of the Cornwall Port. Akwesasne and the City are planning on a joint press conference within the next few months pending on the development of a Joint Communications Strategy with Transport Canada.

February 19, 2016 Signing Ceremony with St Lawrence College

On February 19, 2016, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Iohahi:io Adult Education renewed its three year agreement with St. Lawrence College to deliver post-secondary services to the community of Akwesasne.

Iohahi:io has had an agreement with the college for several years to deliver programming; the renewed agreement will ensure these programs continue for the next three years.

February 20, 2016 Akwesasne Role Models Recognition Breakfast

On the morning of Saturday, February 20, 2016, a few members of Council and I helped cook and serve breakfast to Akwesasne Role Model nominees. This breakfast was part of the ongoing festivities of the 2016 Akwesasne Winter Carnival. Congratulations and good job to all recipients of the Recognition Award!

February 22, 2016 Mohawk Government Budget Review

On the morning of February 22, 2016, members of Council met with senior staff of the MCA Finance Department to review the proposed 2016/2017 Mohawk Government budget. The current budget to operate the Mohawk Government Department is approximately 1.7 million, which includes all the Chiefs, nine staff members, legal fees, office supplies and travel. The Chiefs agreed to further examine legal fees in an effort to save costs, as well as an allocation for each Chief's travel.

February 23, 2016 Council Meeting

Tuesday, Council meeting update:

- Lawyers on the New York State Claim provided Council with a brief on the claim and an update on the current status.
- Council approved the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting.
- A brief was provided on an upcoming request from the OFNLP for the First Nations to consider participating in an Economic Opportunity Model; the request will be further researched and considered at a later date.
- Council agreed to have a session within two weeks around Prioritizing and Lobbying Strategy.

- The process in which Residency Letters are used and verified was discussed to ensure that any questionable residency is being reviewed and verified every time.
- Council asked Administration to review the protocol on parking lot and walkway snow removal.
- MCR's passed: Appointment of a community member to represent Kawehno:ke on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission; Approval of new Lease on Colquhoun Island; Approval to rescind the Housing Rental Increase Strategy and the approval of 16/17 Rental Increase Schedule; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne / Canada Financial Agreement; Approval of traditional knowledge on the Great Lakes Pilot Project; Approval of NRDA Institutional Funding Agreement for Thompson Island Youth Camp; Appointment of MCA personnel to the Additions to Reserve (ATR) Working Group; Acknowledgement of final Referendum results for the Akwesasne Court Law and approval for implementation August 2016; Approval of (2) Council Meeting Minutes.

February 23, 2016 Workplace Revitalization Workgroup

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne passed a MCR 2015/16 #317 dated February 2, 2016 creating the Workplace Revitalization Workgroup and the Terms of Reference for the Workgroup to work under. The Workgroup's primary focus areas are: 1) Develop a Workplace Environment Health Action Plan to respond to results of recent employee surveys; 2) Develop a strategy to strengthen MCA's citizen-focused culture; 3) Update MCA's Performance Review and Employee Development Policies and Processes; 3) Develop and propose options to strengthen the MCA Administration's Organizational Structure. The Committee's first meeting occurred on February 23, 2016; although I am ex officio to the Committee I attended the kick off meeting and welcomed

and thanked all the Committee Members for committing to assist in the important work to help improve the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in many areas. The Committee will meet every two weeks over the course of the next four to five months and will report regularly to Council.

February 23, 2016 Youth Business Graduation Ceremony

On the evening of February 23, 2016 I attended the Youth Business Graduation Ceremony at the Kana:takon Recreation Centre. Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS) started the program in November 2015 in partnership with the Department of Tehotiiennawakon and the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce to deliver training, coaching and business development technique and skills to the Akwesasne youth participants. Congratulations Youth Business graduates!

February 29, 2016 Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) Consultation

As the OCAS continues its work towards reconciliation between Indigenous Communities and Children Aid Societies (CAS's), there is a need for the CAS's to understand the different community perspectives on how communities view the relationship with non-indigenous organizations and governments. I was asked to present on the Two Row Wampum Belt from our perspective and how it relates to the child welfare sector in Ontario. I gave a bit of History on the Two Row as well as to the significance it has to our people. Explaining the Belt and its original intention will hopefully give Non-Indigenous partners a better understanding of why some of our people will not participate in the European systems.

Grand Chief Activity Report for the Month of Enniskó:wa/March 2016

March 2, 2016 Council Meeting

Council meeting update:

- Council reviewed and approved a request from the Cornwall Canada Day Committee to use the Anowara'kó:wa grounds as a launch site for the Canada Day fireworks.
- Council discussed the next steps in relation to a petition received at last month's General Meeting and directed a resolution be drafted for this month's General Meeting.
- A brief was provided for the upcoming NHL Native Alumni Game and events around the game.
- Senior Maintenance Manager for MCA facilities provided council with an overview of the protocols and procedures followed on days which MCA is closed or delayed in order to keep the facilities walkways cleared.
- A brief was provided on a proposal being submitted for the update of emergency management procedures and training.
- Council discussed agenda items for an upcoming Iroquois Caucus meeting and provided direction on specific items.
- MCR's passed: Approval of 2014/15 audit for AEDF financial statement.

March 2, 2016 Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) Grand Opening Reception

I attended a grand opening reception for Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) Cornwall Branch. BDC does business development consulting, lending, capital venture and provides other business development services. They also have an Aboriginal division who works with Aboriginal business on and off reserve.

March 3, 2016 CEO Daniels Watson - Parks Canada

Late in September 2015, we wrote Daniel Watson, Chief CEO for Parks Canada, asking for a meeting to discuss Tsikatsinakwahere / Cairn Island. MCA had been in previous discussion with Parks Canada for the return of Cairn Island to Akwesasne but due to staffing changes the discussions stalled and never resumed. On March 3, 2016, Chief Loran, staff members from the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) and I met with CEO Watson and regional representatives from Parks Canada to discuss the return of Cairn Island to Akwesasne. CEO Watson was very receptive to the return; he explained that Cairn Island had been transferred to Parks Canada from the Department of Interior (INAC) that has been designated as a Historical Site. CEO Watson is committed to start the return negotiations of Cairn Island.

March 3, 2016 Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders Association

On the afternoon of March 3, 2016, I met with SDG Highlander Major Jason Steeve's informal meet and greet to hear what work the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Highlanders Association is doing in the Cornwall and surrounding area. Jason is the recruitment officer for the Canadian Arm Forces.

March 4, 2016 Meeting with Trustees for the Akwesasne Community Trust

On Friday March 4, 2016, members of Council met with the Trustees for the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust and the Overseers of the Akwesasne Community Trust to review the results of a recent survey the trustees had conducted. The trustees are required to consult with the community annually on the development of their priorities for the upcoming year. The survey identified housing, promotion of the preservation of language and cultural heritage, promotion and support of the health, safety and wellbeing of our members and

finally, the promotion of economic development as priorities for the community. The trustees will now incorporate the priorities into the annual disbursements criteria of the trust funding. Additional information on the trust can be found on the trust Facebook page by liking "Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust", email comm. akwtrust@gmail.com, or by simply speaking to one of the community trustees.

March 7, 2016 Leadership Meeting

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) and the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (MNCC) generally try to meet monthly to discuss various issues. At the March 7, 2016 meeting the following topics were discussed:

- Update on the NYS Land Claims. Recent meetings with the county and the state regarding the claims.
- Border ID update from the MNCC.
- Presentation on Mohawk Electrical Cooperative by MCA.
- Common issues at community meetings.
- Ambulance and Police protocol for "Out of Service".
- Update on Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance.
- Joint press release on water safety and community Vigilance on suspicious activity.

March 8, 2016 Council Meeting

Council meeting update:

- Representatives from Vires Capital presented a summary draft for the Akwesasne Electrical Cooperative study.
- The Director of Tehotiiennawakon provided an update on future consultation meetings with community on the Energy East Pipeline project.

- Council set a date for an upcoming session with MCA directorship to discuss priorities and lobby strategy.
- The itinerary for an upcoming meeting with Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Zimmer was reviewed.
- Council agreed that the General Meeting for March would be moved to Wednesday March 30 to accommodate the Cultural Portrait community presentation scheduled for the March 31.
- With the recent discussion at the General Meeting around the Census Survey, Council will be reaching out to Statistics Canada for additional information, possible additional community meetings and timeline considerations.
- Council discussed agenda planning for General Meeting to ensure ample time for discussions.
- MCR's passed: Approval of letter to TransCanada regarding Communications and Engagement Agreement; Approval of renovation loan to community member; Approval of amendment to Canada/Akwesasne funding agreement; Approval of (6) Council Meeting Minutes.

March 9, 2016 Iohahí:io and Carleton University

On March 9, 2016, a delegation from Akwesasne, including representatives from Iohahí:io traveled to Carleton University to meet with the President of the University and her faculty staff to discuss the possibility of partnering with Iohahí:io to deliver a bachelor program here in Akwesasne. Over the last few years, we have seen a rise in the need for qualified individuals with bachelor degrees in social work, especially since receiving our Ontario Children's Aid designation. Iohahí:io had previously partnered with Carleton University in the past to deliver a bachelor program, but it has been a number of years since any program had been delivered in Akwesasne. The President was very recep-

tive to partnering, but was concerned with ensuring we had enough interest and commitment from students to operate the three year program. Each party committed to meet again, Iohahí:io staff was tasked with gathering and compiling potential student profiles and speaking with MCA programs to ensure commitment from the organizations to allow flexibility from existing staff to complete the program. A future meeting with Carleton is planned.

March 11, 2016 Meeting with Minister Zimmer

On March 11, 2016, Ontario Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, David Zimmer, met with Akwesasne leadership to discuss various initiatives which Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has ongoing with the Ministry. The Minister also toured the Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre in which we partnered with Ontario to open the centre. Our afternoon meeting with the Minister included a number of presentations from various departments within Mohawk Council who have existing relationships with Ontario through various agreements. The departments highlighted the successes and challenges within the Ontario-partnered programs. We discussed our community infrastructure needs with Minister Zimmer and also spoke about the economic impacts the toll location has on our community. Minister Zimmer provided an overview of Ontario's commitment to provide Indigenous cultural competency and anti-racism training for every employee in the Ontario Public Service sector. We explained to the Minister that Akwesasne has already partnered with other organizations to provide training. Akwesasne would like to partner with Ontario to deliver cultural competency training to the Cornwall area. Wrapping up from our afternoon meeting, the Minister and his staff toured the future site for the White Pines Healing Lodge.

