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## AMBE HOSTS CULTURAL CELEBRATION



Cultural pride was shining bright at this year's AMBE Cultural Celebrations in May. The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena was filled with beautiful melodies and vibrant traditional attire as AMBE students and staff celebrated our culture through songs and dance together. Read more on page 14.

## UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

### MCA GENERAL ELECTION

In-person voting for the MCA General Election will take place:

Saturday, June 29, 2024

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

St. Regis Recreation, Kawehno:ke Recreation & Tsi Snaihne Recreation

- Grand Chief**  
Abram Benedict
- Kana:takon District**  
Chief Fallon David  
Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell  
Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs  
Chief Tim Thompson
- Kawehno:ke District**  
Chief Vanessa Adams  
Chief Jackie Benedict  
Chief Edward Roundpoint  
Chief Vince Thompson
- Tsi Snaihne District**  
Chief April Adams-Phillips  
Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo  
Chief JoAnn Swamp
- Administration**  
Mose A. Herne  
Executive Director
- Heather Phillips  
Director  
Dept. of Finance & Administration
- Leslie Papineau  
Director  
Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment
- Cactus Cook Sunday  
Director  
Dept. of Justice
- Joseph Morin-Lauzon  
Director  
Dept. of Community & Social Services
- Amber Montour  
Director  
Department of Health
- Donna Lahache  
Director  
Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education
- Shawn Dulude  
Chief of Police/Director  
Dept. of Public Safety
- Kylee Tarbell  
Director  
Dept. of Economic Development

## WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS



She:kon and welcome to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's community newsletter, Onkwe'ta: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](mailto: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](http://www.akwesasne.ca/signup).

**Social Media:** Visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat!

**Mobile/Cell Text Alerts:** Receive urgent or important messages right to your cell phone. Sign up by visiting [www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts](http://www.akwesasne.ca/textalerts).

**Website:** News and general information can be found on our website at [www.akwesasne.ca](http://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 and Indian Time Newspaper.

# FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1

The MCA General Election will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the three district recreation centers. Full list of candidates is available on the back page. For any questions, please contact Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson at 613-551-1622 or email [chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca](mailto:chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca).
- 2

The MCA Elder Enrichment Program is teaming up with the SRMT Office for the Aging for a fun day of Strawberry Picking at Avonmore Farms on June 26, 2024. To register, please contact Katie Boots-Lazore at 518-358-2963 ext. 3309 or by email at [katie.boots@srmt-nsn.gov](mailto:katie.boots@srmt-nsn.gov).
- 3

The Akwesasne Justice Departments Administrative team has moved. Their offices are now located at 45 Johnson Road, Akwesasne, QC (the former Tickets Store in Kana:takon). For more information, please refer to page 12.
- 4

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health is conducting a survey to identify community priorities and shape the future health programs and initiatives. Participants have a chance to win a \$50 gift card! To complete the survey visit: <https://bit.ly/DOH-Priorities-Survey>.
- 5

MCA's Community Health Services announced the order deadline for the Green Food Bag is July 5, 2024. More information and order deadlines for the remainder of 2024 can be found on page 21.

## NEWS



### COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR NEW FIRE STATION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently exploring options for emergency services facilities in the district of Tsi Snaihne and the community's input is being sought.

The Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department Station #3, located at 1320 River Road in the district of Tsi Snaihne, is in need of upgrade or replacement. MCA is exploring the options available and would like to hear from the community!

Please scan the QR code below to complete the survey and enter for a chance to win a gift card. The online survey asks the following question:

***"If MCA is going to proceed with a new building development, what type of building do you support?"***

**Option 1:** Are you in favor of the design and construction of a new building specifically tailored to meet the space needs of HAVFD Fire Station #3?

This option supports the potential establishment of a dedicated facility tailored specifically for the HAVFD. Designs have been completed, envisioning an 8-bay garage alongside meeting rooms, a day room with a kitchen, a fitness area, bunk accommodations, storage spaces, dispatch facilities, offices, lockers, laundry facilities, and shower areas. Additionally, plans include the incorporation of a training tower on the premises. The building area is approximately 16,135 square feet.

