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A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



On Saturday, August 23, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Economic Development welcomed the community to celebrate a very special milestone—the 30th Anniversary of the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. Community members enjoyed a day full of activities, entertainment, and great food. Read more on page 20.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

ORANGE SHIRT DAY EVENTS

September 30, 2025

Generations Park, Akwesasne
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lamoureux Park, Cornwall
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

October 23, 2025 · 6 p.m.

Kana:takon Recreation Center

The MCA General Meeting will be a hybrid event.

To receive the Zoom link, please email
meetings@akwesasne.ca

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COUNCIL OF
AKWESASNE
2024-2027

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Leonard Lazore

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Chief Tesha Rourke
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Chief JoAnn Swamp

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Housing & Environment

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Director

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A/Chief of Police

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

She:kon and welcome to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter, Onkwe'tà:ke, which means "For the people." The primary goal of this publication is to deliver MCA's news and updates straight into the hands of community members. Should you wish to stay connected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

Contact: If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email info@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250.

E-newsletter: Register for a weekly e-newsletter delivered straight to your email inbox. It's a great way to quickly stay up to date! Sign up by visiting www.akwesasne.ca/signup.

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Website: News and general information can be found on our website at www.akwesasne.ca. This includes job postings and Council contact information.

Local Media: Find our news and information in Akwesasne's long-serving local media, CKON 97.3 Radio.

FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1** The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to announce our new website is now live and has been completely redesigned to make it easier to stay connected. Members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne can now register for our Community Portal at my.akwesasne.ca. View page 4 for more information.
- 2** Did you know? You can now select Hummingbird Gift Shop as your Purlorator pickup location when ordering from amazon.ca. Please go to page 4 for more information on how it works and important reminders.
- 3** MCA's Akwesasne Representative & Advocacy Program is partnering with IBC in Malone for a Winter Clothing Initiative for Akwesasronon youth ages 17 and under and post-secondary students up to age 26. Please go to page 14 for more information and how to apply. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4** AMBE would like to share a few important reminders for students and families as we begin the new school year regarding electronics, food/allergies, personal items, and more. Please go to page 15 for the full list and we hope your student has a great school year ahead!
- 5** The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne kindly reminds all residents in all three districts to follow proper curbside recycling guidelines. Your cooperation helps ensure a smooth and efficient pickup process. To learn about which items do not belong in your recycling along with how to set out your recyclables, please see page 25.

NEWS

MCA NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is pleased to announce that it has appointed Shannon Roundpoint to the position of Executive Director. Ms. Roundpoint has been acting in the position since December of 2024 and has accepted the permanent

role as of September 15, 2025. The Executive Director oversees all departments of MCA: Health, Community & Social Services, Justice, Police, Education, Economic Development, Communications, Finance & Administration, and Infrastructure, Housing & Environment.

Ms. Roundpoint, an Akwesasne Mohawk, has been leading Communications at MCA since 2011 and has 22 years of leadership experience in Akwesasne.

As a transformational leader, Ms. Roundpoint has demonstrated an ability to build a healthy and productive team, to be strategic and goal oriented, and to prioritize a community-based service culture. She has played a major role in many initiatives and projects at MCA, including emergencies and crises, and she has been vital in advising leadership and Council in the areas of community relations and communication throughout her years of service.

Ms. Roundpoint holds a Master's degree in Management (M.S. - Business Administration) and she will be

pursuing a Certified Aboriginal Professional Administrator (CAPA) designation from AFOA Canada (Aboriginal Financial Officers Association).

"Council recognizes that Shannon's vision, work ethic and experience with Mohawk Council make her an ideal candidate for the position," said Grand Chief Leonard Lazore. "Council and the Executive Director share a commitment to work together to improve the lives of Akwesasronon."

Prior to joining MCA in 2011, Ms. Roundpoint was the editor of Akwesasne's community newspaper, Indian Time, for nine years, during which time she developed a strong connection with the community that she credits for shaping her professional ethics.

"It is a great honour to serve in the role of Executive Director where I have the ability to help in different ways," said Ms. Roundpoint. "I am passionate about working toward the vision of a thriving community, where our language efforts are supported, our health is prioritized, our families are safe, our environment is respected, and the needs of the community are understood and at the forefront of MCA's services. This vision will be supported by promoting a workplace culture of exceptional service, respect and well-being, for everyone. A healthy MCA builds a stronger and healthier community."

Ms. Roundpoint is also a wife and mother to three children ages 13, 10, and 7. She spends most of her free time cheering them on at sports.



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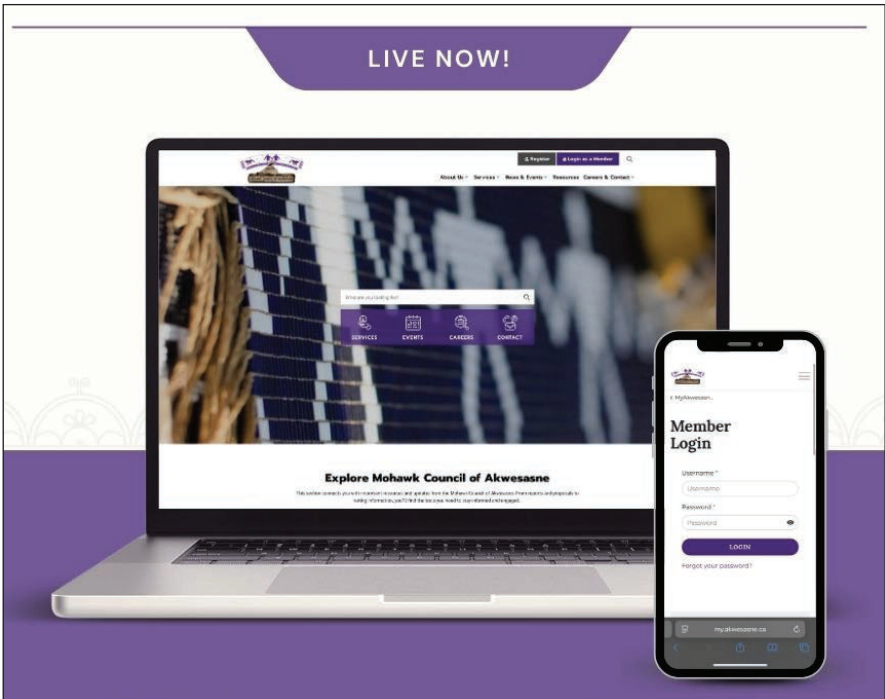
NEWS

DISCOVER MCA'S NEW WEBSITE & COMMUNITY PORTAL

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to remind the community that our website has been completely redesigned to make it easier than ever to stay connected. The new site is your central hub for news, events, programs, and services — all in one easy-to-use location.