March 16, 2016 Council Meeting

Council meeting update:

- A representative of Statistics Canada provided an overview of current census maps; Council agreed to arrange two more community presentations on the Census Survey prior to making a decision on community participation.
- Council was briefed on an upcoming youth gathering being held in the community this weekend.
- Staff from ARRO introduced our communications consultant who will be working on the education campaign for the Tsikaristisere Land Claim; staff also briefed Council on the status of the vehicle seizure civil case.
- Council passed a motion to withdraw the vehicle seizure civil case.
- The General Meeting agenda was set and will be released shortly.
- MCR's passed: Approval to develop a proposed Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Law; Acceptance of amendment to Akwesasne/Canada funding agreement; Approval of amendments to the MCA Salary Administration Policy and Procedures; Approval of Amendment to Approval of (2) Council Meeting minutes.

March 16, 2016 Cornwall Port Divestiture

On the morning of March 16, Chief Loran, Aboriginal Rights and Research Manager and representatives from the City of Cornwall met with the Transport Canada to continue our ongoing negotiations with Transport for the divestiture of the Cornwall port. Part of the ongoing process Akwesasne must formalize its relationship with the City of Cornwall in order to receive the transfer of the Cornwall port. Akwesasne and the City of Cornwall have a June 2016 deadline to accept the transfer from Transport Canada. The Council will continue to update the community as the file progresses.

March 16, 2016 Inter-Jurisdictional - Sub table on Justice

Part of the ongoing self-government negotiations with Canada under Nation Building, a Justice Sub-table with Canada, Ontario and Quebec was established to begin the process of developing a sectoral agreement with the provinces to implement the Akwesasne Mohawk Court and Akwesasne laws. During the afternoon meeting, a number of presentations were made on the following: The Akwesasne Review Commission; Political Protocol; Akwesasne Couples Property Law; Law Enactment Procedural Regulations; Akwesasne Mohawk Court; and past Akwesasne referendums. We explained how all these laws and processes are administered in Akwesasne and explained the need to have recognition of the Akwesasne Mohawk Court which could be rectified through a sectoral agreement with the provinces. Future Justice Sub-table meetings will occur with the provinces and we will continue to lobby the provinces for implementation.

March 17, 2016 Nation Building Self Gov- ernment Negotiations

The Akwesasne Governance and Relationship Self Government Negotiations team met with Canada on March 17th to continue the ongoing negotiations between Akwesasne - Canada Self-Government Agreement. These negotiations tentatively occur every other month with Canada. The agenda for this meeting included: Application of Indian Act and transition; Nature and form of Agreement; Implementation; discussion on fiscal; update on Political Protocol; Notification of Akwesasne Laws; Update on Inherent Right Policy; Capital Money and Estates; Exchange of Lands; Update on Mohawk Court Law; Work plan.

March 18, 2016 Call with Public Safety Associate Deputy Minister Gina Wilson

During Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to

Washington in March, Trudeau and President Barack Obama announced changes to the Canada U.S border as it relates to the way travelers and goods cross the border. The announcement focused on data sharing and pre-clearance. Following the announcement I arranged for a telephone call with the Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety Gina Wilson to discuss the recent announcement and what, if anything, it meant for Akwesasne. The recent announcement by Canada and the United States called for additional pre-clearance sites in Canada and the U.S which would allow for U.S border officers to be in Canada and Canadian border officers to be placed in the U.S. This sort of initiative would be needed in order to relocate the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) port of entry into the United States. Gina informed me that the immediate pre-clearance would be for major airports. Land pre-clearance was not out of the question, I expressed to her that Akwesasne would be supportive of pre-clearance. We also spoke about Akwesasne's proposed alternative reporting, and that pre clearance and alternative reporting are connected. The Minister of Public Safety has accepted to tour and meet with Akwesasne leadership in the near future.

March 19, 2016 Meeting with Deputy Min- ister of Ministry of Children and Youth Alex Bezzina

Over the weekend of March 19 & 20 the Ontario First Nations Young People Council (OFNYPC) held a Youth Symposium in Akwesasne which attracted about 100 youth delegates from across Ontario to Akwesasne to discuss issues of commonality and emerging regional and national concerns. The youth focused on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations and how the youth could embrace the recommendations and advise community leadership. During the Saturday morning opening I was able to share a few welcoming words with the youth, along with Sub Chief Cheryl Jacobs and Mohawk Nation Chief Richard Mitchell who shared in the welcoming. The

Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services Alex Bezzina was also in attendance at the youth gathering; the ministry was a major contributor to the symposium. The Deputy Minister and I met for a bit to discuss the infrastructure challenges our child and family services unit has had since we were designated approximately five years ago. We also spoke about the upcoming Children and Youth Strategy leadership roundtable meeting in May. I reiterated that Akwesasne would like to create our own Child Law in the future and would be looking for Ontario's support.

March 21, 2016 Meeting with Transport Canada & Indigenous Affairs Canada

Recently, Akwesasne has begun meeting with representative from the Department of Indigenous Affairs Canada and Transport Canada to discuss the ongoing seaway litigation against Canada. Late in December we presented to Canada a proposal of areas of which we would like to discuss potential resolve with respect to the construction of the shipping channel. We met on March 21st to respond to questions and to hear back from our proposed areas. A series of upcoming meetings have been planned with Canada to begin the dialogue.

March 22, 2016 Vice News

On the afternoon of March 22nd, I was invited by Vice News to meet with a few journalists in their Toronto office who were doing a documentary on border communities and the impacts the international border has on the communities. I spent about one hour with the crew from Vice explaining the everyday impacts of the border from, services delivery, to international security, to every day inconvenience. Vice committed to come to Akwesasne to experience the border first hand.

March 23-24, 2016 Chiefs of Ontario – Ontario First Nations Working Group on Water

On March 23 & 24, the Director of Technical Services and the Water and Wastewater Manager and I attended a two day session in Toronto with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Ontario First Nations Working Group on Water. A number of presentations were provided on various work around water that is ongoing either at the Ontario Region, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) with a bit of discussion on other provincial works across Canada. Guests from the Navajo Nation presented on their water regulatory framework and challenges they have encountered in the development and implementation stages, as well as ongoing challenges they face today. The Navajo Nation received delegated authority over the water from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the United States. The working group broke out into a number of working sessions to review and discuss a number of regulatory options for Ontario First Nations to consider. The regulation of water and source water protection has been an ongoing challenge for the communities mainly because of resourcing and capacity for the communities. Akwesasne has proposed to Canada to develop its own Akwesasne Water Law. This is something we will be pursuing over the next few years.

March 23, 2016 Meeting with Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development

On the afternoon of March 23rd the Director of Technical Services and I traveled to the Indigenous Affairs office in Toronto to meet with Regional Director General (RDG) Howlett to follow up on our capital submission to the department on the expansion of the Tsi Snaihne wastewater treatment plant. We explained to the RDG that Akwesasne has made significant investments into the planning and design of the treatment plant. The project is ready to go. We requested an update on the financial submission and suggested the department to consider reim-

bursement of our costs for the design; we explained we would prefer to contribute to the project rather than design. While meeting with the RDG, we presented the Kawehno:ke Buckshot Road surfacing projects, and also talked about the governance review the Mohawk Council has undertaken to enhance our service and delivery models. The RDG committed to follow up with her staff on the areas we raised during the meeting.

March 29, 2016 Legal Review

On the morning of March 29, Council met to review the previous year's expenditures for legal costs and also to discuss how Council can bring down the costs going forward. Mohawk Council engaged various lawyers for the varying legal files, from employment to contract to aboriginal rights. The Council agreed that we will continue to examine ways to curb the costs and also agreed that administration would issue a call for tender for employing legal services.

March 29, 2016 Lobbying / Priorities

Strategy Planning

As part of Council's ongoing strategic planning and prioritizing of lobbying strategies, Council met with senior management to identify departmental priorities. Earlier in the year, the Council went through a series of sessions with senior management to develop the Mohawk Council strategic plan for the 2015-2018 Council term. The lobbying strategy session was held at the Kana:takon Recreation and was facilitated by John Lees from Orbis Risk consulting. The day-long session included an overview of the completed strategic plan as well as a presentation on the recent comprehensive community plan survey results. The community comprehensive plan helped identify what the community priorities are outside of what the Mohawk Council views as priorities. Over the course of the facilitated session leadership and staff broke out into a number of smaller group sessions to discuss departmental priorities.

Council felt this session was important to help to identify realistic priorities that could be part of Councils lobbying efforts over the next two years. A final report will be generated and shared with the community in the coming months.

March 29, 2016 Statistic Canada Census Survey Presentation

Council has been considering a resolution granting Statistic Canada access to canvas the community for the 2016 Census Survey. A council resolution would stipulate that participation is voluntary to each individual household. On the evening of March 29 representatives from the Statistics Canada held an information session in the district of Tsi Snaihne to answer questions from the community and to share what the benefits are to the community for participating in the census survey. This information meeting was held to help the Council gauge the communities support or opposition for participation.

March 30, 2016 Monthly General Meeting

On the evening of March 20, 2016 Council hosted its monthly General Meeting at the Kanonhkwa'tsherí:io atrium in Kana:takon. The General Meeting agenda included two presentations. One from representatives from Statistics Canada on the 2016 Census Survey and the other presentation was the Mohawk Council Environment Program on the Minnows and Shoreline Study that the program has undertaken. The General Meeting was attended by approximately ten community members.

March 30, 2016 Lunch with Michael O'Reilly - Cornwall Electric

I reached out to the new manager of Cornwall Electric to arrange a meeting to introduce myself, and also to follow up on a recent question posed at a general meeting. On March 30th I met with Michael O'Reilly over lunch in the City of Cornwall. I followed up with Michael on whether or not Cornwall Electric would purchase renewable energy

produced by either wind or solar. In Ontario renewable energy is purchased by the province through a subsidy program, Cornwall Electric is not part of the Ontario grid therefore they are not part of the subsidy program; which means they generally do not purchase renewable energy and if they do its not at a subsidized rate. Michael also confirmed that Kawehno:ke - Cornwall Island electricity rate is the same as Cornwall.

March 31, 2016 Think Tank on Consultation

The Mohawk Council has been in the process of developing a consultation policy for MCA to consider and accept. On March 31, 2016 the Department of Tehotiiennawakon arranged to have Council participate in a Think Tank session on what an Akwesasne specific consultation policy might look like. Three presentations were made by MCA legal counsel, Consultants from McDonald-Laurier Institute and Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) LLP, on various aspects of consultation, from legal definitions to case law. The participants of the Think Tank session focused on a number of key questions around practicality and jurisdiction. A draft policy will be developed based on the feedback from the Think Tank.

March 31, 2016 Sharing through Generations

On the evening of March 31 as follow up to our partnership with Quebec under our Cultural Development Agreement, Mohawk Council hosted an unveiling of the portraits that were developed under the agreement. Akwesasne's local artist Natasha Smoke Santiago and Huntingdon artist John Ryan both painted cultural portraits of each other's community. Earlier in the year Natasha's artwork was placed in the Huntington community centre. On March 31 we unveiled John Ryan's artwork at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation. This was the final component of the Quebec Cultural Agreement. We celebrated the evening with dinner and enjoyed the documentary of the cultural project.

