

New Mohawk Council Takes Oath of Office

The thirteen chiefs who will serve the Akwesasne community for the next three years as the 2015-2018 Mohawk Council were officially sworn into office on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 during a ceremony held at the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island). Following the MCA's General Election on June 27, 2015, there are seven new faces taking on Council positions, along with several re-elected chiefs. Their new terms begin immediately.

The swearing-in ceremony was initially planned to be a large, formal event but in order to respect the recent passing of community members a low-key ceremony was held instead; a larger event with formal presentations and a celebratory meal will be held in the near future.

Despite changes to the event's agenda, the new Council was still welcomed into office with an emotional and uplifting ceremony attended by family members, friends, and outgoing chiefs, including the former Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell.

"I want to give each and every one of you encouragement for the work that you're going to be doing," he said. "You'll notice there's great strength in the wisdom of our elders because they still carry our language. Part of your responsibility also is to carry that for us... not just books, not just meetings, but the heart and spirit of the community. So I wish you all the best. Good luck. On behalf of the community, we pass this on: May you all look after all our thoughts, carry us in your minds, provide the kind of leadership we all expect from our leaders and may you all stay in good health."



2015-2018 Council: (Back L-R) Troy Thompson, Kawehno:ke; Tim Dooley Thompson, Kana:takon; Darryl Lazore, Kana:takon; Steve Thomas, Kana:takon; Joe Lazore, Tsi Snaihne; Dennis Chaussi, Kawehno:ke; Vince Thompson, Kawehno:ke; Ryan Jacobs, Kana:takon; (Front L-R) Louise Thompson, Kawehno:ke; April Adams-Phillips, Tsi Snaihne; Abram Benedict, Grand Chief; Karen Loran, Tsi Snaihne; Connie Lazore Tsi Snaihne.

MCA's Executive Director also offered the best individuals to come forward at this motivational words for the new Council: time...I pledge that the administration, the

"Our organization has 800 individuals working hard - some day and night - for the community and we've been working hard for a long time," said Executive Director Sheree Bonaparte. "We look for leadership; we look for decisions; and I believe the community has chosen

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MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

Grand Chief

Abram Benedict

Kana:takon District

Chief Steve Thomas
Chief Tim Dooley Thompson
Chief Darryl Lazore
Chief Ryan Jacobs

Kawehno:ke District

Chief Louise Thompson
Chief Dennis Chaussi
Chief Troy Thompson
Chief Vince Thompson

Tsi Snaihne District

Chief April Adams-Phillips
Chief Joe Lazore
Chief Karen Loran
Chief Connie Lazore

Administration

Sheree Bonaparte
Executive Director

Jay Benedict
Director,
Technical Services

Joyce King
Director,
Justice Department

Heather Phillips
Director,
Housing Department

Robyn Mitchell
Director,
Community & Social Services

April White
Director,
Department of Health

Dr. Barry Montour
Director,
Akwesasne Mohawk Board
of Education

Jerry Swamp
Chief of Police,
Akwesasne Mohawk Police
Service

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Director,
Tehotiennawakon

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Wat'kwanonweraton/Greetings

It is my pleasure to introduce the Summer Issue of Onkwe'ta:ke- The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne community newsletter. Although Onkwe'ta:ke was a monthly newsletter, in order to reduce costs, council agreed to release it as a quarterly publication. Regardless, you will still receive all the important updates, meeting minutes and activities that have been going on throughout the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne as well as the community.

Since the Spring Issue, there have been many changes and transitions. This includes the distribution of the newsletter itself, and also changes within Council. On June 27, 2015, the elections were held for 2015-2018 Council of Chiefs and on July 14, 2015, the Swearing-In Ceremony welcomed the new Mohawk Council into office.

After serving three terms on Council as a District Chief of Kawehno:ke, I am proud to now serve you in the capacity of Grand Chief. I would like to thank all of the family, friends, and community members who have put your support and trust in me to lead our community for the next three years. I know that my nine previous years on Council will give me a great platform to work on the issues and concerns community members have.

Although we have five returning council members, we welcome seven new members to council. I would like to congratulate all of the members of Council. Included in this issue of Onkwe'ta:ke, you will be able to read each member of Council's biography so that you begin to grasp what their goals are this term, and get to know them better.

Since Onkwe'ta:ke begin in October 2011, I have provided consistent updates in almost every issue. Although I am now Grand Chief, this is not an area that I want to ignore. I believe that transparency and accountability is so important and I will continue to provide the community these updates and am pleased to provide the community information each moth. Council will continue sharing information by radio, newspaper and our newsletter, but we will also look at the modernization of distribution methods in order to close the information and awareness gap that exists between the organization and the community.

I encourage that you read and share the information that is provided in Onkwe'ta:ke, as it maintains awareness of Council and MCA's activities.

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Grand Chief Abram Benedict



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directors, the managers and the employees will do everything that we can to work with you; to take your joint decisions and to move them forward; to help this community; to help us survive; to help us to lead the lives that we want to lead and stand among the best of the First Nations in North America.”

The newly-elected Council is comprised of one Grand Chief and twelve District Chiefs. Grand Chief Abram Benedict is a resident of Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) and has served on Council as a Kawehno:ke District Chief for the past three terms (nine years). The twelve District Chiefs, four for each of the three Akwesasne districts, are:

Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs - Joe Lazore, Karen Loran, April Adams-Phillips and Connie Lazore.

Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs - Steve Thomas, Timothy “Dooley” Thompson, Ryan Jacobs and Darryl Lazore.

Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs - Louise Thompson, Vince Thompson, Troy Thompson and Dennis Chaussi.

Akwesasne Justice Shannon Hall conducted the Oath of Office to each Council member before having them sign pledges, which affirmed the roles and responsibilities of a chief.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict gave his first official speech in his new position and welcomed his fellow Council members, providing some insight as to what direction he hopes to see MCA and the community move in.

“We have many community priorities,” Grand Chief Benedict said. “Over the next year, I intend to work with Council to engage the community to identify the top priorities. We know that the needs and wants are great, but

we must work together to identify the most pressing and urgent needs. It’s evident that we have the ability to develop well thought out plans, plans for job creation, plans for community infrastructure, and plans for language revitalization, just to name a few. Our solutions will start from the ground up and not from the top down, and we will engage with you to develop highly effective lobbying strategies and plans of actions to execute.”

“I know that together we are going to lead by example and we will make a difference for the generations to come.”

Congratulations, good luck and best wishes to the new Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chiefs.

MCA and OPG Hold Informal Meet and Greet

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to thank the members of the Ontario Power Generation for their attendance at the informal MCA/OPG meet and greet on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

The event was held at the A’nowara’ko:wa Arena on Kawehno:ke. The meet and greet allowed members of OPG and MCA’s 2015-2018 Council to introduce themselves and become better acquainted.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict made a few opening remarks and was followed by OPG’s former president, Ted Mitchell, and future president, Jeffrey Lyash.

In honor of the positive relationship held between the two organizations, Grand Chief Abram Benedict presented OPG’s leaders with a handmade basket from Akwesasne to show as a token of appreciation.



Ontario Power Generation representatives had the opportunity to meet the 2015-2018 Council.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne looks forward to working with the Ontario Power Generation in the future.

Meet the 2015-2018 Mohawk Council



Dennis Ioteneratison Chaussi was born to Nancy Bova-Chaussi. Dennis is wolf clan. He is married to Margaret Cook-Chaussi. He grew up on Kawehno:ke. He is now serving his first term as Kawehno:ke District Chief. His goal for the current term is to strive to work towards the best interests of the People of Akwesasne.

Dennis' past work experience includes MCA-Economic Development, Transportation Officer, AMBE, Arena Manager, Medical Transport Coordinator, Case Manager-Disability, and Community Support. He enjoys golfing, playing guitar, singing country music. He is also a radio announcer for CKON for high school hockey games and other special events.



Ryan Takarakweneken:ne Jacobs is the son of Mary Ann Jacobs. He is wolf clan. He grew up in Kana:takon. This is his first term as Kana:takon District Chief. His goal for this term is to serve his community to the best of his ability.

Ryan's past work experience in teaching and was Resource Teacher for Massena Central School District. In his free time Ryan enjoys coaching lacrosse, exercising, reading, boating, biking, and taking road trips. He served on the Mohawk Education committee, Nehkanikonriio (Justice circle), and St. Regis Recreation Committee. Ryan also served as Vice President for the Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Association.