Members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne (age 18 and older) can register for the secure Community Portal at my.akwesasne.ca. The portal provides exclusive access to Council Reports, General Meeting information, and updates from our Entewathata:wi self-government negotiations, with more features to be added over time.

We encourage everyone to explore the new site at www.akwesasne.ca and for members to take advantage of the portal. Staying informed and connected has never been simpler!



NEW AMAZON PICKUP OPTION AT HUMMINGBIRD GIFT SHOP

Good news for Akwesasne's Amazon shoppers! You can now select Hummingbird Gift Shop as your Purolator pickup location when ordering from Amazon.ca.

This means eligible packages can be delivered directly to our shop for safe, convenient, and secure pickup — no more missed deliveries!

How It Works:

- During Amazon checkout, choose Hummingbird Gifts & Tobacco as your pickup location (if your order qualifies).
- Do not change your main shipping address — simply select their location when the option appears.
- Once delivered, your package will be held until pickup.

Pickup Location:

Hummingbird Gifts & Tobacco at Peace Tree Trade Centre

Designated Purolator Quick Stop Agent for Akwesasne

Hours of Operation:

- Monday–Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Important Reminders:

- Bring valid ID when picking up packages.
- When placing an order or tracking a shipment on the Purolator website, be sure to provide up-to-date contact information (phone number and/or email address) so you receive notifications.
- Tracking updates that say "Delivered to Akwesasne, ON" without a street address usually refer to the Quick Stop location.

Questions? Call Hummingbird Gifts & Tobacco at 613-933-9693.

NEWS

CANADA POST ID REQUIREMENTS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to share important reminders from Canada Post to help ensure smooth and respectful service for everyone in the community.

Picking Up Mail at the Post Office:

- You must show original, valid, government-issued photo ID with a unique identifier number.
- If your ID does not list your address (e.g., a passport), proof of residency is also required.
- Collecting for someone else or a business requires authorization and proper ID.

Why ID Is Required:

To protect your privacy, prevent identity theft, and ensure safe, accurate service.

For More Information:

- St. Regis Canada Post Office — 613-575-1266
- Canada Post Customer Service — 1-800-267-1177



MINISTER OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE VISITS AKWESASNE

On August 20, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomed Minister Jill Dunlop, Ontario's Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, to CIA Building #3 on Kawehno:ke. The Minister was greeted by Grand Chief, Council, and the Executive Director, along with representation from the DIHE Roads Program, Emergency Measures, and the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service.

The Minister was provided a brief tour of equipment purchased through the 2024-25 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG), including a solar powered traffic light that can be used during road closures and other emergencies. Regina Jacobs from Emergency Measures explained how the equipment supports the organization and helps keep staff and the community safe. The discussion also highlighted the upcoming delivery of a sandbagger machine, emphasizing its importance for the community, particularly in light of increasing extreme weather events and recent flooding.

Afterwards, discussions focused on cross-border emergency coordination, climate resilience, public safety infrastructure, and first responder support and training. Council also highlighted key community concerns, including preparedness for power outages, navigating harsher winters and summers, including providing shelters when needed, and responding

to recent flooding. They discussed how Akwesasne's unique location, spanning Quebec, Ontario, and the United States, adds complexity to emergency planning and response.

Grand Chief Leonard Lazore noted, "Our goal in Akwesasne is to ensure community members remain safe, provide them with the resources and support they need, and strengthen the resilience of our community to face future emergencies."

Grand Chief Lazore extended an invitation for Minister Dunlop for a future tour to visit the broader community of Akwesasne, which she accepted. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne looks forward to continued collaboration on emergency preparedness and community safety initiatives.



NEWS

GIRLS LACROSSE TEAMS HONORED IN THE BOOK OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On August 21, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) was thrilled to bring out something very special: the lonkwakwé:nion – Book of Accomplishments. This book recognizes Akwesasronon for achievements in academics, athletics, arts, culture, and leadership, and serves as a lasting record of the pride carried by the community.

Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke provided some words of welcome at the banquet and celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of our lacrosse athletes.



Akwesasne Storm U13 Girls lacrosse team, coaches, and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke.

The MCA was honored to have the U22 Women’s and U13 Girls lacrosse teams sign the Book of Accomplishments! Both teams had incredible seasons—the U22 Women’s team brought home the Provincial B Division Championship, and the U13 Girls team won their Provincial B Division two years in a row.

Congratulations to all of the girls’ lacrosse teams this season! Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship make the community proud every time you play. Nia:wen for inspiring Akwesasne and showing what determination and teamwork can achieve.



Akwesasne Storm U22 Girls lacrosse team and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke.

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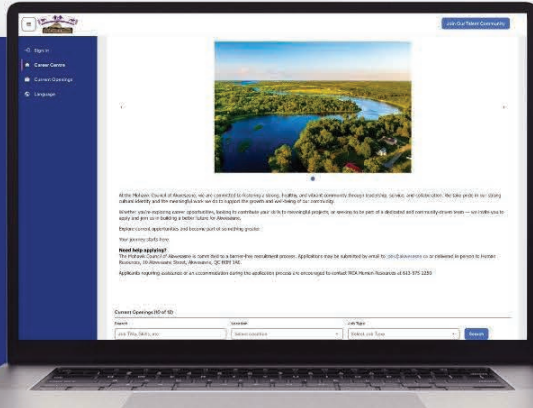
Need help applying?

jobs@akwesasne.ca
613-575-2250

Current Postings:

- Case Aide
- Court Administrator
- Food Service Supervisor
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Addictions Specialist
- Family Support Worker
- Associate Director
- Psychotherapist
- Data Analyst
- Financial Analyst

Click. Apply. Join MCA Today.



COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE



August 11, 2025

Discussion Items:

- The Property Acquisition Team provided an update.
- Council discussed a petition that was received during July General Meeting.
- Council discussed the public meeting transition when switching to live streaming.
- Council discussed the logistics of the upcoming holiday dinners.
- Council discussed a potential meeting with Indigenous Services Canada.
- The need to restructure General Meetings was identified. The next general meeting will be held in September to provide time for

staff and council to work together on this restructuring.

- Council discussed a Truth and Reconciliation Action Plan meeting.
- Council provided an update on Hydro.
- Council discussed the FNCFS budget.
- Council discussed the status of the Healing Fund.
- Council members provided an update on the recent Border Partners Meeting.
- Entewatatha:wi Portfolio provided an update to Council.

MCRs

ISC Amendment No. 166 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; 24-25 ARR-MOHLTC- Home Care; 2024-2025 MOHLTC CSS Revenue and Expenses; Allotment; Allotment; Permit – Bell Mobility; Upgrade Application; The St. Lawrence College Program Delivery Agreement; 12 Meter Interceptor Marine Vessel for the AMPS; Council Meeting Minutes – June 16th, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – June 23rd, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – June 30th, 2025;

Council Meeting Minutes – July 7th, 2025; Council Meeting Minutes – July 14th, 2025.