The film trailer can be found on the following website: <https://vimeo.com/user1443684/videos>

Grand Chief Abram Benedict's April 2016 Activity Report

April 1, 2016 Iohahiiio & Carleton University

Following our meeting with the President of Carleton University on March 9, 2016 we met with representatives of Carleton to further discuss the delivery of a bachelors program here at Iohahiiio. As previously discussed with Carleton, Akwesasne needs to have a committed core group of students in order for a three year program to be delivered successfully. On April 1, 2016 we met with Carleton representatives to go through a number of students files that have expressed an interest in the bachelor program. Each potential student will have to be assessed individually to ensure the admission requirements are met.

April 4, 2016 Council Meeting update

- Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) Manager briefed Council on a recent negotiation meeting with Transport Canada which outlined the next steps for the ongoing negotiations.
- Council discussed the procedure for issuance of status cards and will research the policy for issuance to non-Akwesasronon.
- An annual request from Northern Cree members to hunt in the Akwesasne Territory was discussed and will be further researched prior to considering giving them permission.
- The Council meeting schedule was reviewed and Council agreed to move the Council Meetings to Mondays instead of Tuesdays.
- MCRs passed: Appointment of Overseer to the Akwesasne Community Trust; Acceptance of 2014/15 Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF) Final Report; Approval of AEDF application for community business; Approval of funding proposal to AANDC

2016/17 P&ID fund; Approval of Council Meeting Minutes;

April 5, 6, 2016 Think Tank Session on Child Welfare

I attended a day and a half session hosted by the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS). The theme of the session was reconciliation, as it relates to the child welfare sector in Ontario. The Children's Aid Societies in Ontario have been pondering the idea of apologizing to the Indigenous people for their role in residential schools, and the implementation of government assimilation policies on Indian people. A presentation was made on a draft reconciliation framework that the OACAS had developed. The OACAS also gave an overview on some of the work individual CAS's is working to close the gaps and improve the working relationship with local Indigenous communities. The participants provided feedback on the framework and discussed the merits of an apology from the CASs. A majority of the participants felt that an apology should come with action, but they also felt that if anyone should be making the wrongs right it should be the Canadian government rather than the agencies.

April 6, 2016 Hydro One Conference Call

I participated in a conference call with other members of the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Political Confederacy (PC) and the Hydro One negotiation team. The negotiation team informed the PC that Ontario is moving forward with a second public offering of shares for Hydro One. Ontario plans to sell 60% of the company through the stock market. After this second round of sales, Ontario will still own 70% of the shares leaving another 30% to be sold. The Chiefs in Ontario are attempting to negotiate a 10% ownership share in Hydro One. This work will continue over the next several months.

April 7, 2016 Aboriginal Institutes

Consortium (AIC) - Thunder Bay

Members of the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) Political Confederacy (PC) met with the Aboriginal Institutes Consortium (AIC). The AIC is an organization that represents all the Aboriginal Education Institutes in Ontario. Iohahi:io is a member of the consortium. The purpose of the meeting was for the AIC to provide an update to the PC with respect to the development of an Ontario AIC Position Paper. Currently AICs in Ontario are not recognized as educational institutes and are unable to deliver programs which graduate students under the AIC Institute. Instead, programs must be delivered in partnership with mainstream colleges or universities. The AIC is asking the political leadership for assistance in lobbying the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities for recognition of the AIC as educational institutes.

April 7, 2016 Political Confederacy (PC) Meeting - Thunder Bay

Following the morning meeting and presentation by the Aboriginal Institutes Consortium, the PC met to discuss other files. The education program for the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) provided the PC with a review and budget analysis of the 2016 federal budget with respect to education. Ontario will continue to lobby the federal government for a population-based formula. When it comes to regional allocations of money, Ontario is the largest region and lacks the required funds to provide for the population. Representatives from the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) provided a briefing on an issue with respect to Ontario holding back \$37 million dollars from the Casino Rama operating reserves. The OFNLP is requesting political support to lobby Ontario to release the \$37 million to the First Nations in Ontario.

Other items discussed included:

- Upcoming agenda for the 2015 All

Ontario Chiefs Conference in Thunder Bay on June 28-30, 2016.

- Review of agenda and format for upcoming meeting with Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne.
- Hydro One meeting update.

April 8, 2016 Economic Roundtable

On Friday morning, members of Council as well as staff from Tehotiiennawakon met with members of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, City of Cornwall, Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce, Akwesasne Area Management Board, Cornwall Tourism and other area organizations. The discussion was based on common themes and local initiatives to enable our communities to work together to create opportunities for all our people. We spent the morning going over current initiatives in each community and organization. The group agreed to develop an information sharing committee to examine ways of communicating with each party on common themes, opportunities, and challenges.

The Agenda items included:

- Access and deliveries to Akwesasne
- Local Business Networks
- Akwesasne Employment Opportunities
- Tourism

Overall, the morning meeting went very well. This meeting was a first of many steps to work with our surrounding organizations and governments.

April 11, 2016 Council Meeting update

- Council discussed a request for support from a member of the Youth Council and agreed that the members of the Youth Council will be announced and introduced at the next General Meeting by Council and they will each be given the opportunity to provide a bio.
- Youth Council travel protocols and budget was discussed. Council was

briefed on a recent Property Acquisition Team (PAT) meeting and will be provided with further details on properties that are being examined.

- An update was provided on a recent working group formed at the AFN. The group is working on border identification cards.
- Council agreed to identify next week's Chair for the Council meeting while Grand Chief is away on travel. Council also agreed that when the Grand Chief is away the Chair will rotate among Council Members.
- A recent release from Six Nations and Kahnawake was discussed and Council agreed to provide a release supporting Six Nations and Kahnawake.
- Representatives from Assured Care Consulting presented on a Organizational Review of Iakhihsotha and Tsiionkwanohnso:te.
- MCRs passed: Acceptance of Terms of Agreement In Principal for Cornwall Port Divestiture Agreement; Acceptance of retainer agreement with Arbutus Law; Approval to rescind MCR for Bank of Montreal mortgage guarantee; Approval of Bank of Montreal mortgage guarantee for community member; Appointment of community member to represent Tsi Snaihne District on the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission; Approval for Statistics Canada to canvas Akwesasne for 2016 Census Survey, participation is voluntary; Acceptance of 2016/2017 MCA operating plan and budget; Acceptance of 2016/2017 budget reduction strategy.

April 14, 2016 Cornwall University Steering Committee & Carleton University

I traveled with the Cornwall University Steering Committee to Ottawa to meet with Carleton University. The steering committee has been considering partnering with Carleton University to start a Lead to Win program in Cornwall. The committee met

with the Executive Director of the “Lead to Win” program to hear what the program is all about and how it could be started in Cornwall. The objective of the program is for select students to be able to build a venture to generate \$1 million annual revenue in three years. A very ambitious team and sponsor will work with students and programs to make each venture a success. In order for this program to start in Cornwall at the Nav Canada facility, the steering committee would have to raise a million dollar endowment fund to support the “Lead to Win” program. The committee will consider options at a later date.

April 15, 2016 Workplace Revitalization Workgroup (WRW)

As an ongoing initiative, the Mohawk Council Workplace Revitalization Workgroup (WRW) provided Council and Senior Managers with an update on the work completed so far. The workgroup explained the themes that have been identified as a result of interviews with staff. Four themes were discussed at length:

1. Organizational Design (Executive Services and Mohawk Government)
2. PREA process and employee development,
3. Work place culture and climate at MCA,
4. Quality programs and service to community.

The WRW was mandated by Council earlier in the year to examine and make recommendations to Council for improvement in these four areas. The WRW is expected to make the recommendations by the end of June 2016.

April 17, 2016 Political Confederacy Meeting - Toronto

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 17, the Political Confederacy (PC) under the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), met to prepare for an upcoming meeting with the Premier of Ontario. Since the signing of the Political

Accord last year with the Premier, the Chiefs committed to meeting bi-annually. The PC also conducted other regular business which included an update from the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP), who had presented to the PC at the prior meeting, but wanted to present the PC with a draft letter to the Premier for consideration. Legal Counsel for COO provided a briefing on the recent Daniel case decision from the Supreme Court of Canada. It was agreed that a two page brief would be provided to all the Chiefs on the decision. The PC spent a significant amount of time discussing the situation in Attawapiskat, the focus of the discussion was around how the Chiefs could support the community and how the COO Office should be prepared for future emergency situations. On behalf of Akwesasne, I extended our support and assistance in any way we could, but the challenge is that many communities such as Attawapiskat don't have the capacity to receive the support. The members of the PC reviewed the COO portfolio system and each PC representative chose a portfolio. Akwesasne agreed to participate on the Wealth Creation, Tobacco, Environment, Water and Climate Change portfolios.

April 18, 2016 Political Confederacy (PC) & Meeting with Premier

On April 18, the PC continued its regular business from the day before and also prepared for the afternoon meeting with Premier Wynne. In the afternoon, members of the PC traveled to Queens Park for the meeting with the Premier. Each member of the PC, including myself had speaking parts under various heading. The Ontario First Nations Young Peoples Council (OFNYPC) presented on Safe Talk training for youth, and how this could assist with community issues such as the one in Attawapiskat. Some of the key presentations made to the Premier were:

- Addressing poverty in Indigenous Communities via Poverty Action Now

position paper

- Ending boil water advisories in Ontario in partnership with the Federal Government
- Jurisdiction over Child Welfare
- Truth and Reconciliation Recommendations
- Resource revenue sharing

April 20, 2016 Call with Stephen Gagnon: Director General, Treaties & Aboriginal Government

Following our recent rejection for negotiations from Indigenous Northern Affairs Canada on the North Shore, Barnhart and Baxter Island Claims, I arranged for a telephone call with Stephen Gagnon to discuss other options. I expressed our serious disappointment with recent notification. Mr. Gagnon informed me that the MCA could continue to further research the claims and resubmit them for consideration. The MCA Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO) will further research the claim and resubmit when additional evidence is found.

April 20, 2016 Breakfast Kick off for Cornwall Children's Treatment

On the morning of April 20, I attended the annual breakfast kick off for the Cornwall Children's Treatment Centre. The breakfast was the beginning of an annual Bike-a-Thon Plus fundraiser that the Cornwall Children's Treatment Centre hosts in order to raise money for the centre and their services. Keynote speaker Peter O'Brian shared his own sexual abuse experience that he endured as a young man and what actions lead to him to coming forward and reporting the incident to the police authorities. Peter O'Brian is the husband of Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett. Mrs. Bennett was also in attendance at the breakfast function and afterwards we were able to speak briefly. We spoke about the pre-clearance announcement from Canada and I let her

know that is what is needed here in Cornwall is to relocate the CBSA Port. I also let her know that Minister Goodale had accepted our invitation to come to Akwesasne and we would be talking with him about that. I mentioned to her that so far we have had good productive negotiations with Canada on the Seaway Case and the Cornwall Port divestiture files. I offered to meet with the Minister in her office to follow up on a few items; she was open to meeting. I also expressed to her my disappointment with the recent notification from Canada on the North Shore, Barnhart & Baxter Island Claims.