Connie Lazore is the daughter of James E. and Ann (Buckshot) Lazore. She is wolf clan. Connie grew up in the district of Tsi Snaihne. This is her first term as District Chief. Connie's goals for her term include working with community laws and bylaws for updating, amendments, and enforcement; working on establishing a compliance program to accommodate the community laws enforcement, improvements to Snye Recreation facilities with consultation from community, involvement in Nation Building process, participating in Iroquois Caucus sessions, furthering development of special needs services, improved AMA service and medical services for Tsi Snaihne, and developing Snye Recreation grounds.

Connie has 27 years of past work experience with MCA in Executive Services and Operational Support. Connie has been on AMBE, Police Commission, and Snye Recreation committees. She enjoys quilting for family members and has done numerous quilts over the years. Connie's distinguishments include Occupational Safety & Health Certificate with honors, Certified Ergonomic Specialist, Train the Trainer certified, Certified Health & Safety Consultant, Officer Ergonomics, and Manual Material Handling.



Darryl Lazore is the son of Thomas and Bessie (Day) Lazore. He is married to Sherril Lazore. Darryl is wolf clan. He grew up in Kana:takon. This is his first term as Kana:takon District Chief. His goal for this term is to support his district of Kana:takon, do the best he can to continue to be an outstanding community member by helping and assisting in anyway. His door is always open whether it be his office or his home.

Darryl's past work experience includes Ironworker Local 401 Philadelphia for 31 years and co-owner of Lazore Tree Removal and Lawn Care.



Joe Kiohontonko Lazore is the son of Mitchell and Margaret (Monroe) Lazore. He is turtle clan. Joe was raised in Tsi Snaihne. Joe is currently serving his fourth term as Tsi Snaihne District Chief. His goals for the current term include providing ambulance unit in the district of Tsi Snaihne, provide medical services in Tsi Snaihne including a doctors office and nurse practioner, provide a bloodwork station in his districts eliminating the need to travel to Cornwall for services, to resurface and fix Tsi Snaihne roads, lobby to upgrade the Tsi Snaihne sewer plant, expand the Snye Rec parking lot, install lacrosse box, and provide banking services for his district.

Joe is always available to lend his assistance to community members. Joe assists with Akwesasne Death Benefits, helps elders with home and financing needs, volunteers at the Snye Rec for many of their fundraisers, an annual participant in the Akwesasne Cancer Walk, and volunteers at the American Legion for their annual Memorial Day Parade.

Joe’s previous work experience boasts 30 years of ironwork and construction expertise. He was the portfolio major for Environment and Department of Technical Services and served as portfolio minor for Justice, DTS, and Tehotiiennawakon. He sits on the land claims and housing authority committees and on the board for the Conservation Task Group.



Karen Kawennahni’rats Loran is the daughter of Michael and Claudia (Jock) Sunday. She is bear clan. Karen grew up in Tsi Snaihne. She has been elected to her third term as Tsi Snaihne District Chief. Her goals for the current term include access to medical services in her district of Tsi Snaihne, service center for her district, advocacy for Department of Health, and to establish a Quebec link.

In her past work experience Karen was a teacher for the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education. Karen served as the Health Portfolio Major from 2009-2014 and Portfolio Minor for economic development, public safety, government secretariat, and health. Karen has also served on a number of committees such as finance, executive, AFNQL, FNWC, IFN, TFNSOCH, MMAWG, OCCOH, and VAAW. Karen is a member of the Health board.



April Adams Phillips is the daughter of Rita Peters and Ernest (Jake) Adams. She is married to Thomas Phillips. She is wolf clan. She grew up in Tsi Snaihne. She was elected to her second term as Tsi Snaihne District Chief. April’s goals for her current term as District Chief include trails for all districts, land purchasing for community, organizational review implementation, bereavement service for community and employees, upgrading of school playgrounds, and creating touch down offices accessible to all community members.

April’s past work experience includes administration in Community Health and DTS, gaming inspector for St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and receptionist/dispatcher at AMPS. She enjoys boating, spending time with her family and friends, cook and gardening, being a soccer mom, and loves nature and outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. Her distinguishments include certified appreciation from the AMBE for Supportive Parent as well as suicide prevention training.



Steve Lawentana:wen Thomas is the son of Angus and Florence (Jacobs) Thomas. He is married to Candice. Steve is snipe clan. He grew up in Kana:takon. This is his second term as Kana:takon District Chief. His goals for the current term include providing sustainable employment opportunities for our residents, ensuring a safer community, finding suitable funding for non-funded programs, bettering communications to community members, and working with new council members on procedures and processes of outside governments.

Steve's past work experience includes Project Management, Project Superintendent, Facilities Director, and Executive Director. During his first term as District Chief Steve was the Portfolio Major for Tehotienawakon and Public Safety and Minor for Health, Justice and DTS. He served on a number of committees including finance, property acquisition, QC Protocol, Tobacco Technical, Multijurisdictional, Space Needs, Community Fund, Police Commission, APA Negotiator, Quad Partie Agreement, Port Demolition, Three Nations Bridge Demolition, AEDF-AIF, Climate Survey, Organization Review, Alepc, and Corridor Stakes Holders. His distinguishments and awards include a number of FEMA trainings, International Disaster Certificate, NYS Codes Enforcement Practices, Falmouth Institute, Hazmat-scaffolding, Construction Safety, and FBI Clearance-Nuclear facilities/Armed Forces bases. In his free time Steve enjoys fishing, golfing, classical music, puzzles and Mensa.



Louise Kaierithon Thompson is the daughter of Bernard and Anna (Leaf) Thompson. She is married to Darryl Thompson. She is wolf clan. Louise was raised on Kawehno:ke. She has just begun her third term as Kawehno:ke District Chief. Her goal for the current term is serve her community- responsibly and respectfully. She practices traditional teachings and exercises her aboriginal rights. Louise is a fluent Kanienkeha speaker.

Louise past work experience includes DIAND Counselling Unit-First Nation, Travelling college, Indian Housing Corporation and Akwesasne Justice Department. She was the portfolio major for Justice and minor for Department of Technical Services. She has sat on various committees such as OVS, ARRO, FBCL-APF, ATR, Land Claims, Language culture, EAC, and Nation Building Task groups. Boards include traditional medicine, NAITC, legal aid; couples law, court law, traffic law, tobacco strategy, wildlife, appeal tribunal, residential schools and fuel tax.



Tim Dooley Thompson is the son of Phillip and Mary (Benedict) Thompson. He is wolf clan. Tim grew up in Kana:takon. Tim previously served 14 years as District Chief and three years as Grand Chief from 2006-2009. His goal for the current term is to work cooperatively with the program staff and administration to see a strong vibrant Akwesasne with enhanced and new programs that come available through the strong efforts and through lobbying strategy with council. He has worked for MCA Human Resources as Staffing Officer.



Troy Weniseriio Thompson is the son of Norris and Sylvia (Cook) Thompson. He grew up on Kawehno:ke. He is currently serving his first term as Kawehno:ke District Chief. His goals for the current term include developing and establishing projects that will benefit the people of all ages throughout Akwesasne. Projects such as trails and parks development, Mohawk Electric Utility, Educational and Creativity projects for children, and would like to see manufacturing on a large scale. He wishes to make Akwesasne a better place for us all and to create employment and projects to help Akwesasne become self-sufficient.

Troy's past work experience includes two years with MCA Economic Development, Project Management at Akwesasne Mohawk Casino; construction projects in Akwesasne and Ottawa, Banknote in Ottawa, Design work such as interiors, furniture and graphics work in New York City.

His interests include spending time with family and friends. Troy has a love of sports such as golf, hockey, and football. He spends much of his time outdoors doing activities like boating, hiking, biking, running, canoeing, and zip lining. He enjoys and supports arts and culture through travel, listening to live music, and an immense appreciation for architecture. Troy is proud to have completed the 2004 New York City Marathon.



Vince Asanatanne Thompson was born to Louis Thompson and Idrene Point. He married Gina Jones-Thompson. He is wolf clan. Vincent grew up on Kawehno:ke and is now serving his first term as Kawehno:ke district chief. His goals for the current term include bringing cheaper power to the people of Kawehno:ke, reclaiming land along the seaway corridor for development, bringing more activities for our seniors at the Tri-District Elders building, to utilize the Natural Gas line running through the district of Kawehno:ke, to address border crossing issues by either reducing wait times or eliminating the need to report altogether, Dundee Land Claims, increasing recreational programs, and lastly addressing the need for more housing.

Vince's past work experience includes carpenter, welder, laborer, Union painter and Bridge hand. His interests include coaching basketball and volleyball. He also enjoys playing lacrosse and broomball. He has won a number of awards related to coaching. He has served as an Akwesasne Minor Lacrosse Board Member for 5 years and as Coaching Director for 4 years.