**Option 2:** Are you in favor of the design and construction of a new emergency services facility that encompasses HAVFD Fire Station #3 along with other emergency service programs? (Note:

This will be designed as separate services divided by sections of the building.)

This option supports the potential construction of a new facility to house the HAVFD alongside other essential emergency services, such as ambulance and police units. The fire department would occupy one section of the building, complete with dedicated amenities, while the other section would feature shared bays for ambulance and police services, each with their own distinctive features. The proposed buildings will span two floors, with on-site parking and separate entrance/exit routes for added convenience and efficiency. Additionally, plans include the redesign of the Snye Recreation parking lot to accommodate the needs of its new neighbor. The building area is approximately 20,624 square feet.

Both projects present a unique opportunity for the development of vital emergency services, catering to the needs of both present and future residents. Its scope extends beyond the boundaries of our Tsi Snaihne district, with the capacity to provide assistance to the Kan:atakon and Kawehno:ke districts, as well as other neighboring communities.

**SURVEY DEADLINE: July 5, 2024**

For more information on this project, please contact the Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment at 613-575-2250 ext. 1003.

## SCAN CODE

To participate in survey.

# NEWS

## MCA GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT ELECTED AS NEW ONTARIO REGIONAL CHIEF

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne extends heartfelt congratulations to Grand Chief Abram Benedict on his successful election as the new Ontario Regional Chief.

While we bid farewell to Abram, we do so with pride, knowing he will approach his tenure with the Chiefs of Ontario with the same dedication and professionalism he exhibited during his time with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Thank you, Abram, for your unwavering commitment

and service to our community over the past 18 years. Wishing you all the best in your new role!



## AMA EMT STAFF EARN LIFE SAVE AWARD

The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance (AMA) is proud to recognize Paramedic Ryan Jacobs, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Serena Sunday, and Critical Care EMT Melanie Jacobs for their exceptional work. Their heroic efforts and lifesaving intervention earned them the AMA Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Life Save Award.

On October 28, 2023, Ryan Jacobs and Serena Sunday responded to a cardiac arrest call where CPR was already in progress. They took immediate action, soon joined by Critical Care Technician Melanie Jacobs. Through their combined expertise and dedication, they successfully revived the patient, who was then safely transported to the hospital. After several days of recovery, the patient was discharged home.

This award recognizes a successful Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC), sustained ROSC, safe hospital transport, transfer of care, and the patient's continuation of life after discharge. CPR saves like this are rare, highlighting the critical impact and im-

portance of the lifesaving skills practiced by EMS providers.

This success story is a testament to the team's hard work, resilience, and unwavering dedication to preserving life. Join us in celebrating their remarkable achievement and their commitment to our community's health and safety.



Congratulations and niawenhkó:wa to the Life Save Award recipients: EMT Serena Sunday, Paramedic Ryan Jacobs, and Critical Care EMT Melanie Jacobs.

# NEWS

## RFP: CONSULTANT FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Justice Department invites proposals from qualified and experienced consultants to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the Akwesasne Justice Department (AJD). The purpose of this strategic plan is to outline the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of AJD, and provide a roadmap for its operations and initiatives over the next five years to result in substantial impact and growth of the department.

The deadline to submit proposals is July 1, 2024 at 12 p.m. noon.

Proposals can be submitted via email to [cactus.sunday@akwesasne.ca](mailto:cactus.sunday@akwesasne.ca) or hand-delivered to the Akwesasne Justice Department at 45 Johnson Road, Akwesasne, QC, H0M 1A0.

If you have any questions regarding the request for proposal (RFP), please contact AJD Director Cactus Cook Sunday at [cactus.sunday@akwesasne.ca](mailto:cactus.sunday@akwesasne.ca) or at 613-575-5000 ext. 2404.



## APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2024 MOHAWKS OF AKWESASNE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

The Trustees of the Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust are pleased to announce they will be granting scholarships of \$3,000 for full-time students and \$1,500 for part-time students, to a number of Akwesasronon who are attending University, College or a Technical Institute (i.e., Trade School) in the coming school year.

### Who can apply for the scholarship?

Any Akwesasronon member who is pursuing a full-time or part-time Post-Secondary degree. Members who receive a grant from the 2023 Trust Scholarship Program will also be eligible to apply.