April 20, 2016 Cornwall Port Divesture

Akwesasne meets regularly with the City of Cornwall to discuss the ongoing negotiations and prepare for upcoming meetings with Transport Canada. Over the lunch hour on April 20th Akwesasne and City of Cornwall committees met to review and finalize the co-ownership agreement between the City of Cornwall and Akwesasne. The committees agreed that subject to the MCA's approval an official signing ceremony would take place on April 25 at the A'nowarako:wa Arena. Once the co-owners agreement was signed the parties would then work to finalize the transfer agreement with Transport Canada.

April 23, 2016 Focus Meeting on Cornwall Port

Council held a focus meeting at the Kana:takon School to provide the community with an

update on the Cornwall Port divestiture file. We explained the negotiations have been ongoing for about two years, attempts to divest the Port of Cornwall had occurred in the past in 2004, which failed when Cornwall and Akwesasne couldn't agree on equal partnership.

April 25, 2016 Council Meeting update

- US Customs Massena Port Director as well as other representatives from US CBP introduced the new Tribal Liaison to Council and gave a brief on the liaison duties.
- Council reviewed and set the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting.
- A recent administrative decision on evaluations was reviewed and reaffirmed by Council.
- An update was given on MCA's assistance in the preparation for Kashechewan evacuees.
- Akwesasne Island lease renewal schedule was discussed and OVS committee will further research increase options as well as Akwesasne resident fee schedule.
- Council discussed options for enforcement, deterrent and protection of wetlands and shorelines within Akwesasne, further research will be conducted on options for consideration.
- Council agreed to a letter of support for an AMBE funding application to AANDC.
- Council was briefed on a Book of Recognition concept.
- MCRs passed: Acceptance of Cornwall

Port Divestiture Co-owners agreement between the City the Cornwall and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne; Acceptance of Akwesasne Trustee Resignation; Appointment in principal of Trustee to the Akwesasne Community Trust; Approval of AANDC Common Annual Report FY 2015/16 for P&ID funding; Approval to rescind upgrade application loan - loan refused; Approval of (3) Council Meeting Minutes.

April 25, 2016 Signing of the Co-owners agreement with the City of Cornwall

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the City of Cornwall held a signing ceremony to officially sign the co-owners agreement between the two parties. This agreement brings the Mohawk Council and the City of Cornwall one step closer to receiving the Cornwall Port from Transport Canada. The next steps will be to finalize a transfer agreement with Transport Canada.

April 29, 2016 Iohahi:io Closing Ceremony

Iohahi:io hosted a closing ceremony for their Human Resources Program graduates. I was asked to share a few congratulatory words. A few Chiefs attended the ceremony and wished the graduates well in their bright futures. Congratulations to all the 2016 graduates!

Tsi Snaihne District Chief Karen Loran Quarterly Portfolio Report

Portfolios

*Government Secretariat – Major
Government Secretariat Portfolio Holders-Joe
Lazore, April Adams-Phillips,
Steve Thomas, Tim Thompson
Department of Health-Minor
Akwesasne Housing-Minor*

Thank you for taking the time to enjoy our latest edition of Onkwetake. In this new term of Council, as portfolio holder for Government Secretariat the goal is to ensure the continuations of files that are on-going and moving forward. The Government Secretariat portfolio participates in numerous files, some of which included:

The Bi-Lateral Committee for the Cornwall Harbour Port Divestiture

The Bi-Lateral Committee began in the fall of 2015 with a development of a “critical path schedule”. There have been on-going negotiations, focus meetings, updates, and the signing of the Co-Ownership agreement.

The Tsikairistisere Dundee land claim

We are currently preparing to bring about informational sessions and monthly

newsletter updates to the community. Everyone is welcomed to attend and ask questions.

The Seaway Claim

Initially, the seaway claim was filed in 1976. This claim has been 49 years in the process to negotiate a settlement of claims against the St. Lawrence Seaway Association due to the expropriation of lands and damages from the seaway. Discussions are currently ongoing.

The Ontario Power Generation Claim

The Settlement of the OPG claim created an OPG Joint implementation Team (JIT) with linkages with OPG and Akwesasne. This team meets on a monthly basis. The community tie with OPG has created a very welcoming atmosphere at the OPG Visitors Center. Currently, there is a display created by the Native North American Travelling College which showcases historical artifacts and information at the center.

ATR Block 1 Lands

The ATR Block 1 lands include Cairn Island, Kawehno:ke Block 1 lands and the Sheek

Island, Adams Island, Presqu’île Island and Toussaint Island. There is a specific process for these lands under Canada’s Additions to Reserve.

Collaborations

The Sharing Through the Generation’s project has come to a beautiful end for Akwesasne. From the collaborations with the Quebec Ministry of Culture and Communications (MCC), the Regional Conference of élus Vallée-du-Haut-Saint-Laurent (CRE), the Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs (SAA) and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA). The collaboration project met the goals specified by the Cultural Development Agreement objectives which included “Akwesasne A Cultural Portrait”, and a documentary which showcased the artist working on the travelling mural between Natasha Smoke Santiago and John Ryan. We are now currently working on showcasing the travelling mural throughout our community and Quebec.

If you need additional information please feel free to contact any of the Government Secretariat portfolio holders.

Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips Quarterly Portfolio Report

Portfolios

*Department of Technical Services – Major
Education-Major
Minors-Government Secretariat, Department
of Health, Public Safety
and Tehotienawakon*

Please take the time to enjoy the summer edition of onkwetake and catch up on Councils portfolios. We are just ending the first quarter of the new fiscal and have been busy working towards the new strategic plan, the goals and initiatives that were identified with Orbis Consultation group as well as our portfolio priorities. During the month of April, we attended Iroquois Caucus which is made up of Akwesáhsne, Kahnawà:ke, Kahnésatá:ke, Oneida of the Thames, Six

Nations of the Grand River, Tyendinaga, and Wahta, which share some common issues while working towards governance. During the month of June, we attended Independent First Nations Climate Change and Action which included several Shawanaga, Nawash, Saugeen, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Temagami, Whitesand, Animbiizoo Sagigan, and Akwesasne representation.

The Department of Technical Services

As you may know, this department deals with our infrastructure and planning. They have identified the needs of the community and the importance of lobbying efforts needed to meet the growing population of Akwesasne.

The Orbis Consultation Group

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has taken the initiative to identify specific goals and priorities that need to be followed up on with stakeholders and those who are accountable.

Youth, Elders, Culture and Language Committee

I would like to formally introduce our Youth members: Brayden Sonny White, Coree Phillips, Konwahentawi Sharrow, Ratsienhahiens Adams and Kaylin Oakes. Our Youth members have been busy with their Post-Secondary education, jobs, and committees. They haven’t been able to actively meet on a regular basis, but hopefully in the future they will be able to work collectively.

Tsi Snaihne District Chief Connie Lazore Quarterly Report

Shekon,
I can report on working with the Justice Department and the Entewatatha:wi (Nation Building) Program as my major portfolios and attending OVS Committee Meetings and Membership Board Working Committee, Executive attending the AFNQL and Iroquois Caucus Meetings.

Justice Department Activities:

- I have been participating in the Election Law Review; meetings are held weekly and we are progressing well, we have completed the review up to section 5 of the Election Law, we have looked at the Terms of Reference for the Chief Electoral Officer and the Deputy Electoral Officers. We also had discussion on conducting a survey on the questions for the Election Law to gather community input. However, it was determined that a survey of this was done in 2012 asking the same questions.
- I have been attending the Multi-jurisdictional Meetings, a Sub-table on Justice, to obtain recognition of the Mohawk Court by the provincial and federal governments. These meetings have been ongoing and will continue to be. There will be a great deal of work required to make this happen, the Akwesasne team is persistent and staying the course.
- Compliance Program, the Justice Director and myself have met with the Chief of Police to discussion the possibility of increasing the size of this program, training, equipment and other items associated with this endeavor. I have also recently reached out to the Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety Canada for information and suggestion of the next steps to assisting Akwesasne with this endeavor.

Entewatatha:wi Program Activities:

- The meetings have been alternating weekly and sometimes other weeks there

have been additional meetings scheduled.

- The meetings are on the Land Code, a line by line, page by page review is conducted, with good discussion.
- The Governance Code, a line by line, page by page review is conducted with good discussion.
- The Negotiation Preparation Meetings for negotiations with the Federal Government that are schedule every approximately every 6-8 weeks.
- Education of the Entewatatha:wi Program will begin soon. Personnel have been working on the program.
- Courses were offered in Indigenous/ Canada Relations and Leadership & Management in Indigenous Governments by Carleton University. I utilized my leave credits to attend these two courses under the Indigenous Policy & Administration, in reviewing the program I felt it related to the Self-Government Portfolio and dealing with the Federal Government. Both course were very interesting and informative.

Office of Vital Statistics & Membership Board Meetings:

- I have attended a couple of Membership Board Meetings, as well as, the working committee meetings of the board to review their procedures and regulations. I provided some input and then made request to Council table on the process of this document.
- I have attended OVS Committee meeting over the past few months with discussion on land and membership issues.

Executive Committee Meetings- Minor Portfolio:

- I have only attended one meeting in the

past few months, scheduling conflict arise as of my major portfolio, Justice & Entewatatha:wi meetings have been scheduled at the same time or I was away on travel.

Department of Health – Minor Portfolio:

- My apologies to the Director of Health and my district community members. I have not been attending any portfolio meetings for the past few months. Scheduling has become a factor. DOH is minor portfolio for me I trust the major portfolios have been attending.

Other Initiatives:

- I attended Mediation Training on weekends of April 2/3rd and 9/10th and now am a certified mediator. I have also been attending the Assembly of First Nations Quebec Labrador Session in April and the Iroquois Caucus meeting in April. I decided not to attend either the AFNQL or Iroquois Caucus in June to attend Entewatatha:wi meetings for preparation for July negotiations with Canada on Self Government and attend Justice preparation meetings for the Multi-jurisdiction for July.
- AFNQL Meeting Topics of Discussion: PublicSecurity&CrisisSituations,National Fisheries, National Budget, Sustainable Development, Education Council, Social Service Commission, Human Resource Development and Housing.
- Iroquois Caucus Topics of Discussion: Updates from All Communities, Hunting & Fishing, Algonquins of Ontario, Language, Education, Taxation & Economic Summits, Tobacco Issues, Border Crossing & Federal Budget.
- Organization Review: The Mohawk Council is in the process of an organization review, changes will eventually be incorporated by Administration.