Celebratory Meal Held for New Council

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a celebratory meal for the 2015-2018 Council of Chiefs and the 2012-2015 outgoing council on Monday, August 17, 2015.

The Kana:takon Recreation Center hosted the informal event and also provided a meal for the 80+ people in attendance.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict started the event with some opening remarks, which was followed by an opening from Tsi Snaihne District Chief, Joe Lazore.

In recognition of their hard work and dedication to the community, Grand Chief had gifted former chiefs Julie Phillips-Jacobs and Brian David, along with former Grand Chief Mike Kanentakeron Mitchell, with beautiful, handmade quilts.

Brian David and Mike Mitchell donated their quilts to the Akwesasne Cancer Support Group for a future auction, in hope that it will raise money for the organization.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to thank the Kana:takon Recreation



Center, as well as the community for their attendance at the event.



Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs)

Akenhnhá:ke/Summer 2015

Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 31, 2015

2014/2015 - #366 - Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Charter

Moved by Chief Thomas
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #367 - Hamilton Island Appraisals

Moved by Chief Phillips
Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #368 - Approve Appraisal Report for Island Cottage Lots

Moved by Chief Phillips
Seconded by Chief King
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #369 - Approve Appraisal Report for Various Communications, Navigation Permits & Utility Easements

Moved by Chief Phillips
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #370 - Acceptance of Draft Report for Feasibility Study on Proposed Casino Report Development

Moved by Chief Thomas
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 5, Against - 2

CARRIED

2014/2015 - #371 - Buy Local Logo

Moved by Chief Thomas
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #372 - Support for Application for Funding For New Relationship Fund

Moved by Chief Thomas
Seconded by Chief Sunday
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #373 - Authority Granted to Program Manager of Iethinistén:ha Family Wellness Program (IFWP) to Issue Occupancy Licenses

Moved by Chief Phillips
Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2014/2015 - #374 - Authority Granted to Program Manager of Ionkwanonhsasétsi Adolescent Treatment Centre (IATC) to Issue Occupancy Licenses

Moved by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 Fiscal Year

Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 2015

2015/2016 - #001 - Housing Application - Upgrade

Program for community member

Moved by Chief King
Seconded by Chief Sunday
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #002 - Housing Application - Upgrade Program for community member

Moved by Chief King
Seconded by Chief Loran
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #003 - Housing Application - Upgrade Program for community member

Moved by Chief King
Seconded by Chief Sunday
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #004 - Approval to Appoint EMS Medical Director of Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance Services

Moved by Chief Phillip-Jacobs
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 7, Against - 0
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 2015

2015/2016 - #005 - Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Amendment No. 1 to Incorporate the Diabetes Education Program with the AANDC Accountability Agreement

Moved by Chief Phillips
Seconded by Chief Sunday

Voting: For - 8, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #006 - Allotment - Lot 124 Chenail Range

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

2015/2016 - #007 - 2015 Approval of 2015 Islands Leases

Moved by Chief King
Seconded by Chief Benedict
Voting: For - 10, Against - 0
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #008 - 2015 Approval of Addendums to 2015 Leases - Appendix A

Moved by Chief King
Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For - 8, Against - 1
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #009 - Approval of report titled "Inter-Indigenous Trade Agreement and Tobacco Transportation Issues"

Moved by Chief Thomas
Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips
Voting: For - 9, Against - 1
CARRIED

2015/2016 - #010 - Expiration of Non-Insured Health Benefits With FNIHB Health Contribution Agreement 1515ON0000010

Moved by Chief Loran
Seconded by Chief Phillips
Voting: For - 10, Against - 0
CARRIED

<p>2015/2016 - #011 - Department of Health April 2015 Contract for Nurse Practitioner Moved by Chief Phillips Seconded by Chief Loran Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #012 - Reduction in MCA Mileage Rates for business travel Moved by Chief Phillips Seconded by Chief Phillip-Jacobs Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #013 - Acknowledge and agree to Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation Offer to Lend – Subsequent Renewal Moved by Chief King Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #014 - 2015-2016 Approval of Family Violence Prevention Program & Funding Moved by Chief Jocko Seconded by Chief Thomas Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #015 - Approve Property Acquisition Team (PAT) Recommendation regarding property of community member Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #016 – Approve</p>	<p>PAT Recommendation on property swap Moved by Chief King Seconded by Chief Sunday Voting: For – 6, Against – 4 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #017 - AANDC Common Annual Report FY 2014/2015 – P&ID File 4260-3-0159 Moved by Chief David Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #018 - Housing Application – Upgrade Application Moved by Chief Benedict Seconded by Chief King Voting: For – 10, Against – 1 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #019 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 27, 2015 Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #020 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 20, 2015 Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief Phillips-Jacobs Voting: For – 10, Against – 1 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #021 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated January 6, 2015 Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief April Adams Phillips Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #022 - Council</p>	<p>Meeting Minutes Dated January 13, 2015 Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief April Adams Phillips Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #023 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 26 & 27 Block C Hamilton Island Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief David Voting: For – 9, Against – 1 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #024 - 2015 MCA Financial Contribution to the SEED Program Moved by Chief King Seconded by Chief Loran Voting: For – 10, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #025 - 2015-2016 Operating Plan Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief Phillips Voting: For – 7, Against – 3 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #026 - OLGC Funding as part of the Operating Plan Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief Benedict Voting: For – 6, Against – 4 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #027 - Policy of Contributions/Funding of Community Organizations Moved by Chief Thomas Seconded by Chief David Voting: For – 8, Against – 2 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #028 - P&ID FY 2015/2016 Request for Funding Proposal</p>	<p>Moved by Chief David Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillips Voting: For – 7, Against – 3 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #029 - 2015 MCA Summer Employment for Students Employer Applicants Moved by Chief Loran Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillip Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #030 - MCA Summer Employment Salary Grid – Hourly Rates Moved by Chief Karen Loran Seconded by Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #031 – Establishment of Community Board Moved by Chief King Seconded by Chief David Voting: For – 5, Against – 2 CARRIED</p> <p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2015</u></p> <p>2015/2016 - #032 - Renewal of Probation Services For the Native Community Correctional Worker 2015-2016 Moved by Chief Thompson Seconded by Chief Lazore Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p> <p>2015/2016 - #033 - Akwesasne Rev. Commission member Appointed to Three Year Term Moved by Chief Thompson Seconded by Chief Lazore Voting: For – 8, Against – 1 CARRIED</p>
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<p>2015/2016 - #034 - Funding Renewal from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services 2015-2016 Moved by Chief Benedict Seconded by Chief Thompson Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #40 - Agreement on the Provision of Policing Services in the Community of Akwesasne Moved by: Chief Thomas Seconded by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs Voting: For – 5, Against – 2 CARRIED</p>	<p>Seconded by: Chief Jocko Voting: For – 6, Against – 1 CARRIED</p>	<p>Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>
<p>2015/2016 - #035 - Permit – Lot 12 Stanley Island Moved by Chief Phillips Seconded by Chief King Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #41 - New Construction Approvals 2015/16 Moved by: Chief Jocko Seconded by: Chief King Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #47 - Housing Upgrade Application Moved by: Chief Jocko Seconded by: Chief Phillips Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2015</u></p>
<p>2015/2016 - #036 - Amendment to Boxing and MMA Commission MCR 2013/2014 - #281 Moved by Chief Loran Seconded by Chief Adams-Phillip Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #42 - New Construction Approvals 2015/16 Moved by: Chief King Seconded by: Chief Phillips Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #48 - AEDF Application (Mohawk Country Lacrosse Factory) Moved by: Chief Thomas Seconded by: Chief David Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/2016-#053 - Tsikaristisere/Dundee Claim – Acceptance of Offer of Settlement Moved by: Chief King Seconded by: Chief Adams-Phillips Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>
<p>2015/2016 - #037 - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Child Nutrition Program Service Contract for 2015-2016 Moved by Chief Adams-Phillips Seconded by Chief Loran Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #43 - New Construction Approvals 2015/16 Moved by: Chief Loran Seconded by: Chief King Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #49 - AEDF Application Economic Development Fund Moved by: Chief Thomas Seconded by: Chief David Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/2016-#054 - Organizational Review of Governance and Management and Structures Final Report Moved by: Chief Adams-Phillips Seconded by: Chief David Voting: For – 5, Against – 2 CARRIED</p>
<p>2015/2016 - #038 - Referendum Results Moved by Chief Phillips Seconded by Chief Lazore Voting: For – 9, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #44 - Rescind MCR 2014/15 for Housing Upgrade Approval Moved by: Chief Phillips Seconded by: Chief Loran Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #50 - Transfer Payment Agreement for Akwesasne Tobacco Pilot Project Moved by: Chief Thomas Seconded by: Chief David Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/2016-#055 - Housing – New Construction Program (Rescind) Moved by: Chief Phillips Seconded by: Chief King Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>
<p>2015/2016 - #039 - Pre-Transfer Contribution Agreement Moved by Chief King Seconded by Chief Loran Voting: For – 7, Against – 2 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/16 - #45 - Housing Upgrade Application Moved by: Chief Phillips Seconded by: Chief King Voting: For – 6, Against – 1 CARRIED</p>	<p><u>General Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 2015,</u></p>	<p>2015/2016-#056 - Aboriginal Community Energy Plan Funding Agreement Moved by: Chief David Seconded by: Chief Adams-Phillips Voting: For – 5, Against – 2 CARRIED</p>
<p><u>Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2015</u></p>	<p>2015/16 - #46 - Housing Upgrade Application Moved by: Chief Phillips</p>	<p>2015/16 - #51 - General Meeting Minutes Dated October 27, 2014 Moved by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs Seconded by: Chief Lazore Voting: For – 8, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>	<p>2015/2016-#057 - Access to Territory Request – – Toromont Cat Loan – \$174,675.00 Moved by: Chief Jocko Seconded by: Chief David Voting: For – 7, Against – 0 CARRIED</p>
		<p>2015/16 - #52 - General Meeting Minutes Dated March 12, 2014 Moved by: Chief Joe Lazore Seconded by: Chief Larry King</p>	<p>2015/2016-#058 - Tsi Snaihne Administration Building Pre-</p>