Requirements include a letter of confirmation of admission (for first year students), copy of an official transcript/report card, and a copy of a completed Membership Confirmed Form signed by the applicant.

### Application submission deadline:

The deadline to submit your application is Friday, June 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

You can obtain an application form by visiting our website [www.akwesasnetrust.com](http://www.akwesasnetrust.com) or by request through email at [applications.akwtrust@gmail.com](mailto:applications.akwtrust@gmail.com).

The form includes instructions for submitting an application, and all documents that need to be included in the application. Applications with missing information, or late applications will not be considered.

For questions or more information, please contact the Trust by email at [applications.akwtrust@gmail.com](mailto:applications.akwtrust@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.akwesasnetrust.com](http://www.akwesasnetrust.com).

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



### May 6, 2024

- The new Executive Director for the MCA was introduced to Council; Mr. Mose Herne shared his background and work experience with Council.
- Council discussed concerns received regarding changes recently implemented at the MCA Home Support program. Portfolio will follow up.
- A representative of Enns, MacEachern, Pace, Maloney & Associates presented a recent appraisal completed for MCA land leases and explained the increases to Council.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of records management contract with BDO; Approval of expanded mandate for MCA Internal Technical Team; Approval of (2) new construction loans; Approval of (3) upgrade loans to community members; Approval to rescind previous MCR for new construction loan; Approval of application to Québec AIF fund; Approval

of purchase of two new school buses; Approval of amendment to trust distribution MCR; Approval of (2) budget notices with Indigenous Services Canada; Approval of (2) amendments to Akwesasne/Canada funding agreement; Approval of MCA Justice Department compensation policy; Approval of MCA Department of Community and Social Services compensation policy; Approval of contribution agreement for Community Justice Program; Approval of (2) Council Meeting Minutes; Approval of signing authority for MCA new Executive Director; Approval of increase to MCA leases.

### May 13, 2024 Emergency Council Meeting

- **MCR's passed:** Approval to rescind approval of new construction loan; Approval of new construction loan to community member; Approval of DCSS AMBE latchkey partnership; Approval of CORDA contribution agreement for environment program; Approval of appraisal report for 13 Islands.

### May 27, 2024

- Council discussed lawn care for Elders and will examine the potential to outsource this work.
- An offer from an external organization to pursue reconciliation

funding was discussed. Council determined they will not accept the offer.

- Council discussed a financial request from the Akwesasne Freedom School. The status of the new building progression will be requested.
- A request for an update on a lease agreement for signage was made and will be followed up by administration.
- Council discussed a request for clarification on the reporting requirements for non-Members utilizing cottages in Akwesasne.
- Clarification was provided on a recent joint press release with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of funding agreement with Canada for early release program; Acceptance of resignation from Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission member; Approval of Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for diversion program; Approval of amendment to medical service agreement; Approval to Akwesasne lacrosse organization to sell pull tabs; Approval of support for funding agreement for Onkwehonwe Midwives Collective; Approval of additional allocation for waterline repair; Approval of (6) Council Meeting minutes.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## MCA GRAND CHIEF ATTENDS INDIGENOUS IDENTITY FRAUD SUMMIT

From May 14-15, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Grand Chief Abram Benedict attended the Indigenous Identity Fraud Summit, which took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The summit was collaboratively hosted by the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF), the National Government of the Red River Métis, and the Chiefs of Ontario (COO).

The two-day summit brought First Nations, Inuit, and Red River Métis leaders from across Canada to discuss identity fraud issues. Through out the sessions, attendees gained insight about the increasing number of groups and individuals using

false claims of Indigenous ancestry for their personal benefit.

It's disheartening to consider that during many of our elders' formative years, they faced discrimination, and now there are individuals developing false narratives claiming to be a First Nation individual. The ongoing fraud undermines the trauma and suffering endured by elders because of their identity. As leaders, it's crucial to protect the people and nation, preventing the erosion of rights, by them being granted to people based on fraudulent pretences.



MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict with Glen Hare, Ontario Regional Chief of the Chiefs of Ontario (COO).



# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VINCE THOMPSON UPDATES



**Monthly Report:**  
May 2024

**Portfolios:**

Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE), Dept. of Economic Development, Nation Building

**Selected Committees:**

Office of Vital Statistics, Property Acquisition Team, Youth Elders Culture Language, Hydro Québec

District Chief Vince Thompson has been actively engaged in various initiatives and meetings concerning the interests and welfare of the community of Akwesasne.

**CORNWALL SEAWAY LANDS DISBURSEMENT**

Chief Thompson has been in discussions with Transport Canada and Mohawk Council of Akwesasne regarding the Seaway Lands that are being released. He has

advocated for the housing needs for Akwesasne. The importance of addressing dilapidated infrastructure and canal conditions were emphasized before the lands are released. Cornwall officials recently expressed disappointment for not being involved earlier in these meetings, prompting Chief Thompson to bring up in the discussions that Akwesasne should have the right to first refusal on these lands as we are the original occupiers.

**DIVESTMENT MAPPING**

Chief Thompson has been actively involved in advocating for the Mohawk community's rights over traditional territories and federal lands. He is in support of the creation of a map showcasing traditional Mohawk territories and land holdings, emphasizing the community's right to first refusal on federal lands being released.

**P.A.T. TEAM MEETING & PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Chief Thompson attended the Property Acquisition Team meetings to assist with the revision of terms of reference and discussed properties of interest to sell to the MCA. Prior lands purchased marks a significant step in the community's land use

planning and development efforts.

**ENTEWATATHÁ:WI/NATION BUILDING NEGOTIATIONS**

In negotiations with MCA and the Canadian negotiation team, Chief Thompson discussed how in negotiations, there was a focus on early childhood and childcare arrangements. Chief Thompson stated that negotiations discussed including early childhood care in education funding to ensure youth receive necessary care and education from an early age.

**PUBLIC SAFETY VISIT AND PARTNERSHIPS**

During a visit by Dominic LeBlanc, Public Safety Minister, along with Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship of Canada, and their Executive Assistants, there were discussions on the obligations of the federal government to keep the citizens of Canada and their wellbeing safe. Chief Thompson emphasized how Kawehno:ke did not feel safe due to the location of the CBSA. He does have the understanding of building strong relationships between the two organizations and is in support of policing partnerships by the quad-party arrangement.

# COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

## KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VINCE THOMPSON UPDATES

**SIBC MEETING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

At the SIBC meeting, Chief Thompson addressed various community concerns including traffic management, infrastructure maintenance, and recent toll increases. Chief Thompson was informed of the ongoing summer projects aimed at enhancing community infrastructure and beautification efforts.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Chief Thompson provided updates on various ongoing projects including road repairs, and reported on SIBC's updates on bridge maintenance and beautification efforts. He emphasized the importance of continued infrastructure

improvements and public space enhancements for the community's well-being.

**MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND HYDRO QUÉBEC**

Chief Thompson participated in a meeting with Québec Hydro to address power outages and infrastructure concerns. They also discussed the need for reliable service, aging infrastructure, and explored potential solutions to improve service reliability and infrastructure upgrades.

**URBAN, RURAL, AND NORTHERN FUNDING (URN) ALLOCATION**

During discussions with Chiefs of Ontario with the Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure, an update was provided on URN

funding initiatives. Chief Thompson advocated for fair distribution of funding for community development. He emphasized the importance of equal consideration for Akwesasne in URN strategy and allocation discussions.

**INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS AND MOU SIGNING**

The Iroquois Caucus signed an MOU with the Blackfoot Nation Confederacy, aiming to strengthen partnerships and collaboration on various issues including trade, reconciliation, and hunting rights. Chief Thompson highlighted the importance of Indigenous nations working together for mutual benefit and addressed concerns about potential federal apprehensions.

# MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

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:

[akwesasne.ca/meet-the-chiefs](http://akwesasne.ca/meet-the-chiefs) 🔍

# SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



## FACEBOOK STATS

### Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in May

1. Niawenhkó:wa To Our Extraordinary First Responders For Their Unwavering Commitment and Selfless Service
2. AMA EMT Staff Earn Life Save Award
3. Elders Home Repair Program Flyer
4. UPDATE - Missing Youth Located
5. AMBE Hosts Cultural Celebration

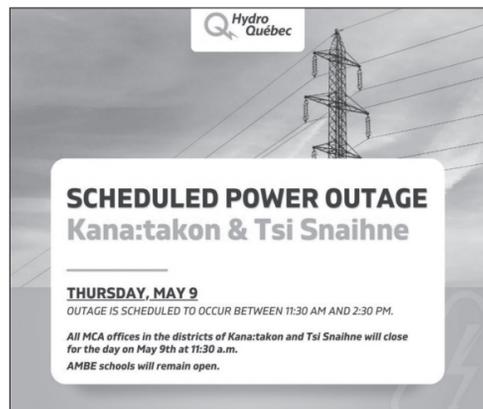
### Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in May

1. Elders Home Repair Program Flyer — 74,134 Reached
2. UPDATE - Missing Youth Located — 66,150 Reached
3. Cottage For Sale - Lot 7 Colquhoun Island East — 10,127 Reached
4. AMBE Hosts Cultural Celebration — 7,547 Reached
5. Environment Canada Issues Tornado Watch for Cornwall/Akwesasne — 7,427 Reached



## X STATS

### Top Post in May



## YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for May  
MCA General Meeting — May 2, 2024



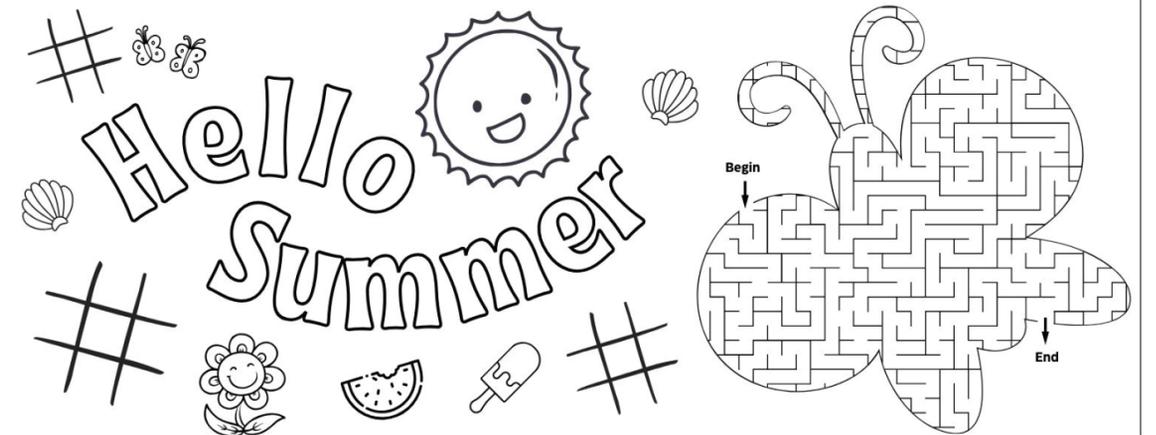
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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Word Scramble