August 18, 2025

Discussion Items:

- Council had a discussion for additional waterline hookups for community members.
- Council discussed services with H.E.A.L. Academy.
- Council had a discussion regarding removing fire abandoned homes on the Northern portion of Akwesasne.
- Council reviewed a request from a local lacrosse manufacturing company.
- Government Secretariat provided updates to the Council on recent initiatives.

MCRs

24-25 MOHLTC – IPHCO Audit; 2024-2025 Ministry of Health, Child and Youth Mental Health; ISC Amendment No. 167 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; Establish A Working Group to Develop the Akwesasne Estates Law; OVS MCR; Vegetation MCR.



To reach a member of Council, call the Mohawk Government Office:

613-575-2250

Or, find phone numbers and email addresses for all Council members online:

www.akwesasne.ca/about-us/meet-council

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF SARAH SUNDAY-DIABO UPDATES



Portfolios:

Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education, Akwesasne Rights & Research Office, Government Secretariat, Department of Public Safety

Selected Committees:

Governance, Hydro Quebec, CBSA, Iroquois Caucus

PREPARATION, RENEWAL, AND GRATITUDE

As we enter the month of September, our community stands at a turning point in the year. The days grow shorter, the harvest begins, and our families prepare for the colder months ahead. This change of season reminds us of three teachings that are central to who we are as Kanien'kehá:ka: Preparation, Renewal, and Gratitude. These values guide not only our daily lives but also the work of Council, and they are reflected in the portfolios I am honoured to carry: Education, Public Safety, Government Secretariat, and the

Aboriginal Rights and Research Office (ARRO).

Preparation

Preparation means ensuring our families, education institutions, and the community are ready to meet challenges before they arise. In Public Safety, I see firsthand how critical it is for Akwesasne to remain strong and vigilant. September is recognized as National Preparedness Month, reminding us to review our emergency plans, strengthen our homes, and ensure our loved ones know what to do in times of crisis.

This past summer, staff from the MCA Emergency Measures Program conducted property assessments across all three districts. These assessments aimed to reduce the risk of fire damage around homes by identifying potential hazards in the surrounding landscape during walkthroughs.

From EMS, fire, and police services to community-wide emergency response planning, much work is being done to ensure safety. But preparedness goes beyond emergency kits and drills, it is also about making decisions today that will protect our people tomorrow. Whether through improving infrastructure, supporting frontline workers, or advocating at gatherings such as the IAEM Conference

in Saranac Lake, preparation is about building resilience in every corner of Akwesasne.

To further support search and rescue efforts, both the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) and the Hogansburg Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) recently acquired amphibious terrain vehicles (Fat Trucks), which will allow them to respond more effectively across various types of terrain.

The Government Secretariat portfolio also carries the responsibility of preparation. Strong governance is the backbone of a strong nation. By investing in transparency, accountability, and community engagement, we prepare our government not just to meet today's needs, but also to face the challenges of tomorrow. This includes working with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and MCA Education and Career Specialists to collaboratively plan for and meet the needs of future OPG projects.

Renewal

September also signals a season of renewal. For our young ones, it marks the start of a new school year. Through the Education portfolio, I am reminded that our children are the living promise of our future. Their energy, curiosity, and determination breathe new life

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF SARAH SUNDAY-DIABO UPDATES

into our community. Every classroom, language lesson, and cultural program is part of the renewal of who we are as a people.

This year, the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) has launched several new initiatives that reflect this spirit of renewal. From expanding early learning programs to strengthening student services and building new playgrounds, AMBE continues to create safe, supportive, and inclusive environments for all learners.

This work also includes revitalizing Mohawk language and culture through digital storytelling and classroom programming and supporting emotional well-being through a restorative justice approach in schools. In post-secondary and trades education, we are seeing exciting growth from new hands-on training spaces to a local cohort of future educators preparing to graduate and teach within our community.

Renewal is not only for our youth — it is for all of us. The harvest calls on us to tend to our gardens, medicines, and food sources, ensuring our families are cared for. Renewal also means looking inward, committing ourselves to wellness, balance, and unity.

The ARRO (Akwesasne Rights and Research Office) carries this same spirit of renewal. Through its

work, we continue to strengthen relationships with outside governments, defend our inherent rights, and pursue recognition of our nationhood. At political tables such as the AFN Assembly and AFNQL, renewal is expressed in our continued insistence that Akwesasne's distinct identity and jurisdiction are respected.

Renewal also means reclaiming what was lost and restoring what is ours. This year, Cairn Island officially was returned to Akwesasne through the Additions to Reserve (ATR) process. A powerful example of progress and perseverance. ARRO continues to lead cultural awareness training for Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Cornwall Port of Entry staff, helping build mutual understanding and reduce the impacts of border-related challenges faced by our community.

Gratitude

Gratitude ties these teachings together. It keeps us humble and connected to one another. As we gather the harvest and prepare for winter, we give thanks to the natural world that sustains us, to our families who support us, and to the community that works together to keep Akwesasne strong.

In the Government Secretariat portfolio, I am grateful for the ded-

ication of our staff, leadership, and community members who contribute their voices to good governance. In Education, I am grateful to the teachers, language carriers, mentors, and parents who guide our youth. In Public Safety, I extend gratitude to the men and women who protect our community with courage and commitment. And in ARRO, I recognize the tireless work of those who carry our voices into negotiations and partnerships, ensuring that our rights and future generations are protected.

Closing Thoughts

As we move into the fall season, let us carry forward these teachings of Preparation, Renewal, and Gratitude. Let us prepare with care, renew our commitments to each other and to future generations, and walk with gratitude for all that we have as a people.

Together, these values will continue to guide our Nation, in our homes, schools, governance, and relationships near and far. By honouring these teachings, we not only strengthen the present but also lay a path of resilience and hope for the generations yet to come.