Consolidation of the Building Site

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Jocko
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#059 - Universal Ban on the Commercial Production of Genetically Modified Plant Products

Moved by: Chief David
Seconded by: Chief Lazore
Voting: For – 5, Against – 2
CARRIED

2015/2016-#060 - New Family Wellness Centre

Moved by: Chief Jocko
Seconded by: Chief Phillip-Jacobs
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1
CARRIED

MCR Walk Around, Tuesday, June 16, 2015

2015/2016-#061-Acceptance of Engagement Letter with MNP LLP for Comprehensive Community Development Plan Consulting Services

Moved by: Chief Adams-Phillips
Seconded by: Chief David
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

MCR Walk Around, Tuesday, June 19, 2015

2015/2016 - #062 – Bank of Montreal - Guarantee

Moved by: Chief King
Seconded by: Chief Abram Benedict
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2015

2015/2016- #063 - To Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-ON-000028

Amendment No. 0003

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Thompson
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015-2016-#064 - Akwesasne Mohawk Court Justice Remuneration Extension to Memorandum of Agreement October 31, 2015

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief King
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#065 - 2014/2015 MCYS Service Contract Amendment C102532-10/A4

Moved by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Jocko
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#066 - 2014/2015 MCYS Service Contract Amendment C102532-10/A5

Moved by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Jocko
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#067 - To Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-ON 000028 Amendment No. 0001

Moved by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Loran
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#068 - To Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-ON 000028 Amendment No. 0002

Moved by: Chief Loran
Seconded by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#069 - 2015-2016 NCBR Projects

Moved by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Seconded by: Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 8, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#070 - Three Nations Crossing International Passenger Vehicle Survey

Moved by: Chief Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Phillips-Jacobs
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#071-Assignment of Lease – Lot 7 Block B Hamilton Island

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief King
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #072 - Assignment of Lease – Lot 5 Renshaw Island

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Sunday
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015-2016-#073 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated February 3, 2015

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

2015/2016-#074 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated February 10, 2015

Moved by: Chief Loran
Seconded by: Chief Lazore
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#075 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated February 17, 2015

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief King
Voting: For – 8, Against – 1

CARRIED

2015/2016-#076 - Education Services Agreement with Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Julie Phillips Jacobs
Voting: For – 9, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#077 - 2015/2016 Protocol Agreement between MCA-DCSS Adolescent Treatment Centre and the Cree Board of Health & Social Services of James Bay

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

2015/2016-#078 - Request to Hold a Special General Meeting

Moved by: Chief Louise Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Joe Lazore
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 30, 2015

2015/2016- #079 - To Accept and Approve the ARFA Agreement 1516-On-000028 Amendment No. 0003

Moved by: Chief Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015-2016-#080 - Akwesasne Mohawk Court Justice Remuneration Extension to Memorandum of Agreement October 31, 2015

Moved by: Chief Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Loran
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0

CARRIED

2015/2016-#081 - Mohawk Police Commission

Moved by: Chief Sunday
Seconded by: Chief Phillips
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#082 - Reimbursement Investigation

Moved by: Chief Billy Sunday
Seconded by: Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 6, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#083 - Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services NILO Program Agreement 1700/15/877773 2015-2016

Moved by: Chief Thompson
Seconded by: Chief Loran
Voting: For – 5, Against – 1
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 13, 2015

2015/2016- #084 - Consultant Service Contract with Vires Capital

Moved by: Chief Thomas
Seconded by: Chief David
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015-2016-#085 - 2015/2016 Child Welfare Approved Budget Allocation

Moved by: Chief Sunday
Seconded by: Chief April Adams Phillips
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#086 - Lot 41 Block B Hamilton Island- Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief David
Seconded by: Chief Thompson
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0

CARRIED

2015/2016-#087 - Lot 13 St. Francis Island – Assignment of Lease

Moved by: Chief Adams-Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015-2016-#088 - Tsi Snaihne Administration Building – Construction Contract Award

Moved by: Chief Adams-Phillips
Seconded by: Chief Thomas
Voting: For – 6, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015-2016-#089 - Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission Seat for Tsi Snaihne

Moved by: Chief Thomas
Seconded by: Chief Billy Sunday
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016-#090 - General Election Results for Grand Chief and Council- Term 2015-2018

Moved by: Chief Thomas
Seconded by: Chief David
Voting: For – 7, Against – 0
CARRIED

New Council

Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 16, 2015

2015/2016- #091 - Working Conditions Agreement
Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief C. Lazore
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 21, 2015

2015/2016- #092 - To Approve Change in Traffic Pattern and

Installation of Stop Sign at First and Park Street Kana:takon Village

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

2015/2016- #093 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated February 24, 2015

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #094 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 3, 2015

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief L. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #095 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 10, 2015

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief T. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #096 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 20, 2015

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief J. Lazore
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #097 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 24, 2015

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief C. Lazore
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #098 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated March 31, 2015

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 9, Against – 2
CARRIED

2015/2016- #099 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated April 7, 2015

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

2015/2016- #100 - Council Meeting Minutes Dated April 14, 2015

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 10, Against – 1
CARRIED

Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 4, 2015

2015/2016- #101 - Ministry of Transportation Ontario Three Nations Crossing Passenger Vehicle Survey

Moved by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Seconded by: Chief T. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015/2016- #102 - 2015-2016 Child Care Service Agreement with the Ministry of Education, Ontario

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

General Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2015

2015/16 - #103 - General Meeting Minutes Dated May 28, 2015

Moved by: Chief J. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief D. Lazore
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015/16 - #104 - General Meeting Minutes Dated June 25, 2015

Moved by: Chief L. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief T. D. Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/16 - #105 - Petition to Remove District Chief of Kawehno:ke

Moved by: Chief T. D. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief D. Chaussi
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

Council Meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2015

2015/2016- #106 - Good Standing Policy Working Task Group – Mandate Extension

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015/2016- #107 - New Lease – Lot 11 Thompson Island

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief T. D. Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0

CARRIED

2015/2016- #108 - Rescind Property Swap MCR 2015-2016 - #016

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

Council Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2015

2015/2016- #109 - New Lease – Lot 19 Thompson Island

Moved by: Chief T.D Thompson
Seconded by: Chief J. Lazore
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #110 - Relocate CBSA Community Advocate Files to the Justice Department

Moved by: Chief L. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief D. Chaussi
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #111 - Akwesasne Election Law Amendments

Moved by: Chief L. Thompson
Seconded by: Chief J. Lazore
Voting: For – 11, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #112 - Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre Logo

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief T. Thompson
Voting: For – 9, Against – 2
CARRIED

2015/2016- #113 - Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) Slogan

Moved by: Chief A. Adams-Phillips
Seconded by: Chief C. Lazore
Voting: For – 6, Against – 5
CARRIED

Council Meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2015

2015/2016- #114 - Participant Funding Program Contribution Agreement from the National Energy Board of the TransCanada Energy East Pipeline