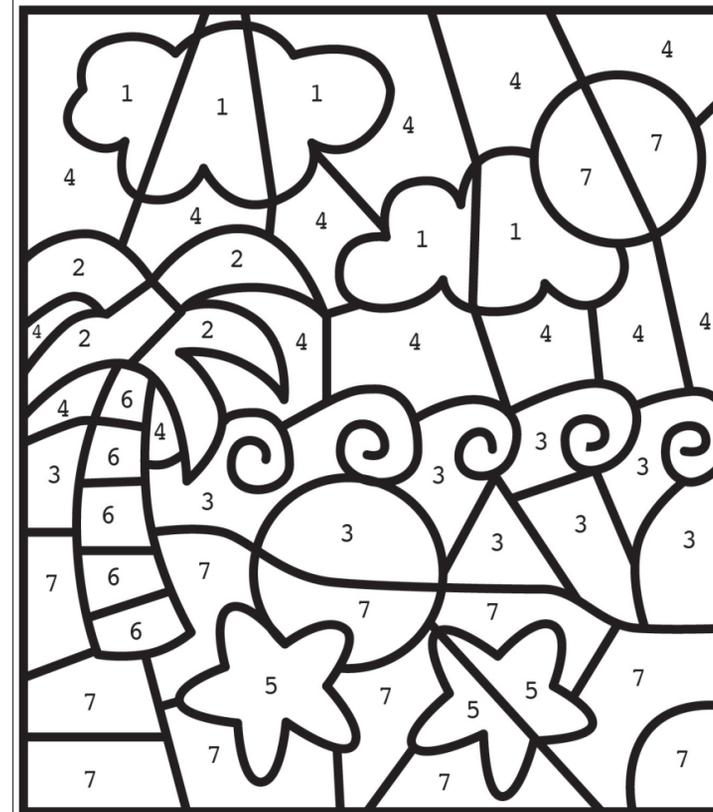
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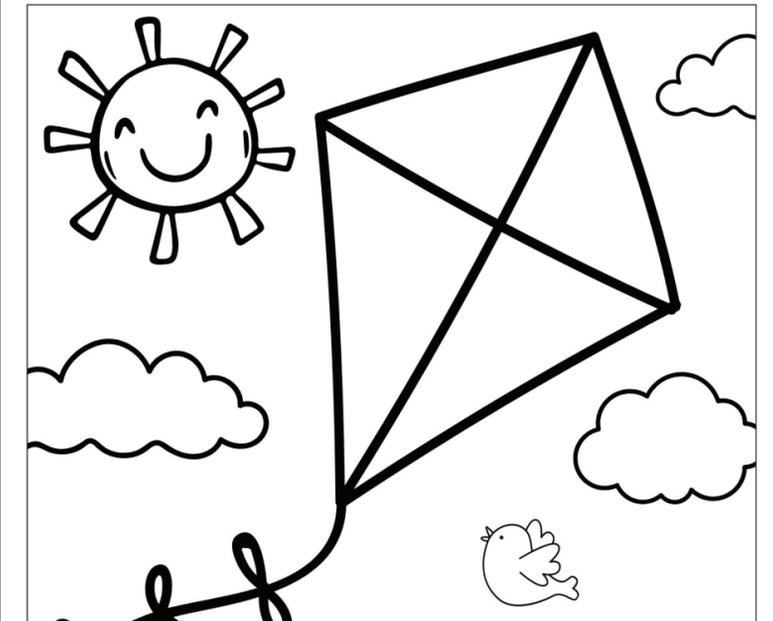


## SUMMER COLOR BY NUMBER

- 1 - White
- 2 - Green
- 3 - Blue
- 4 - Orange
- 5 - Pink
- 6 - Brown
- 7 - Yellow



## DECORATE THE KITE



### YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

Why don't sharks like fast food?  
Because they can't catch it!

What happens when ice cream gets angry?  
It has a meltdown.

What did the ocean say to the other ocean?  
Nothing, they just waved!

# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! JACY JACOBS, GLADUE REPORT WRITER



Jacy Jacobs has been serving as a Gladue Report Writer for the past three years with the Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP), playing a crucial role in assisting those who need support, while navigating a potentially overwhelming court system. Gladue Reports provide detailed information about the unique life circumstances of Aboriginal individuals charged with criminal offences. These reports help judges consider the context and recommend appropriate sentences. Jacy's studies at McMaster University earned her a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Sociology and Indigenous Studies, ultimately prepared her with the tools needed for writing effective Gladue Reports.

Gladue Reports offer comprehensive recommendations for the judge to consider for sentencing as well as link the life story of an Aboriginal offender to the broader issues facing Aboriginal people. For example, the inter-generational trauma of residential school or the 60's Scoop. As a Gladue Writer, Jacy collects this scared story firsthand through the interviewing of both the offender and their family, including close life connections. Jacy takes pride in her work and explains, "we are fortunate enough to be in a role that allows us to guide community members through a very difficult point in their lives, with hopes of creating a greater future for both the individual and their families."

## JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION RELOCATION

Please be advised that the Akwesasne Justice Administration has relocated from the Angus Mitchell Memorial building to their new address at 45 Johnson Road, Akwesasne, QC (formerly Tickets Convenience Store in Kana:takon).

The following members of the Justice Administration Team will be relocating together:

- Director of Justice
- Legislative Services Manager
- Legislative Researcher
- Executive Assistant
- Legal Counsel

If you have any questions, please contact the Akwesasne Justice Department at 613-575-5000.