Funding Applications: I worked with the Emergency Measures Program to prepare and submit applications for funding to Indigenous & Northern Development Canada. Akwesasne Trust Fund applications: I worked with the HAVFD Station #3 and Snye Recreation for applications submissions. Public Safety Proposal suggestion for a potential Feasibility Study re: CBSA.

Extra: EMAP Applications:

- \$25,000 to conduct a Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment & Revised the Emergency Management Plan for Akwesasne and currently working with the Consultant on the contract to begin the work.
- \$28,000 to conduct training for the effective operation by personnel for an Emergency Operations Center in the event of the emergency in Akwesasne.

Trust Fund Applications:

- Worked with and wrote the Funding Request for the HAVFD Station #3 in Tsi Snaihne for a new Fire Pumper/Engine. Met with Station #3 Personnel then I wrote the application and provided to Station #3 for review and submission.
- Worked with Snye Recreation for funding request for Splash Pad, new Gym Floor and Lacrosse Box. Attended meetings and provided information and review of document with Committee Members.

Public Safety Canada:

- I was advised of a potential funding source from the Ministry of Public Safety. They were accepting funding applications regarding public safety initiatives. I suggested to the Grand Chief that we might apply for funding to conduct a

feasibility study with regards to moving the CBSA site to the US portion. Grand Chief felt it was a good initiative and had a proposal prepared and submitted.

- Should you have any question or wish to have discussion or meet with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613 575-2250 ext. 2253 or 613-363-0968 or email: chief.connie.lazore@akwesasne.ca Please note that if I am out of the office, Kuyra Chaussi is my Executive Assistant, she will be more than happy to assist you in contacting me or leaving a message.

Nia:wen, Enjoy your Summer.
Chief Connie Lazore.

Kana:takon District Chief Darryl Lazore Quarterly Report

I hope everyone is well. I've been busy the past six months with travel, meetings, and many presentations. Below is a listing of my activities.

- Traveled to New Orleans for Beyond the Border conference.
- Traveled to Niagara Falls for Emergency Measure 1+2+3+4.
- Attended quarterly housing meetings. Last quarter held in Akwesasne and the other meeting was held in Toronto.
- Met Minister Kelly.

- Met with City of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce.
- Attended Port Divestiture Negotiation.
- Met with US Customs and Border Patrol and other agencies regarding information that went out to school on Cross Border Travelling.
- Attended Trust Committee meetings at Casino.
- Attended MCA Long Term Service Recognition Luncheon.
- Attended Leadership meetings.

- Attended community meeting for the need of a detox building in Akwesasne at Tribal building.
- Visited meet and greet with INAC in Gatineau, Quebec.
- Discussed various issues with community members.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Have a safe and wonderful summer. Let's enjoy the beautiful weather.

Support a Drug Free Community!



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

Wholistic Health & Wellness (Addictions & Counseling) (613) 575-2341 ext. 3100	 Mohawk Police & Ambulance (613) 575-2000	CRIMESTOPPERS (613)575-2255	ONEN'TO:KON TREATMENT SERVICES (450) 479-8353
Ionkwanonhsassetsi Adolescent Treatment Center (613) 932-5050	MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE 1-866-996-0991	Cornwall Hospital Withdrawal Management Services (613) 938-8506	SUBSTANCE ABUSE/ DRUG-RELATED CRISIS (800) 480-4208
IETHINISTEN:HA FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM (613) 937-4322	Akwesasne Eagle Watch <i>Promoting a Safe and Drug free Akwesasne</i> facebook	Akwesasne Child & Family Services (613) 575-2341 ext. 3139 (613) 575-2000 (After Hours)	ASEO-STE0 ADDICTION SERVICES OF EASTERN ONTARIO (613) 936-9236 (800) 272-1937

Kawehno:ke District Chief Troy Thompson Quarterly Report

- Attended regular Council, District and General Meetings.
 - Attended regular Education, Housing and Tehotiiennawakon portfolio meetings.
 - Attended regular Youth, Elders, Culture and Language (YECL) Committee meetings, Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club meetings /mentorship sessions, Strong Roots Charitable Foundation Board meetings, Akwesasne Tourism Committee /Art Park committee meetings and Young Professional Committee meetings.
- March 2016
- Attended Trust Fund Meeting at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino.
 - Introduced former NHL Stanley Cup Champion Reggie Leach to the students at AMS (motivational speech/anti-bullying).
 - Attended Leadership meetings with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.
 - Attended meetings with the City of Montreal to discuss the discharge of 8M liters of raw sewage into the Saint Lawrence River.
 - Attended the Youth Symposium at the Tri District Elders Centre on Kawehno:ke.
 - Attended the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) in Las Vegas.
 - Attended Housing conference at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre.
- April 2016
- Attended a Think Tank for Economic Development at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino.
 - Attended the Sharing Through the Generations event at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre.
 - Met with a Community Member to discuss Renewable Energy project.
 - Attended the Akwesasne/Cornwall Roundtable at the A'nowarako:wa Arena.
 - Attended meetings and conference calls with Peace Hills Trust about bringing a bank to Tsi Snaihne.
 - Attended Port Divestitures Meetings/ Presentations.
 - Attended meeting with Fire Hall to discuss their needs.
 - Meeting with Darius White and Jill Stewart of AMS.
 - Participated as a judge for the AMS Science Fair.
 - Attended the Tobacco Law Review.
 - Attended meeting with Path Finder's Group to discuss energy products for Akwesasne.
- May 2016
- Attended the Port Divestiture signing event at the A'nowarako:wa Arena.
 - Created the Ionkwakwé:nion book and held planning meetings.
 - Attended the IGES Greenhouse presentation.
 - Attended a Trust Fund Meeting at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino.
 - Attended a meeting with Tsi Snaihne Chiefs to discuss the Trails and Parks Development Initiative.
 - Attended the Strong Roots Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament meetings.
 - Attended Midwifery Meetings with community members and Chiefs.
 - Attended Young Professionals Meetings.
 - Helped Fawn Cole getting Sign Language classes in Cornwall.
 - Was a Public Speaking judge at AMS.
 - Had conference calls with Gloria Lopez to discuss Border Crossing issues.
 - Attended the Economic Development Sub-table Meeting at Best Western hotel.
 - Attended meetings with the Province of Quebec.
 - Attended the Long Service Recognition Luncheon at Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre.
 - Attended the Children's Treatment Centre Walk in Cornwall.

Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF) Applications Being Accepted *To All Entrepreneurs and Businesses*

Applications are being accepted for funding under the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF). The goals and objectives of the AEDF are to assist small business start-up, growth and expansion as a means of stimulating economic growth in Akwesasne. Anyone

wishing to make a submission to the Akwesasne Economic Development Fund is encouraged to pick up an application package at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, office of Economic Development located at 101 Tewasateni Road, Akwesasne (CIA#3) Kawehno:ke.

Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m. Monday July 18, 2016.

For further information please contact Rachel Lazare at (613) 575-2250.

Request for Proposals

12-Week Entrepreneurship Course

The Department of Tehotiiennawakon, Economic Development is seeking proposals for the upcoming 12-week Entrepreneurship Course.

Your proposal should include:

- Proposed curriculum for 12-week entrepreneurship course.
- Total project budget must be all inclusive of professional fees, course materials, travel, accommodations, and direct project costs.
- Description of experience in entrepreneurship training, business, financial and marketing plans.
- List of key personnel, full-time, part-time, and contractor staff in your organization

assigned to the project.

- Example of 3 or more past contracts successfully completed by your organization.
- Testimonials from past clients your organization assisted with entrepreneur programs.
- Anticipated resources you will assign to this project (total number, role, title, experience).
- Time frame for completion of the project.
- Please include two (2) copies of your proposal when submitting your bid.

Deadline to Apply:
Thursday July 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Department of Tehotiiennawakon
Economic Development

Attn: Rachel Lazare
PO Box 579, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5T3

A complete copy of Request for Proposal can be picked up at the office of Economic Development, CIA#3 Building, 101 Tewasateni Road, Akwesasne, Ontario K6H 0G5

For more information contact Rachel Lazare at (613) 575-2250.

Mohawk Council Supports Establishment of Independent Oversight Mechanism For CBSA

Recently, the Government of Canada signaled that it's looking for ways to improve transparency and increase public confidence in the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ralph Goodale stated that the government is currently examining how to best provide the CBSA with appropriate review mechanisms, particularly after numerous civil rights groups have called for the creation of an independent watchdog to oversee the border agency.

In Akwesasne, our community members are required to cross through the CBSA port in Cornwall, Ontario sometimes several times a day while traveling from one part of our

community to another to travel to work, attend school, attend health related appointments, visit family, or otherwise meet our social, cultural, economic, and recreational needs. Given the numerous encounters with various CBSA personnel, some community members have experienced unsatisfactory occurrences regarding the lengthy wait times, misconduct of border service officers, and unreasonable searches. Complaints of this nature against CBSA have so far only been able to be submitted directly to CBSA. The MCA wholeheartedly supports the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism for CBSA, one that will ensure compliance with laws and policies related to border crossing and protect people's rights.

On May 26, 2016, Grand Chief Abram Benedict wrote to Minister Goodale expressing the Mohawk Council's support for the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism for the CBSA. While we appreciate the importance of ensuring that the border is secure for national security as well as for the safety of all citizens, we expect CBSA to treat people with respect in an open and transparent manner. Law enforcement officials should be held to the highest standard of review and scrutiny in their interaction with the public.

Iehontkáhthos Tsi Nahó:ten Tà:we

Akwesasne Comprehensive Community Plan

Now Available!

Background

A Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a community owned/community driven document that serves as a blueprint for change. Akwesasne's CCP, Iehontkáhthos Tsi Nahó:ten Tá:we (they can look into the future), is the collective voice of our community members that includes the children, youth, adults and elders. The plan covers goals and objectives in subject areas that are most relevant to our community members.

Once the plan is in place, the community, including its leadership, can use the CCP as the starting point for other types of planning such as capital planning, financial planning, economic development planning, and strategic planning.

Community engagement

The most important element of a Comprehensive Community Plan is community engagement; allowing community members to voice their ideas and get involved in the process. The vision, goals, objectives and implementation plans come from the people themselves. Akwesasne members were involved in the CCP process in many ways. People had opportunities to participate in the CCP consultation activities in large groups, small groups, and as individuals. The first step in the engagement strategy was to create a community survey which was available to Akwesasne members through the internet and in hard copy format. In total, there were 236 completed surveys and 162 partially completed surveys. Additional methods of community engagement included hosting district meetings in each of the three districts, hosting meetings with elders at Tri-district Elders Centre, visiting Schools (grade school and high school), delivering

presentations to groups in the community (at least 14 groups), setting up booths at community events, delivering presentations to MCA staff and providing updates to Chief and Council. The community radio station was also used to provide updates on the CCP and to encourage members to participate in the community engagement events. Two of the key questions that we asked community members were 'What do you like about Akwesasne', and 'What do you see as the future of Akwesasne 20-40 years from now?'