Moved by: Chief K. Loran
Seconded by: Chief T. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015/2016- #115 - Permit – Marine Navigation Light – 50'x50' Portion of Lame Squaw Island

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas
Seconded by: Chief V. Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #116 - Allotment – Lot 23-1-1 Cornwall Island

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief S. Thomas
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #117 - Lot 100-4 Cornwall Island – Cell Canada Telephone Expansion Permit

Moved by: Chief S. Thomas

Seconded by: Chief C. Lazore
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #118 - Access to Territory Request

Moved by: Chief K. Loran
Seconded by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Voting: For – 11, Against – 1
CARRIED

2015/2016- #119 - Hiring of Interim Director (AMBE)

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Voting: For – 10, Against – 2
CARRIED

2015/2016- #120 - Health Canada Health Transfer Agreement Amendment 1516-ON-000010-001 to Include the Non-Ensured Health Benefits Funding Arrangement into the 10 Year Agreement

Moved by: Chief K. Loran
Seconded by: Chief T.D. Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

2015/2016- #121 - Akwesasne Review Commission Member Appointed to Three (3) Year Term

Moved by: Chief C. Lazore
Seconded by: Chief L Thompson
Voting: For – 12, Against – 0
CARRIED

History of the Tsikaristisere - Dundee Claim

The place known as Tsikaristisere lies within the most eastern areas of Akwesasne traditional territory, abutting the boundary of the Tsi Snaihne district of Akwesasne and on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River roughly opposite Cornwall. Tsikaristisere consists of approximately 20,000 acres in the most westerly portion of the Province of Quebec. Tsikaristisere is the Kanienke:ha (Mohawk) name for the place that has come to be known as the Township of Dundee. The Kanienke:ha word “Tsikaristisere” literally means, “where they drag the chains,” referring to the survey chains used when the international boundaries were being determined in the early 1800s.

In the early 1800’s, Tsikaristisere was being used by the community as hunting and gathering grounds. Meanwhile, non-Native settlers began looking for places to settle in the lower parts of Canada (Quebec). Akwesasne leadership, along with Indian Agents of the British Crown, began leasing “Indian Reserve” land parcels as a means to generate revenue for the community. Non-native settlers began occupying and clearing their leased lands. Leases varied in length, from 30 years to as many as 999 years, though the longer leases were not typical. The lease amounts were for \$10 per year, with \$100 due upon leasing. Leases were made between the Indian Department or the Indian Agents and the lessees, with very few of them dealing directly with the Akwesasne Chiefs after the turn of the 19th century. These leases were illegal, as none of them were preceded by surrender as required by the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

Historically, collection of rents on the leased lands by agents of the Crown were poorly recorded and inconsistent with

the terms of the leases. When collected, the agents’ rental ledgers often consisted of “payments in kind,” which could mean an exchange of services, livestock, tools or food instead of money. Combined with the agents’ fees, which were taken directly out of the rents they did receive, little is known about how the actual payments, cash or in-kind payments, actually reached the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

As the shorter leases expired, Akwesasne residents demanded a return on their lands. The Crown, and later, the Government of Canada, were reluctant to remove the lessees from the Tsikaristisere-Dundee lands. The Indian Agent was responsible for management and collection of rents. When rents were due or not collected, frustration among Akwesasronon grew, and petitions for the removal of the Indian Agent and non-paying lessees circulated. The community petitioned the Minister of Indian Affairs, Prime Minister of Canada Sir John A. McDonald, and even Queen Victoria of England, to rectify the issue of non-payment; all with no response. Eventually, several Akwesasronon attempted to re-occupy lease lands and some of those individuals were arrested for trespassing.

In 1831, Non-Native settlers in Tsikaristisere wanted the same rights as other residents of Canada, and petitioned both Lower Canada (Quebec) and Upper Canada (Ontario) to incorporate their township. They did not want to be stuck in the “political limbo” of Indian lands. These lessees sought political representation and all the rights as other land-owning British settlers. Incorporation would allow the government to start collecting taxes from the residents of Dundee, despite the fact that the land title still belonged to the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

With the establishment of the municipality of Dundee the door was open for the collection of taxes. In 1839, British Officials suggested that the Tsikaristisere Reserve lands be surrendered. Settlers in Dundee also petitioned for the same, and sought clear title to the land they leased, cleared and occupied.

In 1876, John Davidson was appointed the new Indian Agent. Once Davidson took charge, he and his work proved to be very detrimental to the Akwesasronon efforts to have their lands returned. Davidson was a resident of Tsikaristisere-Dundee lands himself, and showed much bias towards the settlers and against the rights of the Akwesasronon. Davidson refused to enforce rental payments, and ignored Department orders to collect back payments. Davidson would often charge and jail Akwesasne Residents for trespassing on the still-Reserve lands that were occupied by the non-Native settlers. Akwesasne sought to remove Davidson from his position, and launched several petitions demanding he be removed from his office. Petitions were sent to every level of government asking for help - not one responded.

By 1881, new rounds of petitions were created that asked for the Tsikaristisere lands to be returned back to Akwesasne, based on the facts that the majority of the leases had expired. Since the lands were leased, Akwesasne had to rely on the Crown for aid due to the lack of timber and its inability to farm.

Under pressure from the lessee-settlers, many of whom expressed resistance to ‘sharing’ the area with Mohawks, the Department of Indian Affairs refused to return any lands. Part of the decision not to return any lands was based on the

false assumption that the Mohawks were not prepared to farm the area - despite centuries' old Haudenosaunee agricultural practices. Throughout this time of pressure from Mohawks toward the Crown for the return of their lands, Akwesasne Chiefs sought legal advice. At the time, Bands wanting to retain lawyers on behalf of their people required Indian Affairs involvement. Mohawk requests for Indian Affairs to assist in getting legal advice were repeatedly rejected, and a lawyer who was retained by the Akwesasne Chiefs on their own was not paid by the Department of Indian Affairs for his services.

As a matter of interest, the Indian Act was amended in 1921 to add Section 141, which outlawed the hiring of legal counsel by 'Indians' for the purposes of fighting for their rights in Canada's legal system. Section 141 was only repealed in 1951.

By 1882, and after decades of requests for the return of the Tsikaristisere, frustrations among the Mohawks grew to the point that many members resolved to re-occupy the lands. An 1887 St. Regis Band resolution called for the re-occupation of lands. This led more Mohawks attempt to return to the lands, and in the early 1800s, some were arrested for trespassing.

The situation between Akwesasne and the non-Native settlers of Tsikaristisere became the subject of a Federal Commission of Inquiry in 1887. The commission lasted for 14 days in Dundee and heard 150 settler testimonies. Five Akwesasne Chiefs were prepared to testify to the damages and impact of the loss of the lands to Akwesasne, though only one Chief was asked to testify, and was restricted to speaking about farming. Of the fourteen day commission, only five Akwesasne Mohawks were allowed to testify, and also were restricted to speaking about

farming techniques. Akwesasne residents did request to have legal council paid for out of Akwesasne trust fund, but again the request was denied by the Indian Agent. The Federal Commission released its report in February 1888, with recommendations to secure a surrender of the lands by the Mohawks for a payment of \$50,000, and to grant clear titles to the lessees.

On February 16, 1888, newly appointed Indian Agent George Long called a general meeting in the village of Kana:takon (St. Regis), in which he proceeded to obtain a surrender of the Tsikaristisere lands from those present.

The surrender was invalid, and it exploited the rights of Akwesasronon by failing to enforce rent collection of invalid leases and "compensated," the Members with an amount far below the value of the lands. Many Akwesasronon were shocked in the spring when the community came to understand what had happened during the winter months, and how the "surrender" could occur while the community had never given up its fight to have the Tsikaristisere-Dundee lands fully returned to Akwesasne.

The community did buy some land back, but at highly inflated prices, from the non-Native settlers who had received patents for their lands after the "surrender." Between 1889 and 1927, about 10 percent of the patented lands were purchased by Akwesasne and returned to Reserve Status - these lands are now the eastern parts of the current TsiSnaihne district in Akwesasne. However, most of the leased Tsikaristisere-Dundee lands were subsequently patented to private individuals.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne filed a specific claim for the Tsikaristisere-Dundee lands against Canada in 1981. In 1988 Canada accepted the claim for negotiation on the limited basis that the

compensation of \$50,000 awarded to the Mohawks of Akwesasne in 1888 may have been insufficient, but negotiations between Canada and the MCA on that basis were not productive. In 1995 the Supreme Court of Canada rendered a decision in the case of Blueberry River Indian Band v. Canada establishing that the Crown had the duty to protect First Nations from exploitative surrenders of lands. In the light of that decision, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne resubmitted the Claim to Canada. The resubmitted Claim was accepted for negotiation by Canada in 2002 on an expanded basis that was satisfactory to MCA and negotiations resumed on that basis in 2004.