Sken:nen,

Sarah Lee Diabo
Tsi Snaihne District Chief
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in August

1. Akwesasne Youth Shine at Dance Camp (Video)
2. Totas & Tie-Dye: Staff Bring a Burst of Color to Tsiionkwanonhso:te
3. Department of Health Welcomes New Acting Associate Director of Continuing Care
4. Shell-ebrating Together: Annual Turtle Release (Video)
5. Catching Up With the Totas at Tsiionkwanonhso:te

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in August

1. Akwesasne Youth Shine at Dance Camp (Video) — 39,047 Reached
2. MCA Summer Student Spotlight: Meet Kahentaienni Thompson — 12,046 Reached
3. Building Bright Futures: 2025 Akwesasne Student Bursary Awards — 11,959 Reached
4. Totas & Tie-Dye: Staff Bring a Burst of Color to Tsiionkwanonhso:te — 10,555 Reached
5. Department of Health Welcomes New Acting Associate Director of Continuing Care — 9,528 Reached



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Top Post in August



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for August

MCA General Meeting — July 31, 2025



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CHILDREN'S PAGE



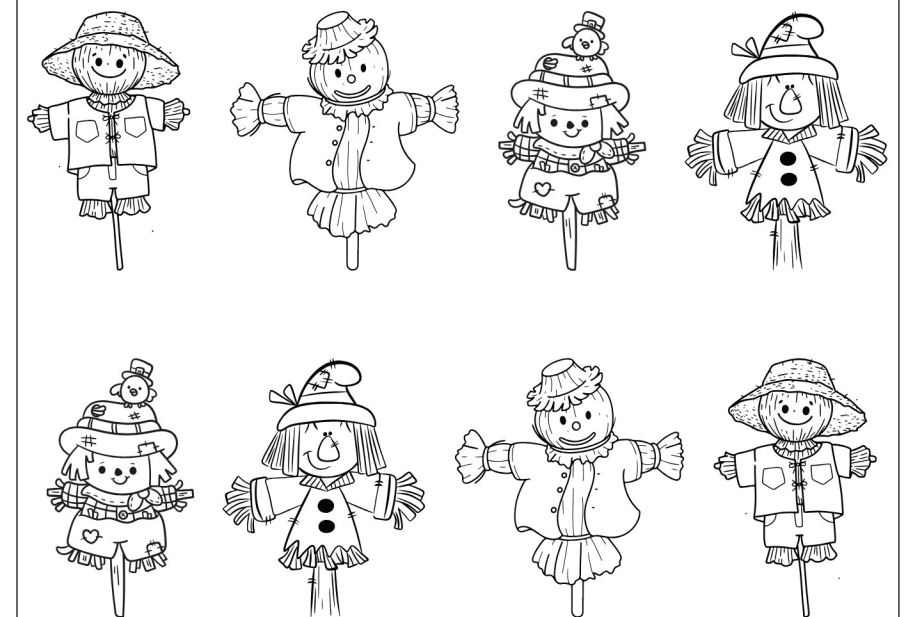
Color the Leaves

Leaves change color in the fall. Can you give the leaves below some color using green, yellow, orange, red, or brown color?



MATCH THE SCARECROWS

Draw a line to the matching scarecrow!



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What do you call a cold day in September?
Septem-brrrrr.

What reads and lives in an apple?
A bookworm.

How do you mend a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch!

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

THE PURPOSE THE ENTEWATATHÁ:WI SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement is to implement aspects of the inherent right of self-government by the Mohawks of Akwesasne on Akwesasne Lands and with respect to Members or individuals entitled to be Members, based on the recognition that the inherent right of self-government is an existing Aboriginal right within Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

PURPOSE

The goal of ESGA is to implement aspects of the inherent right of the Mohawks of Akwesasne to govern themselves.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The agreement will apply to a broad range of matters arising on Akwesasne lands and to members or individuals entitled to be members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

LEGAL FOUNDATION

This right to self-government is recognized as an existing Aboriginal right under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

MEANING OF "INHERENT RIGHT"

"Inherent" means it comes from the Mohawks of Akwesasne, their laws, traditions, and history, and is not dependent on the recognition of outside governments.



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI
"WE WILL GOVERN"

AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

REMEMBERING THE OKA CRISIS: 35 YEARS LATER



This summer marked the 35th anniversary of the Oka Crisis, one of the most pivotal moments in modern Canadian history that exposed the deep fractures in the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian state. The 78-day standoff in the summer of 1990 between the Mohawk people of Kanehsatà:ke and Canadian authorities was not simply a dispute over land, it was a flashpoint in centuries of Indigenous resistance to colonization, dispossession, and systemic injustice.

The crisis began in March 1990 when the town of Oka, Québec, announced plans to expand a private golf course and build luxury condominiums on land that included a pine forest and burial ground sacred to the Mohawk people of Kanehsatà:ke. The Mohawk community had long asserted their rights to the land, which had never been ceded through treaty or sale. Their protests were ignored.

In July 1990, the situation escalated when the Sûreté du Québec (SQ), Québec's provincial police, attempted to dismantle a blockade erected by the Mohawk community. A violent clash ensued, resulting in the death of Corporal Marcel Lemay of the SQ. The standoff intensified, drawing national and international attention, and ultimately involved the Canadian military, who were deployed to contain the Mohawk resistance.

By the time the standoff ended on September 26, 1990, no resolution had been reached regarding the land claims. However, the crisis sparked a new era of Indigenous activism and forced Canada to confront the legacy of its treatment of First Nations communities.

Three and a half decades later, the issues at the heart of the Oka Crisis remain painfully relevant. Land rights, environ-

mental protection, and sovereignty continue to be central concerns for Indigenous communities across Canada.

The Oka Crisis laid bare the failure of the Canadian government to meaningfully address Indigenous land claims and uphold its constitutional and treaty obligations. It was a moment of reckoning that shifted public awareness and forced policy changes, including the establishment of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in 1991 and the eventual creation of Nunavut in 1999. Yet many Indigenous leaders argue that systemic change has been slow, symbolic, and insufficient.

Ellen Gabriel, a prominent Kanehsatà:ke activist who rose to prominence during the crisis, remains a steadfast voice for Indigenous rights. She has been quoted in past interviews, "We weren't fighting against a golf course, we were fighting for our land, our sovereignty, our future."

For younger generations of Indigenous activists, the Oka Crisis serves as both a cautionary tale and a source of inspiration. It is remembered not just as a confrontation, but as a demonstration of resilience, unity, and resistance in the face of militarized oppression.

Events marking the 35th anniversary took place throughout Canada, including commemorative gatherings in Kanehsatà:ke and educational forums in major cities. Indigenous leaders used this moment to reflect on past struggles while calling for renewed commitment from the Canadian government to uphold the principles of reconciliation, as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which Canada has pledged to implement.

The 35th anniversary of the Oka Crisis is not just a memorial; it is a call to action. It invites Canadians to reckon with the past, confront the present, and build a future grounded in justice, respect, and true partnership with Indigenous Nations.

As Canada continues to grapple with the legacies of colonialism, from the residential school system to ongoing disputes over land and resources, the memory of Oka reminds us that reconciliation requires more than words. It demands truth, accountability, and above all, action.

Submission provided by the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

ARAP WINTER CLOTHING INITIATIVE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Akwesasne Representative & Advocacy Program (ARAP), in partnership with IBC in Malone, is now accepting applications for the Winter Clothing Initiative.