Where do we want to go

During the engagement process, we received a significant amount of input and feedback through the community survey. For example, when we asked the question 'What do you see as the future of Akwesasne', we received 40 pages of ideas. After analyzing the numerous responses and the common themes expressed, the comments boiled down to the following vision statement:

Kionkwatoróhon tanon tetewatátshnie ne kenthoh ahkwesáhsne. Tewaná:ie ne onkwawén:na tanon tsi niionkwarihó:ten tanon ionkwaten'nikonhró:ri tsi ionkwakwahrtshehr, ionkwata'karí:te tanon skén:nen tsi tewanákere. Tewanorónkhkwa tsi nón:we na'teronkwatawen:rie ionkhihsothokón:'a tanon tsi tahatikonhsotónkie ne iethiio'okón:'a tanon iethiitere'okóni'a.

Akwesasne is a united and self-sufficient community. We take pride in our culture and language, and enjoy a prosperous, safe and healthy community. We care for our environment, our elders, and the future of our children and grandchildren.

In addition to formulating Akwesasne's vision for the future, the community

participants identified the issues that were most important to them. The feedback was used to formulate a CCP framework made up of four segments: Governance, Environment, Economy, and Community. Within these segments, there were 13 high level goals identified for the future of Akwesasne. Each segment is described below:

Governance

The governance segment includes functional areas such as Justice (law making), Public Safety (police, fire and ambulance), and Governance (Nation Building, Mohawk Government, and Leadership). The Community identified two goals under this segment: 'Become a Self-Governing Nation' and 'Live in a Safe Community'.

Environment

The environment segment includes functional areas such as Lands and Resources (land management and environment management) and Infrastructure (public infrastructure). The community identified three goals under this segment: 'Better Management of our Lands', 'Monitor and Protect our Environment' and 'Improve Community Infrastructure'.

Economy

The economy segment includes functional areas such as Economy (business growth and jobs) and Education (K-12, post-secondary, trades, and adult education). The community identified two goals under this segment: 'Create more Jobs and Business Opportunities' and 'Expand our Education Services'.

Community

The community segment includes functional areas such as Culture and Language, Health, Social, Housing, and Recreation.

The community identified six goals under this segment: ‘Increase Fluency in Mohawk Language’, ‘Take Pride in our History and Culture’, ‘Increase access to Sufficient and Affordable Housing’, ‘Improve our Health and Well-Being’, ‘Take care of the vulnerable members in our community’, and ‘Support our Community’s Recreational Needs’.

Where are we today

Akwesasne can move forward by building on what already exists and by finishing what has already been started. The Akwesasne CCP section entitled ‘Where Are We Today’ describes the people, plans, resources and services that currently exist. Some of the highlights from this section include:

- Akwesasne is negotiating a Self-Government Agreement with Canada.
- Akwesasne has a draft Land Code that has been under development for years.
- The Department of Technical Services follows a 20-year capital plan for community infrastructure.
- The Akwesasne Justice Department develops community laws on an ongoing basis.
- Akwesasne has established a Trust to administer the OPG Settlement and the Kawehno:ke settlement.
- There are three governments in Akwesasne (1 hereditary government and 2 elected governments).
- There are numerous committees, commissions and not for profit organizations throughout the community that could participate in the implementation of the CCP.
- The Department of Economic Development is actively looking for new ventures that would support new business and jobs in Akwesasne.

How do we get there

Community members provided the project team with feedback on how to implement the 13 CCP goals. The section provides a framework for implementing the CCP goals

and it includes a list of the objectives tied to each goal, departments or committees that could be responsible for meeting the objectives, and critical success factors. A visual chart “status bar” is provided for each goal indicating the status of work done to date towards achieving the goal. Additionally, an action plan is also included that indicates how much time, money and people might be needed to achieve each objective. The action plan also provides performance indicators for monitoring the achievement of proposed actions, and it is designed to be used as part of a monitoring system from year to year.

One of the goals, for example, is to increase access to sufficient and affordable housing. Key action steps to implementing this goal would be to conduct a housing needs assessment, identify funding for housing projects, update the current housing policies, and construct new housing that meets

the needs of our community population segments. The implementation plans provide a starting point for additional research and planning and should be monitored and updated as needed.

The complete 75 page document is available at www.akwesasne.ca

Please feel free to contact Penny Peters at (613)575-2250 Ext.1054 or penny.peters@akwesasne.ca with any questions, comments or to have a presentation with your group or organization.

District and General Meetings

Ohiarihko:wa/ July

Meetings are subject to change. Changes will be announced through 97.3 CKON FM Radio Station and the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page.

<u>Kawehno:ke District Meeting</u>	<u>Tsi Snaihne District Meeting</u>	<u>Kana:takon District Meeting</u>
Kawehno:ke Recreation Centre	Tsi Snaihne Recreation Centre	Kana:takon Recreation Centre
Ohiarihko:wa/July 18, 2016	Ohiarihko:wa/July 20, 2016	Ohiarihko:wa/July 18, 2016
6:00 p.m. start time	6:00 p.m. start time	6:00 p.m. start time

General Meeting

Kana:takon Recreation Centre


Ohiarihko:wa/July 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. start time

**The General Meeting Agenda will be announced at least 3 days before the scheduled date.*

General Meeting Cancellation Protocol:

In the unfortunate circumstance where a community member passes in one of the three districts, the meeting will occur as regularly scheduled in the other two districts where the member did not reside. A moment of silence will also be taken in their memory.



Council looks forward to your attendance at the upcoming meetings to hear updates and to provide input on the discussions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2348.

PUBLIC NOTICE

For Immediate Release:

Ohiarí:ha/June 24, 2016

For More Information:

Lindsay M. Tarbell,
Economic Development Planner
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
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Akwesasne Tourism Strategic Action Plan Comment Period
Community Input Needed Before August 1, 2016

Territory of Akwesasne—The Akwesasne Tourism Working Group (ATWG) is pleased to announce a 30-day community comment period for the Akwesasne Tourism Strategic Action Plan (ATSAP). The ATSAP was developed to address the unique challenges and opportunities to develop a sustainable organizational structure that will promote tourism in the Territory of Akwesasne. It identifies overall strategies for tourism, as well as contains a timeline for the successful completion to support the continuous enhancement for Akwesasne tourism.

The ATSAP was prepared by the ATWG, which is comprised of representatives from a number of community organizations located throughout Akwesasne, including: Native North American Travelling College (NNATC), Akwesasne Cultural Center & Museum (ACCM), Onkwehon:we Arts Council (OAC), Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (MNCC), Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT), and Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB).

If you would like to review the ATSAP, hard copies are available at all locations identified for the ATWG. Electronic copies are also available on the MCA and SRMT website and can be emailed upon request.

There will be a public presentation of the ATSAP at 5:00PM on Tuesday, Ohiarihkó:wa/July 19, 2016 at the Akwesasne Housing Authority Training Center. The 30-day comment period for community members to provide input and guidance ends at 4:00PM on Monday, Seskéha/ August 1, 2016.

For more information, please contact Lindsay M. Tarbell, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Economic Development Planner at (518) 358-2835.

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About the Akwesasne Tourism Development Initiative:

The need to develop tourism in the Territory of Akwesasne was identified as a priority in the Akwesasne Comprehensive Community Development Plan (SRMT 2008) and in the Akwesasne Comprehensive Community Plan (MCA 2016). As a result, the Akwesasne Tourism Community Development Initiative was developed through the collaborative efforts of the following representatives that comprise the Akwesasne Tourism Working Group (ATWG): Native North American Travelling College (NNATC), Akwesasne Cultural Center & Museum (ACCM), Onkwehon:we Arts Council (OAC), Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (MNCC), Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB), Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT). The Akwesasne Tourism Working Group is guiding the identification and successful completion of several community tourism projects, events, plans and publications; including the Akwesasne Tourism Strategic Action Plan (ATSAP 2016) that contains several objectives being worked on by ATWG sub-groups.



MCA Youth Employee Profile: Dwight Bero Jr.

Dwight Bero Jr. has been employed by MCA since 2011 in the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO). He is the son of Dwight and Becky Bero. Dwight attended Salmon River Central School where he graduated in 2006 as Valedictorian. Dwight was the first Mohawk to earn the title of Salmon River Central Valedictorian.

After completing high school, Dwight went on to study at Northfield Mount Hermon School as a post-graduate student. After attending prep school for one year, Dwight was accepted to attend Dartmouth College. He majored in Native American Studies

and also earned a minor in War and Peace Studies. Dwight played lacrosse while attending Dartmouth College. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 2011.

After graduation, Dwight was hired by ARRO as a summer student. He was brought aboard as a Community Educator and Research Writer. When his term came to an end he was hired for a six-month term as a Researcher for ARRO.

Dwight earned a permanent position with ARRO as a Researcher. He helped to settle the Kawehno:ke Easterbrook Settlement

Agreement in 2012 through informational meetings to educate community on the history of claim, terms of settlement agreement, and referendum information. Since hired, Dwight has also worked on the Seaway Proceedings. He also coordinates and facilitates CBSA Cultural Awareness Training.

Dwight has seen a change in attitude of CBSA Officers. He has given tours of the territory so that CBSA Officers are more familiar with the geography of Akwesasne and have a better understanding of where you are coming from. He



is proud that he is able to offer awareness of who we are as Akwesasronon to CBSA Officers.

Dwight is a Community Trustee for the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust. The Trust is currently deciding what groups and projects will be funded through the Trust this year.

He has gone back to school to earn a Masters of Tribal Administration and Governance from University of Minnesota, Duluth. The two-year program is online and includes weekend classes on campus in Duluth once a month.

In his free time Dwight plays broomball and lacrosse. He is currently playing Senior B lacrosse locally for the St. Regis Braves.

Dwight has lived in Akwesasne and is proud of the sense of community we have here and loves to see Akwesasronon support one another. He would love to see more community members become involved with community issues as it is very important to obtain accurate information and have your voice heard on various issues.

Beautify Akwesasne 2016 Pilot Project

Homeowners and businesses located along the high-traffic thoroughfares of Akwesasne; Cornwall Island bridge corridor, State Route 37 and Saint Regis Road may submit a request to have their property improved. The labor for the projects is included and the requestor need only supply any materials needed. Services could include basic litter cleanup and removal, basic landscaping, planting shrubs and flowers, and painting fences, buildings, business signage and graffiti removal.