In these negotiations, MCA and Canada started discussing the outstanding issues with respect to the alleged invalid leases and the alleged invalid surrender.

In 2012 both MCA and Canada entered the later stages of negotiations, after which MCA awaited a settlement offer from Canada. In May of 2015 Canada returned with a global settlement offer of \$239,808,436.00 for the full and final settlement of the Tsikaristisere/Dundee Specific Claim. Under the Offer Akwesasne has the opportunity to have up to 18,282 acres of land added to existing Reserve lands.

Through its Resolution 2015/16 # 053, MCA accepted the Offer, subject to the terms of a final settlement agreement being negotiated and agreed to submit such final settlement agreement to membership approval. This acceptance will start a comprehensive community education process ending in a referendum period, which will be determined in the near future.

Archaeological Excavation in Kana:takon

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to inform the community about the archaeological excavation taking place on Third Street in the district of Kana:takon.

Francis Scardera, along with his team of field technicians from the Akwesasne Archaeological Field School, have taken on the project in search of historic, Iroquoian artifacts.

“Our goal is not just to excavate, but to protect, as well,” Scardera stated.

Monday, August 17 marked the third week of real excavation and the team remains hopeful that they will find more relics. So far, Scardera and the students have uncovered multiple nails, roofing, glass material from old-time washboards, and a belt buckle among other items. Lloyd Benedict Jr., an archaeological leader for the program, specified that they aim to find Iroquoian artifacts, like pottery, that date back to the 1600s.

However, it doesn’t just stop at the 1600s. According to carbon dating, a method that determines the age of an object containing organic material using radiocarbon, Scardera described the area almost directly across from their current location as a site that is approximately 2,000 years old. The archaeologist said that pottery mostly started close to 2,000 years ago, so that is what they will be in search of to help determine a timeline.

The field school began in 2013 on a short-term trial basis, but has shown potential in growing into an advanced school of archaeological study. The field school began as a partnership between Economic Development, Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO), and Community Support. Since, Economic Development has continued building capacity in the field of Archaeology.

The field school thanks the Department of Technical Services (DTS) for ensuring safety while on hand to locate waterlines and cables. A multitude of programs and departments contributed to the success of the field school. MCA acknowledges the necessity of maintaining culture sensitivity and practices on our lands.

The course instructor, Francis Scardera, is no stranger to MCA or Akwesasne; he has acted as a consultant for the organization since 2006, participated in surveys of waterlines, cables, towers and large scale construction projects, while also contributing research for the Tsikaristisere/Dundee Land Claim.

The community of Akwesasne looks forward to seeing the uncovered pieces of history found during the team’s time in Kana:takon.





2015 MCA Summer Student Employment Program

Every summer the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) coordinates a summer student program that provides meaningful employment opportunities within the MCA. These employment opportunities are funded through various funding sources, such as the Akwesasne Area Management Board (AAMB), Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC), Service Canada, Economic Development as well as vacant jobs within MCA.

Highlights from this year's MCA summer student employment program include:

- The MCA worked in collaboration with the AAMB namely, Clarissa Jacobs and Taylen Sunday. We followed their established deadlines; with the AAMB serving as the central location for students to submit their resumes and applications.
- MCA contributed \$105k to match AAMB funding for the Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED) program.
- MCA proceeded with a new summer student selection process which included interviewing students who applied through AAMB for summer employment for available positions within the MCA. The selection pro-

cess proved to be a success as students were placed within programs of their interest while other students became interested in other career areas.

- Placements were found within MCA, for AAMB Stay in School Program students.
- Any and all issues that arose from the summer student program were addressed in a timely fashion.
- MCA employed a total of 76 students (secondary and post-secondary) throughout approximately 16 MCA programs and departments.
- A wrap up session was held for the students to provide feedback on what they thought of the 2015 summer student program. The students were provided with a summer BBQ and the opportunity to meet and greet the newly elected Mohawk Council Chiefs in attendance. In turn the Chiefs present together with the AAMB Manager Russell Roundpoint, gave the students words of encouragement, to always remember who they are as Mohawk youth, to work hard and to continue their education and come back home to share their knowledge and experiences.

In closing, the success of the 2015 summer student employment program was largely due to the coordinated efforts of MCA Human Resource Staffing Officers namely Jason Lazore and Steve Lazore and AAMB Youth Coordinator, Clarissa Jacobs and Taylen Sunday, SEED Coordinator. The many meetings and lengthy discussions that the coordinating team had were both satisfying and invigorating, ensuring students had the best summer employment experience they could possibly have here at MCA.

Lastly, the MCA/AAMB coordinating team is preparing a final report to present to Council and the AAMB on the successes of this year's summer employment season, with discussions on how we can improve it for 2016!!

Best wishes go out to all the students returning to school and to those students who have graduated and have entered the world of work. We wish you the very best with your future endeavors.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!" ~ Dr. Seuss

Respectfully submitted
Lynn Roundpoint, CHRP, CHRL
Human Resources Manager





Comprehensive Community Planning Project Underway

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce that a planning process for a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is now underway. In April of this year, MCA retained the consulting firm of MNP LLP to begin working on the first stages of the CCP. For the next few months, there will be a series of community meetings, focus groups, and online surveys to collect feedback from community members on how they see the community of Akwesasne evolving over the next 20 to 30 years.

What is a Comprehensive Community Plan?

A CCP or Comprehensive Community Plan is like a blueprint for change for the community. It will have goals, actions, policies, objectives and maybe even timelines and work plans about what 'Akwesasne People' want for their community over the next 20 to 30 years.

The purpose of the CCP project is to engage the Akwesasne community in comprehensive planning to build a roadmap to sustainability, self-sufficiency and improved governance capacity. Most importantly, the CCP belongs to the community, to the people. It will help guide the MCA leadership and administration to make decisions based on what the community wants.

How Does a CCP Work?

A CCP is the collective voice of community members that includes the children, youth, adults and elders. It will help provide a statement of objectives and policies to guide planning and in some cases, land use planning.

It will help Akwesasne to prioritize its goals and directions to guide the future growth of the community. It will provide policy guidance for programs and budgets, actions and services, provide a basis for coordinating



land use direction and provide

a degree of certainty for the membership, the business community and the surrounding municipalities and governments.

What's Next?

Over the next few weeks, there will be additional press releases and announcements regarding the CCP initiative and opportunities for the community to participate in meetings and focus groups.

For more information about this initiative, please visit the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Facebook page for regular updates. Or contact the Community Planner Penny Peters at 613.575.2250 ext.1054

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News from Economic Development Program

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

Stop in or call us for more information regarding our:

- ☐ Business Registration

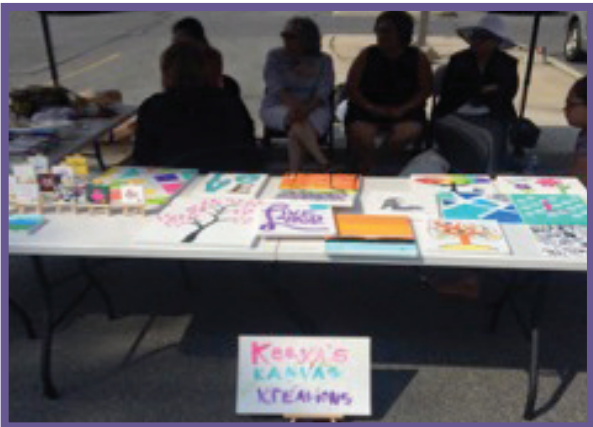
- ☐ Akwesasne Economic Development Fund (AEDF)
- ☐ Small Business Grant (SBG)
- ☐ Training

INITIATIVES

AKWESASNE'S LOCAL MARKET was held this summer for 6 weeks every Saturday starting Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke. Akwesasne Local Market's goal and purpose was to support and promote our local

artisans, farmers and business owners. The market also was implemented to improve and revitalize the economy located on Cornwall Island by increasing revenues for surrounding businesses as well as increase tourism. The market heavily encouraged and promoted the Buy Local Campaign. Each weekend we had between 5-10 vendors and a range of 80-150 visitors each week.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the Local Market Fall Festival this October, please give our office a call to sign up.



TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES If you are interested in retailing Tax-Exempt Cigarettes at your place of business, please contact the MCA Tobacco Compliance Office for the requirements and more information at Pamela Brown, Tobacco Compliance Officer (613) 575-2250 ext. 1057 pamela.brown@akwesasne.c

Selling Tax-Exempt cigarettes has the ability to increase revenue, increase patron traffic, create a closer working relationship with MCA and also diversify and increase your product offerings!

INTRODUCING AKWESASNE'S FIRST "EXPERIENCE AKWESASNE WELCOME CENTRE" -

Economic Development Program would like to announce to the community that within the upcoming weeks, the "Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre" will be opening at the Peace Tree Trade Centre on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island).


The Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre will highlight local Artisans with a rotating quarterly spotlight. The Tourism Coordinator will be conducting a call out for artisans from

various artistic outlets from the community of Akwesasne to feature their work. This will be free-of-charge to help promote the artists in the community.

The results of the Economic Leakage Study, which was conducted in 2014, identified that Akwesasne in the Northern Portion spend \$140 million per year. Out of that \$140 million, \$107 million or 76% of that is leaked off and spent outside the Territory. The goal of the Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre is to bring in more revenue from outsiders to increase local economic activity. The Centre will also serve as a hub for the entire community to utilize and promote local businesses, artisans and events.

The Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre project is funded by the Economic Diversification Grant of the Aboriginal Economic Development Fund. An initiative of the government of Ontario, the Aboriginal Economic Development Fund supports promising projects that lead to employment, training and business opportunities for Aboriginal people. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/aboriginaleconomy

If anyone in the community is hosting an event feel free to drop off flyer and we will display in the centre as well as promoting on our Facebook page and Experience Akwesasne website. If you would like more information on the Experience Akwesasne Welcome Centre, please contact LaToya Rourke at (613) 575-2250 extension #1800 or direct line at (613)-575- 5011.

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

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Tehotiennawakon Department observed the A'nowara'ko:wa arena 20th Anniversary on August 25. The celebration included a community picnic and activities for the kids. The event was well attended with 200 community members; Kawehno:ke district chiefs Dennis Chaussi, Vincent Thompson, Louise Thompson, Troy Thompson; past arena committee members such as Ernest Thompson, Alex Roundpoint and Tommy Francis were also in attendance. There were bouncy houses and water slides for the kids to enjoy. The organizers thank Velma Cook who prepared and cooked the delicious meal along with the help of her sisters.

Organizers thanked the attendees for their support and remarked that the event not only celebrated the past 20 years but also served as an opportunity to look ahead to the many improvements and new developments in the works. The arena staff and planning committee are already looking forward to organizing the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena's 25th Anniversary in August 2020.

To contact the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena or to join the planning committee please call Geraldine Kanastatsi Jacobs at 613-936-1583.



Terri Bova and Hilda Smoke in line for the delicious meal provided by Velma Cook and sisters.

MCA Youth Employee Profile

Ohseraseiahawi ionkia'ts, tanon wakathahion:ni niwakitaroten. Herne tanon Benedict ne akwa:tsire. Akwesasne tewakatchia:ron, tanon Iethinisten:ha non:we niwakiote.

My name is Lacey Jae Herne, and I am the Administrative Assistant for Iethinisten:ha-Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (AFWP), located on Kawenohke.

I was born and raised in Akwesasne, and after graduating from Salmon River Central in 2004, I spent time in Long Island and Brooklyn, completing two secondary degrees before entering the work force. I always knew I wanted to go away for school, but know in my heart I wanted to bring my education back to Akwesasne and find a program that would allow me to utilize my education while bettering my community.

I started at AFWP in October of 2014, after having tested out the fields of Marketing and Job Recruitment. I found an immediate liking to administrative work, with its fast pace

environment and ever changing schedule, I truly enjoy organizing and taking on tasks to assist AFWP in being a top notch program within the community of Akwesasne. I love working at AFWP mostly because I never have the same day twice, and it keeps me busy from the start of the work day to the end. The AFWP team is excellent to work with and their positivity radiates in everything they do. It's a truly enjoyable environment to come to work every day.

My favorite part of working here is knowing that when providing my best, staying organized and on top of things, the team can provide their best for our clients. AFWP strives to provide the best care possible and when things run smooth administratively, everything else falls into place. It feels fantastic to be a part of the bigger picture here at Iethinisten:ha, and I know that I am an invaluable member of this amazing team.



Lacey Herne, Administrative Assistant, Iethinisten:ha Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.



NEWS FROM AKWESASNE MOHAWK AMBULANCE



We've changed our uniforms! Keep an eye out for our new look! EMS Week May 17-23, 2015

Akwesasne Career Fair 2015

On Friday, April 17th, 2015, the Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance stopped in at the A'nowara'korwa Arena for the Akwesasne Career Fair. AMA showcased one of the three ambulances they currently have on the road as well as their equipment that they use.

Wabigonikwe Tenasco, EMT, was onsite to talk to students and community members who stopped in. She explained daily duties, demonstrating and showcasing equipment, encouraging interest in the field of EMS and answering questions.



Akwesasne TV video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy6Uilh8oh0>



AMA Crews at AFS Survival Race 2015 Photo courtesy of Wabigonikwe Tenasco

Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance would like to also thank the Akwesasne Mini-Mart and Three Feathers Café for participating in EMS Week. As well as Tarbell Management Group who donated \$500.00 to our agency during EMS Week.

Niawen:kowa to all the members of AMPS, Tribal PD, HAVFD, Massena Rescue Squad, Seaway Valley Ambulance, Northern Ambulance, SD&G EMS and especially to our very own staff here at Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance.



Photo courtesy of Wabigonikwe Tenasco

Congratulations

- ◆ Joseph Bonaparte and Rebecca Bonaparte for successfully completing their Advance Emergency Medical Technician course.
- ◆ Please welcome Wabigonikwe Tenasco, EMT as AMA's newest full-time member.
- ◆ Daryl Diabo has successfully completed his Paramedic training.
- ◆ Clint Cole and Derek Comins for recertifying for EMT-B certification.
- ◆ Good luck to Joseph Bonaparte and Rebecca Bonaparte who are in class for Critical Care certification and Issac McDonald who will be recertifying as an AEMT-CC this fall as well.

All our staff are certified in New York State

Niawen:kowa

Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance would like to extend a very big Thank You to Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue Squad for loaning out one of their ambulances to us in our time of need. During the week of July 19-25, 2015, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance unexpectedly had both primary ambulances break-down due to mechanical issues.



Photo courtesy of Derek Comins

Mending Broken Hearts Grief Recovery Groups in Akwesasne

If you or someone you know has been suffering from emotional pain caused by a loss, we are here to help. Grief recovery groups are now being offered in Akwesasne. Whether the loss was recent or long ago, this program may help.

What is Grief?

Grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss of any kind. Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by the end of, or change in, a familiar pattern of behavior. All relationships are unique; therefore, it is important to remember that we must not compare our losses or our pain with another person. There are many forms of losses that a person may suffer from such as: Death, Divorce, Absent Parent, Moving, Job Loss, Loss of Health, End of Addictions, Loss of Trust, Loss of Safety, Loss of Control, just to name a few.

Seeing the Problem

Grief is a natural reaction to loss and yet we are often ill prepared to deal with it. When we are not prepared to deal with the emotions that follow a loss, we may turn to “short-term energy relieving behaviors” to cope with these emotions. Some techniques we use to avoid the grieving process include:

- ☐ Denying the feeling
- ☐ Overeating
- ☐ Running away
- ☐ Sleeping
- ☐ Drug & Alcohol use
- ☐ Anger

- ☐ Isolation
- ☐ B o o k s / T V / I n t e r n e t

These short-term energy-relieving behaviors do not work because they do not deal with the true emotion that you are feeling due to the loss.

Goals

The goal of grief recovery is to help you complete your relationship to the pain. The loneliness and isolation caused by any significant emotional loss you are dealing with can be relieved by working through it in a supportive and positive atmosphere with others experiencing similar issues of loss. This active process may help you learn to express your feelings and also learn skills in processing your grief one loss at a time. The foundation for this healing process is based on the importance of forgiveness and completing the relationships with those who have made an impact on your life whether positively or negatively. This program may also help you grasp a better understanding of the importance of letting go so that you may continue to move forward on your path in a positive way.

What Is Grief Recovery?

Recovery from loss is achieved by a series of small and correct choices made by the griever.

Recovery means feeling better.

Recovery is finding new meaning for living, without the fear of being hurt again.

Recovery is being able to enjoy fond memories without having them turn painful. Recovery is acknowledging that it is perfectly all right to feel sad from time to time and to talk about those feelings no matter how those around you react.