This program supports Akwesasronon youth ages 17 and under with a valid status card, as well as post-secondary students up to age 26 who have both a valid status card and proof of enrollment letter from their institution/program.

Applications can be completed online (scan the QR code) or picked up at one of the following locations:

- **ARAP Office** | 55 Water St. W, Cornwall (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- **Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute** (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- **Saturdays in September** | Akwesasne Farmer's Market (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- **Sept. 22** | Kana:takon School (9:15 – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Sept. 23** | Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School (9:15 – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Sept. 24** | Tsi Snaihne School (9:15 – 11:30 a.m.)
- **Sept. 30** | Lamoureux Park (3:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Deadline: Friday, October 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sarah Durant at sarah.durant@akwesasne.ca or call ARAP at 613-575-5000 ext. 1350.

Note: Applications are subject to approval. Eligibility will be reviewed, and only approved applicants will be contacted.

Interested applicants can apply online by scanning the QR code!



Save the Date!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
Lamoureux Park, Cornwall 3-7 p.m.

In light of 10 years of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report and the spirit of reconciliation, we will honour Indigenous people & cultures and remember the impact of residential schools.

Featuring:

- Residential School History
- Immersive Culture Sharing
- Traditional Teachings
- Social Dancing

Volunteers welcome! To sign up, contact nova.cook@cwcas.ca



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

IMPORTANT AMBE REMINDERS

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education would like to share a few important reminders with students and families as we begin the new school year.

NO CELL PHONES OR AIRPODS/EARBUDS

These items can be distracting during learning time. We would like to encourage students to connect face-to-face with friends and teachers.

NO CAFFEINATED OR SUGARY DRINKS

Healthy snacks and water help students stay energized and ready to learn everyday.

CANDY AND TREATS FOR CELEBRATIONS

While we ask that students do not bring candy, chocolate, or sugary treats to school on a daily basis, we understand that birthdays and special occasions are times of celebration. On these days, teachers may allow treats to be shared with the class.

We kindly ask that:

- Treats are store-bought and nut-free (to keep everyone safe).

- Teachers are notified ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.

NO TOYS OR PERSONAL ITEMS

To avoid distractions, loss, or damage, please keep toys and personal belongings at home.

NO HATS OR HOODS IN SCHOOL

They can be worn outside at Recess.

NUT-FREE SCHOOLS

For the safety of students with allergies, no peanuts or nuts are allowed. Please check labels carefully when packing lunches and snacks.

Tsi Snaihne School — Allergy Aware: Nut-free, latex-free, and banana-free.

Niawenhkó:wa for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to a safe, healthy, and successful school year!





Lice are not nice!
(But anyone can get them)

Have questions about head lice? Contact MCA Community Health at 613-575-2341.

Looking for FREE head lice treatment(s) using your health and status cards?

Proxim Pharmacy (Kana:takon) at 613-575-2341 or Arrowhead Pharmacy (Kawehnoke) at (613) 938-9885.

SAVE THE DATE



All AMS, KANA:TAKON & TSI SNAIHNE school students will have their picture days during the week of October 20th, 2025!

Stay tuned for more details!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Department of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Tessa Jocko as the new Director of Health.

Tessa brings over 25 years of dedicated service with the MCA, where she has gained well-rounded knowledge and experience across many programs and departments, including: Information Services, Human Resources, Payroll-Finance, Iakhihsotha, Accreditation, Department of Health Administration, and Executive Services.

While working full-time, Tessa also pursued her education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management from SUNY Canton in 2018 and a Master of Business Administration from Clarkson University in 2023.

"I am honored to work for my home community and look forward to transforming the health care system in a way that reflects our traditions, values, and history, using a trauma-informed approach," shared Jocko.

Tessa is committed to strengthening health services through a collaborative approach that honors Mohawk culture and supports community well-being.

"Tessa has shown a lifelong commitment to the community through her work and continued education. Her leadership style combines professionalism with a deep respect for our people and culture," noted Executive Director Shannon Roundpoint. "We are confident she will help strengthen services for our community. We are proud to welcome her into this role."

Please join us in welcoming Tessa Jocko as the new Director of Health for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) would like to extend a warm welcome to its new Executive Assistant, Saije Catcheway.

Saije is a recent graduate from Toronto Metropolitan University, having completed her Bachelor of Commerce in Business Management with a focus in Law at the Ted Roger School of Management.

Saije grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba and is Ojibway Treaty to Skownan First Nation. She carries a strong interest in justice and creating opportunities for Indigenous advocacy and well-being. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time outdoors, playing hockey and golf, and engaging in creative arts. She looks forward to building strong connections with staff and community members and contributing to the important work being done within the Department of Health and within Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io.

Please join us in welcoming Saije to the Department of Health!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS: TSIIONKWANONHISO:TE BEAUTY SALON GETS A MAKEOVER

From drab to fab — our totas are now living the glam life!

The beauty salon at Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility just got a glow-up that would make Hollywood jealous! Thanks to a full-on makeover, the salon now boasts fresh paint, fabulous décor, and brand-new chairs that scream comfort and style.

But wait — there's more! The space has transformed into a spa-tacular retreat, complete with soothing music and aromatherapy that pampers our beloved elders from the moment they step in. It's not just a salon — it's a tota-l relaxation zone.

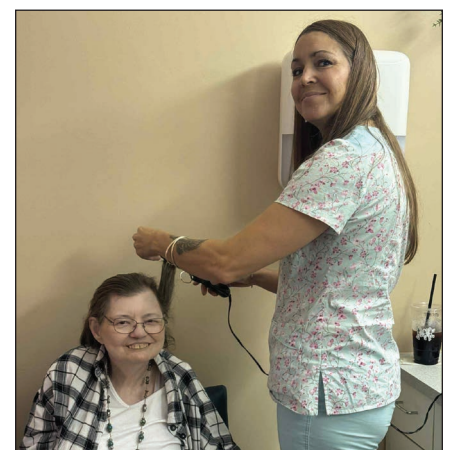
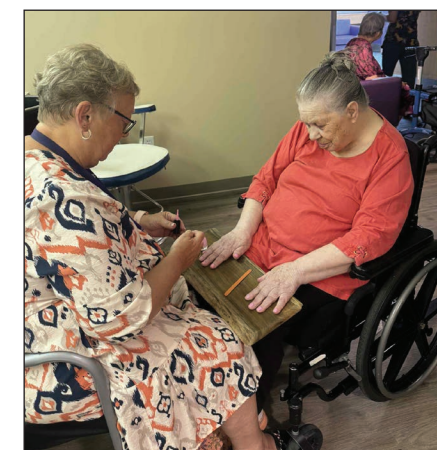
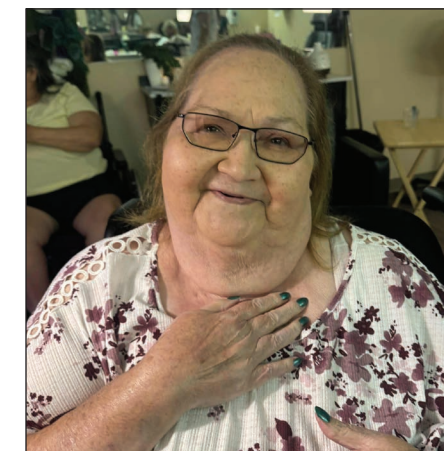
Hair today, fabulous tomorrow! Our resident hair-stylist, Alana Rhobes, is on deck to deliver dazzling dos and stylish swooshes. Twice a month, the activ-

ity staff rolls out the red carpet for nail days and curl sessions that leave our totas feeling like royalty.