The Akwesasne Area Management Board and the Native North American Traveling College (NNATC) will manage a crew of six who will be working at the homes and businesses within the Territory of Akwesasne along the locations identified. Owners interested in participating in this pilot project should contact the NNATC at (613) 932-9452 for information on how to receive an application package.

The Beautify Akwesasne Pilot Project is guided by the Akwesasne Tourism Working Group (ATWG)



Solid Waste Road Side Pickup-Domestic Household Solid Waste/Garbage & Recyclable Materials Collection

Department of Technical Services would like to remind the resident's within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne territory the 'Curb Side Pick-up' of all household domestic waste materials, with D&R DISPOSAL SERVICES of Kawehnoke requires your adherence to the following.

1. All domestic waste generated at home is covered under this process, including furniture, mattresses, light construction debris.
2. This contract does not include household hazardous waste materials.
3. This contract includes commercial and business operations
4. **Excessive construction debris will not be picked up under this contract and is the responsibility of the home owner/ generator to pay for its removal.** However small bundles, not exceeding thirty (30) pounds, must be bound or bundled to assist in ease of removal, must not be longer than three feet in length, will be removed.
5. White goods and appliances are part of this collection. A service charge payable by the generator will be charged by the contractor for appliances with a refrigerant such as refrigerators, Air Conditioner units and dehumidifiers will apply. MCA encourages home owners to take advantage of service provided by merchants selling new white goods and furniture, and allow them to take away the old appliances as part of their services for new items.
6. The land fill site will accept for disposal used tires for a fee. MCA encourages homeowners to release and dispose of their old tires at tire suppliers when and where you purchase new tires.

7. All domestic residential sites and MCA identified assets are covered under this contract and must use clear plastic bags, unless otherwise directed.
8. This contract includes the single stream Recyclable Materials collection program as scheduled for every Tuesday.
9. Recycling is mandatory for all domestic homes and facilities covered under this contract. *Recyclable materials will be collected at all Commercial operations.*
10. The existing collection schedule will be maintained, no changes anticipated.
11. Residential unit waste bins will need to be constructed and maintained by the owner in such a way that does not impede or delay the collection Contractor.
12. **The contractor is not responsible for traveling down private roads or driveways,** all waste materials generated from residents on these private road systems are responsible to bring the waste to the closest public access road intersection for service. A listing of public roads are listed in this notice.
13. Household Hazardous collection date is note currently scheduled or approved. MCA encourages residents to take Household Hazardous Waste streams and return them to the point of purchase.
14. Residents of Akwesasne MCA jurisdiction can transport solid waste to the land fill site on their own accord, but are responsible for all fees and costs and/ or tipping fees, they will not be paid by MCA. The Land fill site we are currently utilizing is the Lafleche Environment Inc. located at 17125 Lafleche Rd Moose Creek Ontario. K0C1W0 613-538-2778. The hours are Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday from

8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Persons wanting to use this option only need to show their status/band card at the land fill site.

15. There is "No Spring Clean Up Program", the terms of the new contract and the new land fill site, eliminate the need for this service. What we ask of the community is to put out smaller portions of waste materials throughout the year, rather than all at once, the program is geared to handle this operation more effectively this way.
16. On the last day of the month, for regular pick up in your district, we ask that this day be used to dispose of larger items like white goods, furniture and so on, the contractor can better service this aspect knowing what days to expect these items.

As part of section 11, registered public roads within the jurisdiction of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne are identified as of March 2013 include the following:

District of Kana:takon (St.Regis) Public Roads:

Cherry Street
Willow Street
Angus Thomas Memorial Street
Angus George Boulevard
Thomas Lane
Third Street Circle
Sweetgrass Lane (Plant Street)
First Street
Hilltop Drive
Second Street
Katari Tekakweitha Road (River Street)
Akwesasne Street
Park Street
Johnson Road (Tobacco / Ferry)

District of Kaweno:ke (Cornwall Island) Public Roads:

Thompson Lane
McCumber Rd. North &South

Martin Rd.
Bear Rd.
Recreation Rd.
Lighthouse Rd.
Tewasateni Rd.
Seymour Rd.
Frank Benedict Memorial Rd.
Phillip Hopps Memorial Rd.
Angus Delormier Rd.
Cornwall Island Rd.
James Thompson Rd.
Wishe Delormier Rd. Akwesasne Mohawk
School Rd. (AMS Rd.)
White Rd.
Buckshot Rd.
Akwesasne International Rd.
John Thompson Rd.
Chiefs Rd. (Harbour Rd)
Kawenoke Apt. Rd.
Arena Rd.
Island Rd.
Hickory Court
Elm Court
Paul Taxi Rd.
Recreation Center Rd.
Ford Lane
Point Rd.
Skidders Rd.
Old Factory Lane.

District of Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Public Roads:

Toby Roundpoint Rd.
Karakwakienne Iohate (Whoville)
James E. Lazore Memorial Rd.
Iohahiio Rd.
McDonald Rd.
Chapman Rd.
Mary Adams Rd.
Maple Rd.
Wade Lafrance Memorial Rd.
McDonald Ave.
School Rd.
Sunday Rd.
Border Rd.
Fishermans Lane
Woodland Rd.
River Rd.
Phillips Rd.

Friday Drive
Birch Rd.
Whisky Lane
Francis Jock Memorial Lane (TJ Jocks Rd)

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

D&R DISPOSAL SERVICES
1370 Island Rd.
Akwesasne Ontario K6H-5R7
613-932-4588, Fax 613-932-4883
Service Contact Phone: 1-518-521-0185

If you have any questions, please call MCA
Department of Technical Services, 613-
575-2250. Extension 1004 or email your
question to 'joe.francis@akwesasne.ca'

Household Domestic Waste/MCA Facilities Collection Schedule

Sunday/ Monday:All operations Closed

Tuesday: Recycling, all districts Estimated Start time 08:00 Am
All Three Districts Recycle Program. Blue Recycle Bin collection and excess in Clear Plastic Bags or clean dry cardboard box, only.
Kawehno:ke : From Cross Roads Heading East, all side roads, both North and South side of Cornwall Island Rd. From East end heading West all Cornwall Island Rd.
From Cross Roads heading West all side roads both North and South side of Cornwall Island Rd. to the West end of the Island. From the west end , back to the cross roads all of Cornwall Island Rd., estimate 12 noon estimate to Kana:takon , complete Kana:takon, estimate 2pm travel to Tsi Snaihne.

Wednesday: Starting at 08:00 Am Large Blue Dumpsters
Administration, Government Building Housing Developments and contracted Commercial sites. ** Represents specific housing developments that will also be collected for regular domestic household waste collection.
Kana:takon: all MCA facilities
Tsi Snaihne: All MCA facilities, and, ** Woodland Rd. Housing sub division, Hemlock Street Sub division
Kawehno:ke: All MCA facilities, and **Kawehnoke Apartment Road Sub division.

Thursday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00
Tsi Snaihne: District starting at River Road west end. (near Ice Bridge Crossing) all sites except Hemlock and Woodland as noted earlier.

Friday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00
Kawehnoke: Starting at Cross Rd. heading East, all side roads, North and South side of road to the East end of Kawehnoke. Returning back heading West all of the Cornwall Island Rd. to the Cross Rd. (except for the Kawehnoke Apt. Rd as noted earlier.)
From Cross Rd. heading West, all side roads, both North and South side of Island rd, to the West end of the Island. Returning back to the Cross roads, all of Island Rd.

Saturday: Residential domestic waste starting at 08:00
Kanatakon : Entire district

If domestic waste is not collected as scheduled, it will be collected as soon as possible or the following day. Please note there is a \$15.00 service charge and must be paid to the driver at the time of pick up, for the collection of refrigerators, Air Conditioners/ water coolers / dehumidifiers/freezers, any item with a refrigerant. There is a \$5.00 fee per tire for regular tires and must be paid at time of pick up to the driver. Large items will be collected in your area on the collection date as they are put out, please try not to put out excessive amounts of bulk items.

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July 16, 2016

Lacrosse Hall of Fame Festival



DATE:
Saturday
July 23, 2016

TIME:
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Registration: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION:
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Akwasasne Mohawk
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Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Celebrates Staff & EMS Week 2016



What is EMS Week?

With this year's EMS Week, May 15 to 21, 2016, celebrations coming to an end we'd like to extend our sincerest thanks to the hard working and dedicated team of Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance. EMS Week is Emergency Medical Services Week and it aims at bringing together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's front line. During the months of April and May we featured EMS Profiles in the Akwesasne Indian Time Newspaper with about 3-4 providers each week having an interview and their picture in the paper for the community to get to know their providers.

EMS Week School Visits

We would like to extend our thanks and say niawen to the AMBE Schools in Kanatakon, Tsi Snaihne and on Cornwall Island that allowed EMT Wabigonikwe Tenasco to visit with their students. She brought with her an ambulance and had an interactive display with the kids so that they were able to get used to seeing and touching the equipment and would be less afraid should they ever require our services.



Acting Supervisor AEMT-CC Joseph Bonaparte JR assisting EMT Wabigonikwe Tenasco at the Snye School Visit. Students Frankie Laughing, and Orakhwinon Thompson were able to try out the equipment used by AMA Staff. Photo from the Akwesasne Indian Time.

Celebrating with a Potluck BBQ

Lastly we would like to thank everyone who attended and donated food for our EMS Week Potluck BBQ at Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io in celebration of all our EMS providers on Friday, May 20, 2016! A very special thanks to the Maintenance Crew for manning the BBQ, setting up and clean up afterward! Also in attendance were the Akwesasne Mohawk Police and St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police who we value for their onscene support and assistance. We also had the opportunity to showcase our new ambulance, Unit 1, with building staff and MCA and SRMT Chiefs. The new ambulance will be on the road and ready to respond to calls once radio equipment is installed. Awarded at the BBQ was an all new Provider of the Year Award. AMA staff voted in-house and the award was presented to Issac McDonald, unfortunately he could not be there in person due to training obligations.



AEMT-CC Issac McDonald was voted Provider of the Year. Photo by Wabigonikwe Tenasco



Acting Supervisor EMT Derek Comins, Assistant Director of Health Cindy Francis-Mitchell, Director of Health April White and Acting Supervisor AEMT-CC Joseph Bonaparte Jr in front of AMA's new Unit 1. Missing from photo is Program Manager Daryl Diabo. Photo by Wabigonikwe Tenasco

Niawen to local Businesses

We would like to send out a very big Niawenkowa to Tarbell Management Group for their donation of \$500.00 as well to CKON for their donation of \$5,000.00 and also to the Akwesasne Indian Time Newspaper for having our profiles in the paper. Niawen for your continued support and generosity towards Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance and EMS Week, your contributions are very much appreciated!