Recovery means acquiring the skills we should have been taught as a child. These skills allow us to deal with loss directly by resolving the emotions attached to our loss. What we are taught as children on how to deal with grief is sometimes generational. Recovery means walking the path originally intended for our people, with a good mind and open heart.

Are you ready for change?

Regardless of the cause of your unresolved grief, only you know how you feel. If you have the strength and courage to take that step to feel better, help is available. Groups will begin once a minimum of 8 registrations are received for any district. Groups are 2 hour sessions once per week, for 7-8 weeks and are for men and women ages 17 years or older. We also offer groups for children (over 6 years) and teens. If you would like to seek help for a child, there is a form in the packet. Once a certain number of registrations are received for a district, a group may begin in that district, or in a central location. A new group will be running on Thursday evenings, on Kawehnoke at the Tri-District Elders building beginning August 20, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 pm. There is still space available for this group.

If you have questions or would like to register for a group, please contact Leona Swamp-Phillips at 613-575-2341 ext 3166 or email at leona.phillips@akwesasne.ca and a registration packet will be emailed to you. Completed registrations are put on a list on a first come first serve basis. All groups are being offered free of charge to community members and is proudly sponsored by Akwesasne Child and Family Services.



Rat Problem and Control Strategies

What is the problem?

Rats are troublesome and damaging pests in homes and in the food industries. They eat a variety of foods, including food that is stored in kitchen cupboards or the pantry. Rats can contaminate food with their waste, such as the droppings and urine that they leave behind, and this can lead to food poisoning such as Salmonella and E.coli. Rats can also damage structures and property and thrive in a wide variety.

How to tell if you have a rat infestation?

- By checking areas within and outside of a home, a food establishment or a building for rat droppings, nests, and tracks. Rats are destructive and may gnaw on furniture, walls, floorboards and leaving rough holes.
- Rats are also more active in the early evening and are sometimes heard scurrying about in attics, behind walls and other areas.
- The appearance of an active infestation is seeing a live rat in or around a building or a food establishment. Finding dead rats in a kitchen, toilet, basement, attics, or garbage storage area can be indication of a rat infestation.
- Rats love to live in or around the garbage storage area, especially when garbage, food wastes and grease are not properly maintained and stored. Such environment gives rats food and shelter to start an infestation.

Can rats transmit diseases to human?

Rats can transmit following communicable diseases to humans via their urine, feces, fleas and bites:

- Food poisoning
- Rat-bite fever (inflammation of the skin and fever or vomiting).
- Plague - Caused by the bacterium Yersinia pestis. Humans usually

get plague after being bitten by a rodent flea that is carrying the plague bacterium.

- Leptospirosis - A bacterial disease that is spread by rat urine to humans. Symptoms including fever, chills, jaundice, vomiting, muscle aches or rashes. If left untreated, leptospirosis can cause kidney damage and in rare cases, can even be fatal.

How to get rid of rats?

Rats are very hearty and adaptable creatures, so they are hard to get rid of. A rat can get through a hole the size of a 25 cents coin into a building and once rats get inside, they can start an infestation very fast.

The following tips can help to prevent rat infestation in your home:

1. Eliminate food and water sources

- Keep all garbage in strong containers with tight fitting lids.
- Do not add food scraps containing meat, bones, grease, and fish into the garden compost. Ensure the compost is tight fitting.
- If pets are kept outside, remove leftover pet food and do not leave it outside overnight.
- Keep pet pens, enclosures and bird feeding areas free of wastes and spilled food.

2. Eliminate hiding places and shelters

- Keep backyard tidy, trim lawn grass short and keep garden areas free of tall weeds.
- Remove unused piles of firewood, lumber, old storage containers or garden sheds.

- Keep firewood on stands at least 30 cm (12 inches) off the ground.
- Check for rat burrows or holes regularly. A fresh dug burrow is an indication of an active rat infestation. Keep property clean and free of garbage and junks.

3. Protect buildings

- Build garden or storage sheds on concrete slabs or foundation.
- Cover or fill holes on walls, doors and any area where rats can get into the building (using steel wool to fill holes first before covering with cement). Install screens in the garden compost.

4. Pest control

- Trapping - If the rat population is small enough, trapping can yield quick results when done properly. Remember to dispose of the dead rats before their odour becomes a problem, especially in an inaccessible area such as behind a wall or ceiling.
- Rodent baiting - Use poison baits or rodenticides can be dangerous if not careful. They should be used in areas where domestic animals and children cannot access them, but the best is to contact a licensed pest control company to do the job.

For more information: Please contact the Environmental Health Officer, Community Health Program- MCA at 613-575-2341 Ext 3226.

Fall Season is Ideal Time for Furnace Maintenance

Maintaining your forced air furnace will improve your indoor air quality, prolong the life of the furnace and save on expensive repair bills later. Safety around the furnace is very important. You must read the manual and articles pertaining to your furnace before attempting any maintenance activities. **Always leave adjusting flames and controls to qualified furnace technicians.**

Once a month

- Change or clean filters during the heating season. To determine how dirty the filters are, hold them up, if you can easily see light through them, then they're still clean enough to use. If you see black soot or deposits on filter, STOP using furnace and contact furnace technicians immediately, this is a sign of harmful gasses getting into the home.
- If you have two speed continuous operating fan (air condition), you may want to check filters in the summer

months. Gravel roads will produce plenty of dust during the summer.

- Inspect the furnace for worn, shiny and sagging belts. They cause undue stress on the fan motor. If belt is worn or loose, **have a qualified furnace technician service or replace belt.**
- Look for oil leaks around furnace and tanks. (oil furnaces only)

Once a year

- Get a yearly preventative maintenance check (100-130\$) from a service company. At a minimum, the technician should check the fan controls, air filters, blower belt, belt alignment and ducts. He/she should also check and adjust the burner flame and if necessary, lubricate moving parts.
- Check to see if your air intake vent outside is clean and not plugged with bugs, dandelion seeds, cottonwood seeds and other debris. If necessary, clean with stiff brush.

- Check to ensure your combustion air supply is not blocked outside or where it enters your furnace room on the floor. Note; conventional oil furnaces need one cubic foot of combustion air for every one thousand BTUs. Closing or renovating furnace rooms without proper combustion air supply may cause backdrafting into the home creating negative pressure.(this is quite common in Akwesasne)
- If your chimney is equipped with a clean out, check to see if the cleanout cap is in place. They can fall off from deterioration or lawn care equipment. Missing caps may cause backdrafting and overheating of vent connectors. Note; discoloration and black soot deposits on vent connectors are signs of overheating.

Once every two to five years

- Get the furnace and ductwork cleaned by a vacuum truck (130\$). This may be required more than once every two years if you have pets inside or you are in a gravel road area. Furnace duct cleaning should be done directly after new construction or major renovations to the house. Checking for cleanliness should be included during the annual inspection.
- Check furnace exhaust vent on the roof for rust, blockage from birds' nests, bee's nests and wind damage.



Mohawk Council provides inspection services to community members that live on the Canadian portions of Akwesasne at no cost. If you are unable to complete these important inspections and maintenance tasks or have concerns or questions about your heating systems do not hesitate to call the housing inspector Corey Tarbell 613-575-2250 ext.2305 to schedule your appointment.



Hazard Help Sheet

Akwesasne's Annual Exercise



table top exercise was conducted at St. Regis Recreation Center on Tuesday, 11th, Seskeha / August 2015. Akwesasne's Annual Exercise allows us to test a single portion of the Akwesasne Joint Emergency Operation Plan (AJEOP). The exercise scenario consisted of a cargo ship running aground in the southern portion of the St. Lawrence River and releasing fuel oil that affected Akwesasne water supply. A second exercise (drill) was conducted on Thursday, 13th, Seskeha / August 2015 that tested the capabilities of our Hazmat Team and local responding agencies.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the exercise were to:

1. Verify assumptions regarding booming strategies for the Tribal water intake.
2. Test capabilities in mobilization and deployment of boom.
3. Test the capability of interagency coordination and partnership for boom deployment

A total of 110 participants (60 responders) were active in both exercises. An additional 50+ observers derived from various First Nations in Ontario. It was their first visit to the Territory of Akwesasne.



REQUIREMENTS

Both federal, provincial and state legislation require that our emergency plan be tested on an annual basis.

See YOU next year!

Brought to you by MCA's Emergency Measures & SRMT's Environment Division.



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Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services
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MCA's Compliance
MCA's Conservation
MCA's Dept. of Health
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New York State Dept. of Transportation
SRMT's Environment Division
St. Lawrence Seaway Corporation
United States Coast Guard (Marine Detachment)



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