Barber dreams incoming! Plans are underway to add a men's barbershop day, featuring sharp cuts and hot towel shaves that'll have the gentlemen looking dapper and feeling fresh.

Massage magic! The salon also moonlights as a massage haven, thanks to Anita Moriarty, our in-house massage therapist who brings relaxation to both residents and staff.

A standing ovation to our superstar staff and volunteers! Nia:wen/thank you for making this transformation possible. Your dedication has turned a simple room into a sanctuary of self-care — and the totas are loving every minute of it!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RABID FOX FOUND IN THE TOWN OF BOMBAY, FRANKLIN COUNTY

A fox has recently tested positive for rabies in the Town of Bombay, Franklin County, New York. This was confirmed by the Franklin County Public Health Department on September 10, 2025. This latest case of rabies is Franklin County's second confirmed case of rabies in an animal this summer — a rabies positive bat was found earlier this summer in the town of Bellmont.

This serves as a reminder for Akwesasne and surrounding area residents to avoid contact with wild animals and to ensure their pets are vaccinated, as rabies is a fatal disease spread through the saliva or bite of an infected animal.

While foxes typically avoid contact with humans, they will attack if they feel threatened or cornered. This makes them particularly dangerous as they may seem friendly at first but can quickly turn aggressive. Additionally, foxes are known for roaming in packs, so if you encounter one fox, there is a good chance there are others nearby.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A RABID ANIMAL:

- Do not approach or have contact with any stray or wild animals, especially those showing unusual behavior.

- Alert the MCA Environment Program, Conservation Officer or the Compliance Officer: if you see a wild animal acting strangely, such as appearing aggressive, lethargic, or lost.

- Secure your trash cans: to avoid attracting wild animals to your property.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR YOUR PET HAVE BEEN EXPOSED:

- Wash the wound with soap and warm water for at least 15 minutes.
- Seek medical attention immediately for any bites or scratches from a wild or unfamiliar animal.
- If you've been bitten or scratched by a bat or other wild animal, do not attempt to catch the animal or provoke it. Contact a professional if the animal needs to be captured.
- Report the incident to MCA Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220 and ensure the appropriate follow-up care.
- Ensure your pets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations, as this is the best way to protect them and your family.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Akwesasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:
613-575-2341 ext. 3340

Community Health Services:
613-575-2341 ext. 3220

Jordan's Principle:
613-575-2341 ext. 2652

Addiction & Mental Health Services:
613-575-2341 ext. 3115

Land-Based Healing:
613-575-2341

Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center:
613-932-5050

Traditional Medicine:
613-575-2341 ext. 3100

Akwesasne Medical Clinic:
613-575-2341 ext. 3215

Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic:
613-932-5808

Home & Community Care:
613-575-2341 ext. 1618

Elder Services:
613-575-2341 ext. 1661

Iakhihsohtha Lodge:
613-575-2507

Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care:
613-932-1409



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: AREA HOSPITALS & ACCEPTED INSURANCE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health is providing the community with information on area hospitals and the insurance that is accepted at each hospital, with estimations on miles from the Akwesasne community.

Cornwall Community Hospital — RAMQ/OHIP
(9 mi/15km from Akwesasne)

Glengarry Memorial Hospital — RAMQ/OHIP
(36 mi/57km from Akwesasne)

Barrie Memorial Hospital — RAMQ
(38 mi/61km from Akwesasne)

Winchester District Memorial Hospital - RAMQ/OHIP
(50 mi/80km from Akwesasne)

Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) — RAMQ/OHIP
(70 mi/112km from Akwesasne)

Montreal Children's Hospital — RAMQ
(76 mi/122km from Akwesasne)

This listing is based on local and area hospitals most frequented by the Akwesasne community. It is not a full comprehensive list of all the hospitals or healthcare facilities available in the surrounding areas.

For more information, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3300.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES CALL OUT FOR HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is seeking seven (7) community representatives to sit on the Akwesasne Health Board for a 3-year term from 2025-2028; two (2) members from the District of Kana:takon, two (2) members from the District of Kawehno:ke, two (2) members from the District of Tsi Snaihne, and one (1) Student/Youth Representative member (any district).

- Have knowledge of Mohawk cultures and traditions.
- Have good character, credibility and reputation in the Akwesasne community.
- Not be convicted of an indictable offense in Canada or a Felony in the United States within 5 years prior to their appointment.
- Reside in the District for which they were appointed, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Have a demonstrated knowledge and/or experience in healthcare quality and safety principles and the process to review and track improvements.
- Have a strong understanding of evidence based practices in health safety and quality.
- Have an adequate educational background or experience in the health field and possess an interest in health issues; for the youth representative, an interest in health issues satisfies this criterion.

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- Willingness to participate in workshops, trainings sessions, webinars, etc.
- Willingness to participate in quarterly board meetings.
- Must not be an employee of the Department of Health.

Honorarium set by MCR guidelines for appointed Akwesasne Health Board members.

If interested please submit a letter of interest, outlining your qualifications and interest to saije.catcheway@akwesasne.ca, or by dropping off your letter of interest at the Department of Health Administration Office, located in the Kanonhkwa't'sheri:io Health Facility.

Please address your letter of interest to Attention: Department of Health Administration.

For more information, or to pick up a Terms of Reference package, please contact the Department of Health Administration office at 613-575-2341 ext. 3300.

Deadline: October 3, 2025 before 5:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF THE A'NOWARA'KO:WA ARENA

On Saturday, August 23, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Economic Development welcomed the community to celebrate a very special milestone — the 30th Anniversary of the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. It was a day filled with pride, reflection, and community spirit.

The celebration began with Peter Garrow welcoming a parade of athletes, proudly sporting their team jerseys. Grand Chief Leonard Lazore offered heartfelt words in honour of the late Jay Benedict, recognizing the pivotal role he played in the arena's development. The Benedict family was presented with a commemorative gift — a meaningful token of appreciation for Jay's lasting legacy. Former Grand Chiefs Mike Mitchell and Russell Roundpoint also shared stories and reflections on the arena's early development, offering the community a glimpse into the vision and perseverance that brought the facility to life. Feryn King closed out the opening

remarks with a vibrant and engaging hoop dance performance.