EMT's Edward Cook and Wabigonikwe Tenasco Cook accept \$5,000.00 donation from CKON Radio Station. Photo Courtesy of Edward Cook



Niawen to local baker Andrea Cook who donated a very delicious cake for the BBQ. You can find her on Facebook to order your very own! Photo by Wabigonikwe Tenasco



Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Who dispatches the ambulance? Our agency shares a “dispatch centre” with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Station. If you have an emergency please dial 613-575-2000

2. Why do ambulances sometimes turn off their lights and sirens when I just pulled over to let them pass? Lights and sirens are used in high priority emergency calls. The lights and sirens would be shut off if the call priority is downgraded or the call is cancelled.

3. Why do I see an ambulance waiting in line at the Toll Booth or Customs? At these times the ambulance is a normal vehicle and needs to follow the same rules of the road as you would. Sometimes the crew is out doing errands, fueling up or needs to report. At these times there is no patient on board and no delay in arriving to the hospital quickly.

4. I called the ambulance to take me to the hospital but I was taken to the waiting room. I thought I would be seen faster? An ambulance is for emergency situations and **does not** mean you will be seen faster. The EMT providing care to you will gather information and relay it to the Triage Nurse at the hospital who will determine the severity of your illness or injury. There may be other factors as well such as shortage of beds or a more urgent patient expected to arrive soon.

5. Why did the ambulance arrive at my house with no lights or sirens? It is important for our EMTs to respond to genuine emergencies quickly, therefore they may use lights and sirens to request the right of way from other drivers and get to the scene quickly. Using lights and sirens increases risk however, both to EMTs and other drivers. Also, lights and sirens are often not necessary to quickly respond to emergencies in some circumstances. So you may see an ambulance responding without the use of lights and sirens as its use is at the discretion of the EMT. But that does not mean that they are not responding quickly. Regardless of the severity of the call, the crew's first priority is to arrive safely and quickly while following the rules of the road.



AMA Primary Ambulances Unit 1 Photo by Wabigonikwe Tenasco



AMA Primary Ambulances Unit 3 and Unit 4 Photo by Charlotte King

6. Why is ambulance spelt backwards? AMBULANCE is spelled backwards on the hood of all of our ambulances so that the word is easy to read in your rear view mirror when the ambulance is behind your vehicle.

7. I have been sick for 4 days, why do the EMTs ask if I have been to the clinic; do they just not want to take me to the hospital? The EMT may ask this question to see if you have been previously diagnosed or are taking prescription medication and will need to relay this information to the hospital on arrival.

8. Should I be driving myself to the hospital or should I call the ambulance? Sometimes it is difficult to know whether your problem is serious or not. Here are a few examples of when you should call an ambulance:

- When you are experiencing pain or tightness in your chest
 - When you have severe pain
 - When you are short of breath or having difficulty breathing
 - If you think you have dislocated, fractured or broken a bone
 - If you think you have a wound that may need stitches
 - If you experience sudden, severe headaches, vision problems, sudden weakness, numbness and/or tingling in the face, arms or legs, trouble speaking or dizziness
 - If a baby under six months has a fever over 38.5°C (101°F)
- **If you have any doubts, call 613-575-2000 for an ambulance****

9. I am a member of Akwesasne but live off the reserve, why won't the ambulance come to my house? Each agency is given an area to cover and needs to be ready to respond to calls within that area. If you are outside of that area your call would be directed to the appropriate agency to respond.

Kawechnoke Medical Clinic 613-932-5808

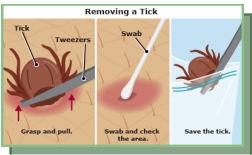
JULY 2016

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How to Remove a Tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to remove a tick
2. Firmly grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible
3. With a steady motion pull the tick's body away from your skin
4. Put the tick or ticks in a small sealed plastic container with a moistened piece of paper towel and bring it to:
 - Community Health office
 - Akwesasne Medical Clinic
 - Kawechnoke Medical Clinic
5. Once tick is removed wash bite site with soap and warm water

Seek medical attention



What to avoid

- Never try any homemade remedies to release ticks.
- Doing so may cause tick to inject more bacteria into your body, increasing risk of infection.

Disease risk is reduced if tick is removed within 36 hours

Akwesasne Medical Clinic (613) 575-2341 ext. 3215

JULY 2016

MONDAY DR. HORN'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT	TUESDAY DR. SAYLOR'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 12 PT LIMIT	WEDNESDAY DR. FORSON'S WALK-IN CLINICS HAVE A 15 PT LIMIT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY CLINIC CLOSED
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Keeping Ticks out of your yard



For more information:

Naeem Irshad
Environmental Health Officer
613-575-2341 ext. 3226

Community Health Program
613-575-2341 ext. 3220

1 Trim Grass, Shrubs & Plants

Mow grass and clear leafy areas ticks love

2 Remove Standing Water

Eliminate mosquito habitats and breeding areas

3 Elevate Wood Piles & Bird Feeders

Keep tick-carrying mice and rodents away

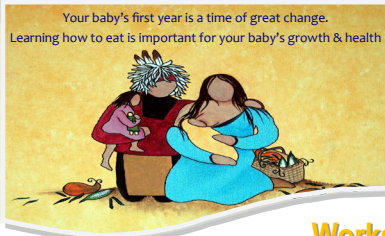
4 Create Barriers Between Yard & Woods

Ticks are unlikely to cross 3-foot barriers of mulch or gravel

Feeding Your Baby: Introducing solids

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena
Turtle Room
Friday July 8th
11am-2pm

Kanatakon Rec Centre
Wednesday July 13th
11am-2pm



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

Workshop Topics

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

- Feeding baby: how, what & when
- Building healthy meals
- Portion sizes as baby grows
- How to prepare & store food safely
- Overturning common food myths

Space is limited! RSVP at Community Health Programs (613) 575-2341 Ext. 3244

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Community Health Program Notice

Walk-In Immunization Clinic Summer Hours

Effective July 5th to August 19th

The Tuesday and Friday Walk-In Immunization clinics
will be closed during lunch beginning on July 5, 2016 and
ending on August 19, 2016. The closure time is 11:45
a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Regular hours will resume on August 23, 2016

Immunizations provided on Monday's, Wednesday's & Thursday's are
by appointment only.



Great News!

Dr. Irwin will be working on-site at Appletree Medical
Group at 219 Akwesasne
International Rd. every
**Wednesday starting June
15th from 9:00AM-5:00PM!**

Dr. Irwin is now **accepting new patients**
into his family practice. If you need a
family doctor walk-in to the clinic to register
today!

For further inquiries please call 613-938-1170 or visit our website
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Are You
Prepared?



Hazard Help Sheet Prepare Your Pet for Emergencies



If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important member of your household. The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency depends largely on emergency planning you do today. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency (shelter-in-place) or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

STEP 1: PREPARE

Create a Pet Emergency Supply Kit

Just as you would for your family, you can create an emergency kit for your pet. It should be small, light weight and include the following items:

Food: Keep at least three (3) days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

Water: Store at least three (3) days of water specifically for your pet(s).

First Aid Kit: Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. You may also consider a pet first aid medical guide.

Collar & ID Tags: Ensure your pet(s) is/are wearing a collar with ID tag. You may want to add a leash, registration information, adoption papers, vaccinations records, and other medical records, then place them in a water proof ziplock bag.

Carrier: If you need to evacuate, your pet(s) may require a sturdy, safe and comfortable carrier (or crate) for proper transport.

Sanitation: Take along some sanitation supplies, such as litter, litter box, paper towels, disinfectant, and trash bags.



STEP 2: PLAN

What will you do in an Emergency?

Be prepared to assess the situation. Depending on your circumstances and the nature of the emergency, the first decision is to stay or evacuate. You should have a plan set for both possibilities. To determine if there is immediate danger, listen carefully to **CKON Radio 97.3 FM** for instructions from Akwesasne's Emergency Operation Center (EOC). You may also want to do the following:

Evacuation Plan: Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Therefore, it's best to look for pet-friendly shelters and / or hotels.

Buddy System: Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. You should also identify a rendezvous site. Include two (2) rendezvous sites - one (1) locally and one (1) out of town.

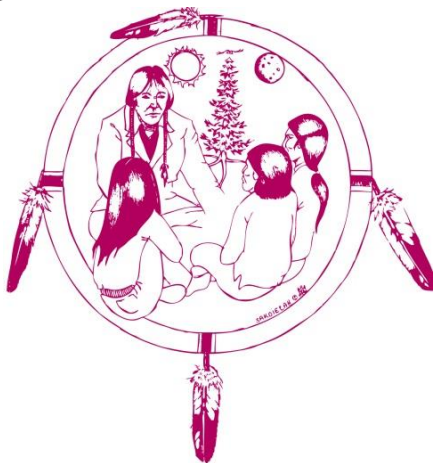
STEP 3: STAY INFORMED

Know about the types of emergencies

Stay informed of what might happen and know the types of emergencies are likely to affect your region. You can prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an 72-Hours Emergency Kit for you, your family and your pet(s). With these simple steps, you can be ready for the unexpected. Those who take time to prepare themselves and their pets will likely encounter less difficulty, stress and worry. Take the time now and get yourself and your pet(s) ready. For more information go to:

www.ready.gov

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

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

ATTENTION

All Post-Secondary Students



*Will you be continuing to college/university in the fall
for your next semester?*



*Are you re-enrolling (after an absence) for
college/university in the fall?*



*Will you be a NEW applicant (never attended
college/university)?*



*If you answered YES to any of the above, now is the
time to apply for the fall 2016 semester.*

NEW / RE-ENROLLING STUDENTS

will need:

- ◆ AMBE PSAP Application
- ◆ MCA Membership Confirmation (new only)
- ◆ High School Diploma or GED
- ◆ Essay – Identify who you are; explain where you want to study and the subject; Explain your career goals after you complete your academic degree
- ◆ Institution Acceptance Letter
- ◆ Copy of other financial aid application/grant/bursary
- ◆ Copy of Career Interest Inventory (Call 358-1502) Akwesasne Employment Resource Ctr. (AERC) Completion Certificate (Call 518-358-3047)
- ◆ Completed Financial Aid Form (U.S. Institution) – OR - Tuition Bill (Canadian Institution)
- ◆ Confirmation on living arrangements (i.e. in-residence/dorm, commuting, off-campus apartment)

RETURNING STUDENTS

will need:

- ◆ AMBE PSAP Application
- ◆ Copy of other financial aid (application, grant or bursary)
- ◆ Winter/Spring 2016 Grades
- ◆ Fall 2016 Schedule
- ◆ Tuition Bill (Cdn. Institutes Only)
- ◆ Confirmation on living arrangements (i.e. in-residence/dorm, commuting, off-campus apartment)

Complete checklists can be found on the AMBE website (www.ambe.ca) or at the AMBE Office.

All documents must be submitted together

Application Deadline:
Ohiarihkó:wa/July 15, 2016

For further information and/or questions, contact Norma Sunday, Post-Secondary Manager,
at 613-933-0409