Outside, families enjoyed an afternoon of fun with carnival-style games, bounce house obstacle courses, disc golf, a balloon pop game, and a photo booth — not to mention cotton candy and other sweet treats. Powerplay Gaming kept youth entertained, while Big Russ catered a delicious lunch for all to enjoy. As a special keepsake, attendees received commemorative 30th anniversary traditional lacrosse keychains and Akwesasne Wild t-shirts — a perfect way to mark the milestone occasion.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who joined in the celebration and to MCA's Department of Economic Development for organizing a memorable event. A special thank you to all staff, volunteers, and community members who contributed to the celebration!



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

AKWESASNE YOUTH SHINE AT DANCE CAMP

Akwesasne Child & Family Services and lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness hosted an exciting five-day Dance Camp filled with movement, creativity, and cultural learning for Akwesasne youth! The camp blended tradition and creativity, giving participants the chance to learn powwow dances. To balance tradition with contemporary fun, participants also enjoyed hip hop dance sessions. Campers also took part in crafting workshops like mocasin-making, beadwork, and more!

Niawenhkó:wa to Akwesasne Child & Family Services, lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness, and to everyone whose efforts made this camp a success!



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwesasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322
DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305
Community Support Program: 613-575-2341 ext. 3262
Akwesasne Child and Family Services: 613-575-2341 ext. 3139

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MCA WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomes Jaime Beechey, who will be serving as the new Director of Community & Social Services.

The Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) provides vital supports to the community through three key programs: Akwesasne Child & Family Services, the

Community Support Program, and the Akwesasne Family Wellness Program.

Finding the right leader for this important role was a careful process, and Ms. Beechey brings the experience, dedication, and values needed to support the children, families, and community of Akwesasne.

Ms. Beechey is a registered social worker with over 20 years of experience in child welfare, violence against women, and the justice system. She most recently served as Director of Service at Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, where she led programs supporting children and families. She also has extensive experience with kinship,

adoption, and child protection services through her work with the Children's Aid Society of SDG.

She holds a Master of Social Work with a concentration in Leadership in Human Services from the University of Calgary; a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Manitoba; and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and in Criminology & Criminal Justice from Carleton University.

Ms. Beechey shared, "It is an honour to join the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne as Director of Community and Social Services. As a guest on Mohawk territory, I am deeply committed to listening, learning, and walking alongside the community in meaningful ways. My hope is to support the strengths, goals, and vision of Akwesasne, while working together to create services that reflect and uplift the community's priorities."

MCA Executive Director Shannon Roundpoint added, "It's a pleasure to welcome Ms. Beechey to our organization. We believe that her insights and expertise in the field will greatly enhance our capabilities and further our mission to provide outstanding support and care to Akwesasne children and families."

Beyond her professional life, Ms. Beechey enjoys spending time with her family, travelling, hiking, boating, and reading.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES WELCOMES NEW ACTING PROGRAM MANAGER OF SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Community and Social Services (DCSS) is proud to introduce the newly developed Special Needs Program, designed to provide dedicated support and resources for community members with special needs.

Leading this initiative is A/Program Manager Alicia Hill who brings three (3) years of experience working closely with the community to secure funding, build networks, and establish

meaningful partnerships that connect families to essential services.

Alicia's passion for ensuring that individuals with special needs have access to the best possible support is truly inspiring. She is committed to fostering collaboration within the community and is unafraid to create partnerships that strengthen the program's reach. With her dedication and vision, the Special Needs Program is set to make a lasting impact, ensuring that every community member has the opportunity to access the services they deserve.

Please join us in welcoming Alicia to her new role!

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

LAND-BASED CULTURE CAMP CONNECTS YOUTH TO TRADITION AND NATURE

Thompson Island Cultural Camp came alive with the energy of Akwesasró:n youth as they paddled, explored, and learned together during the Land-Based Culture Camp. Held from August 25–29, the camp featured five days of adventure, cultural teachings, and land-based learning.

The week began with a mini basket-making workshop led by Angello Johnson of Good Mind Design, with the help of Eric Sunday. Youth crafted their own baskets to use throughout the week as they learned about the Ohenton Karihwatehkwen (Words Before All Else). Each basket served as a reminder of gratitude, allowing participants to collect elements they were thankful for.

Midweek featured Water Safety Day with support from Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Nathan Thompson, S.A.V.E. Team officers Trent McDonald and Kyle Latour; OPP Provincial Liaison Team members Michel Brisson; Wendi Hughes; Jamie O'dell, and Pete Thorne; SDG OPP Marine Unit Tyler Johnson; Cornwall Police Services Casey Macgregor and Travis Bergeron; and RCMP members Corporal Linden Green, JP Metivier, Warren Graham, and Alan Murillo. Special thanks to Ontario Provincial Police - East Region for their involvement. Annie Cree from the lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness Program and Cullen Jacobs from MCA's Health Promotion & Prevention Program also led kayak and canoe safety activities.

Later in the week, Youth also created corn husk flowers with lahwentas while learning Kanien'kéha words related to their craft. They also took part in land mapping with Annie, Cullen, and lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness Program member Tristan Thomas. A scavenger hunt organized by Traditional Support Workers Maya Swamp and Tekaronhiakwas McDon-

ald. These activities helped deepen their understanding of the Ohenton Karihwatehkwen through exploration, recitation, and discussion.

The camp closed with a canoe journey led by the Land-Based Healing Program. Supervisor Brandon David and Land-Based Worker Ashley Martin guided youth on the water, sharing teachings about reconnecting with the land and the healing power of water.

The week was made even more meaningful thanks to the support of Thompson Island staff Norman, Jessica, Mike, and Arnold for daily transportation, as well as the talented cooks Marie, Oddesy, and Wanitanoron, who provided delicious meals each day.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who helped make this year's Land-Based Culture Camp a meaningful success, giving Akwesasró:n youth a wonderful opportunity to learn, grow, and strengthen their connection to the land and culture.



ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

E-WASTE DRIVE PART 2: TSI SNAIHNE

The MCA Environment Program invites the community to take part in the 3rd Annual E-Waste Drive — a chance to responsibly dispose of broken or unwanted electronics while helping protect the environment. Let’s work together to keep e-waste out of our landfills!

When: October 21-23, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center (Parking Lot)

How: Drop off your broken electronics in the designated e-waste container. Staff will be present to assist with unloading.

Accepted items include:

- Laptops, desktops, computers & printers
- Phones, cellphones & tablets
- Radios, speakers & stereos
- Car batteries
- Cameras
- Cables, cords, plugs & chargers
- TVs, DVD & VHS players
- Small appliances (toasters, electric kettles, etc.)

Items NOT accepted:

- No Mini fridges
- No A/C units
- No Dehumidifiers
- No Lightbulbs
- No Regular garbage
- No Lithium ion batteries
- No Medical waste
- No Biohazard waste
- No Liquids

Before recycling, please ensure all devices are wiped of personal information and SIM cards are removed. Ensure all memory storage areas have been cleared of private information. If you are unsure how to clear the data from your device, refer to the manufacturers website or the electronics owners manual.

Have a device you no longer want that still works? Please consider donating instead of recycling!

If you have any questions, contact Waste Coordinator Tianna Back at 613-575-2250 ext. 1048 or email tianna.back@akwesasne.ca.



DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1022

HOUSING: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1056

ENVIRONMENT: 613-575-2250 EXT. 1038

ROADS DEPARTMENT CENTRAL DISPATCH: 613-575-2340 OR 613-938-5476

WATER/WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY: 613-575-2000

AFTER HOURS PAGER: 518-404-3352

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8AM-4PM 613-933-4924

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (GARBAGE AND RECYCLING):
613-575-2250 ext. 1048

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

CAMPING, CULTURE, AND CONNECTION: FAMILY CAMPING ADVENTURE WITH MCA PROGRAMS

This past August, five Akwesasronon families embarked on a camping adventure hosted by the MCA Environment Program and the MCA Land-Based Healing Program at Parks Canada Thousand Islands.

Over the course of the trip, families participated in a wide variety of hands-on activities from a guided plant hike and eel leather-making to fishing, storytelling, and even witnessing a Parks Canada turtle release. The excitement of camping was made even more special by the presence of three generational language speakers, who shared words, stories, and laughter throughout the trip.

What made this trip truly meaningful was that each activity was shaped by what community members expressed interest in learning. This personalized approach allowed families to deepen their cultural knowledge, reconnect with the land, and create lasting memories together.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who helped bring this experience to life, and to the Onkwehonwe Midwives Collective for generously providing nourishing welcome snack bags for each family through their Nourished Foods Initiative.



AKWESASNE RECYCLING REMINDERS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne kindly reminds all residents in the three districts to follow proper curbside recycling guidelines. Your cooperation helps ensure a smooth and efficient pickup process for everyone in our community.

Recyclables must be set out in one of the following ways:

- In your designated recycling bin; or
- In a clean, dry cardboard box; or
- In a clear/translucent bag

Please note: Recycling placed in solid black or white garbage bags will **not** be accepted, as it cannot be inspected or properly sorted. Residents will receive a note on their bags specifying why their recyclables have not been picked up.

The following items do not belong in your recycling:

Garbage:

- Toilet paper
- Liquids / spittoons (empty contents first, then place in garbage)
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Grease
- Cat litter

Compost:

- Food
- Dirt
- Branches
- Coffee grounds

Important: Items from the above lists placed in recycling will not be picked up.

If you have any questions, please contact Waste Coordinator Tianna Back at 613-575-2250 ext. 1048 or tianna.back@akwesasne.ca.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AMPS HONORS FIRST JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) hosted their first annual Junior Police Academy program, offering Akwesasró:non youth a unique opportunity to work alongside AMPS officers. For one week, participants explored every side of policing, gaining an unforgettable look at the skills and responsibilities of law enforcement.

Throughout the week, attendees took part in hands-on learning. From exploring police tools and vehicles, to marine patrols, drone operations, and fitness training. Youth also gained insight into forensic identification, organized crime investigations, and tactical unit operations, while practicing drills and teamwork along the way.

The week wrapped up with a graduation ceremony, where families, community leaders, and AMPS officers

gathered to celebrate the commitment and achievements of the youth. Inspiring words were shared by AMPS Deputy Chief of Police Lee-Ann O'Brien, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, and MCA Executive Director Shannon Roundpoint, each recognizing the courage and commitment shown by the participants.

Congratulations to the Junior Police Academy graduates for their dedication and hard work throughout the week. Each participant demonstrated determination, teamwork, and respect as they took on the challenges of the program. The AMPS commends these youth for their accomplishments and encourages them to carry forward the leadership skills and confidence they have gained. This first graduating class has set a strong example for future Junior Police participants to follow.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

NATIONAL POLICE WOMAN DAY

September 12th marked National Police Woman Day, a day to honour the achievements, dedication, and contributions of women in law enforcement across the country.

Here in Akwesasne, we took this opportunity to recognize the female officers of the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service who serve with distinction, courage, and care.

Your continued commitment to upholding justice and community well-being is deeply appreciated, and your work does not go unnoticed.

Nia:wen for all that you do, and for inspiring the next generation of women in policing.



AUGUST 2025 STATISTICS

290	August	6	1008 By-Law - Dogs	8	1050 Youth Complaint
1	030 Theft - Other Motor Vehicles	3	1009 By-Law - Noise	1	1056 Hazardous Conditions
1	035 Theft Over \$5000 - Other	5	1011 By-Law - Other	13	1063 Marine Patrol
2	040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	4	1012 Civil Disputes	1	107 Municipal By-Laws
1	058 Offensive Weapons - Other	19	1013 Community Services	1	1070 Sex Offender Registry
2	061 Bail Violations	14	1014 Crime Prevention	1	204 Sexual Assault
3	063 Disturb The Peace	3	1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	3	205 Assault - Level 1
5	072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	2	1018 Escorts - Prisoner	2	206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
3	100 Immigration Act	8	1023 Judge's Order (Court)	2	212 Assaults - Other
1	1000 Abandoned Vehicles	1	1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	2	3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
5	1001 Alarms	1	1027 Property - Found	1	705 Dangerous Operation MV
1	1002 Alerts	13	1029 Suspicious Persons	1	709 Impaired Operation MV/ Harm
6	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	3	1030 Suspicious Vehicles	1	711 Impaired Operation MV
3	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	13	1031 Suspicious Circumstances	2	718 Careless Driving (HTA)
11	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	9	1036 Warrant - Bench/First	1	720 Traffic - Federal Statutes
5	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1	1039 Property - Recovered	22	721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
59	1004 Assist Public	2	1040 Traffic Complaint	3	Incident Type Not Listed
3	1006 Document Service	4	1041 Mental Health Act		
1	1007 Breach of Probation	1	1047 Firearms Permit/FAC		

An average of 9.35 occurrence reports were generated per day by officers.





WE ARE HIRING

Join our Team!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

www.akwesasne.ca/employment



NO PASSING WHEN **RED** IS FLASHING



STOPPING FOR A SCHOOL
BUS WITH ITS LIGHTS
FLASHING IS REQUIRED
BY LAW

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE THIS SCHOOL YEAR!