New office location: 45 Johnson Road, Akwesasne QC (Kana:takon).

# AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## AKWESASNE COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM (ACJP)

GLADUE UNIT SERVICES: PROGRAM MANAGER PM, INDIGENOUS COURT WORKER ICW, GLADUE AFTERCARE WORKER (GAW) AND GLADUE WRITERS (GW)

The Akwesasne Community Justice Program is administered through the Akwesasne Justice Department, located in the District of Kanatakon within the Community of Akwesasne. The Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP) has been temporarily relocated to 55 Water Street W, Cornwall Ontario. ACJP takes pride in operating with a Trauma Informed lens and through restorative justice practices, and conflict resolution as we support the client through their court process but ultimately gain an understanding of how the impacts trauma can carry within an individual and how that may play out in their current circumstance before the court. Restorative Justice can be hard work. Please note, that it is ultimately up to the individual to exercise their Gladue right or to waive it by informing their lawyer, duty counsel, or Judge.

Upon request through, ACJP Indigenous Court Worker, or through Defense Counsel, Crown or Judge, the community member will receive a response to his/her Gladue right/request. The Gladue Unit will then assess and assign a writer for the curation of a Gladue Report regarding an Indigenous client who:

- Finds themselves in the jurisdiction of the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory or who is a member of the Mohawks of Akwesasne residing in a surrounding area;
- Has been charged with an offense and is applying for bail or has plead guilty or has been found guilty of a criminal offence and is being sentenced;
- Curation of the report is based on the caseload of writer and the access to supporting information.

**Gladue Reports curated by Akwesasne Community Justice Program's Gladue Writers are used for:**

### Bail Hearings, Sentencing, and Parole Hearings

A Gladue Report, which contains case specific information, is tailored to the specific circumstances of the Indigenous offender:

- R v Gladue is a Supreme Court decision (1999) that said Judges must take into consideration the unique circum-

stances of Indigenous people upon sentencing 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code of Canada;

- R v Ipeelee decision (2012) Gladue was reaffirmed, and SCC gave more guidance to Judges and Lawyers; must consider heritage and all reasonable and available sanctions other than imprisonment;
- Within the Gladue Report are disclosed unique systemic and background factors which may have played a role bringing the Indigenous offender before the court. These factors are considered Gladue Factors. After Gladue Report is completed, Gladue Aftercare can work one on one with client on addressing each Gladue factor in a positive way.

*Should the recommendations be adopted by the Judge and an order is a result, the Gladue Aftercare Worker will, work with additional supervising parties, assess, and support the client through understanding and maintaining their order by incorporating culture, connection, and healing:*

- Gladue Aftercare Worker assists with the implementation of Gladue recommendations by providing direct services and necessary referrals to programs and services to support the client in addressing and achieving the Gladue Report's recommendations;
- Gladue Aftercare worker works in partnership with referred programs as well as with the Gladue Writer, Indigenous Court Worker, Provincial Courts, Parole and Probation services in providing necessary client input and updates as required;
- Gladue Aftercare aims to provide continuity of care and Trauma informed services avoiding re-traumatization while supporting restorative justice through accountability;
- Gladue Aftercare Worker will also work closely with Federal inmate clients via ACJP's Section 84 Development Officer and Community NehKanikonriio Council on reintegration according to the recommendations put forth within their early release plan.

## AMBE HOSTS CULTURAL CELEBRATION

The A'nowara'ko:wa Arena recently buzzed with vibrant energy and excitement as the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) hosted its Cultural Celebrations. Stepping out of the traditional classroom setting, AMBE faculty and students, spanning from early years to eighth grade, took center stage to commemorate our rich culture through song and dance.

The atmosphere was nothing short of delightful as enthusiastic youth, dedicated educators, and esteemed guests came together for a day filled with celebration. The rhythmic serenades of the Ratirennenhawi Men's singers provided the perfect backdrop to the day's celebrations, filling the arena with beautiful melodies.

A highlight of the festivities was a mesmerizing hoop dance performance led by Feryn King and her young hoop troupe from the Kana:takon School. Their graceful movements and skillful choreography left spectators in awe, showcasing the depth of talent within the community.

In essence, the cultural celebrations were more than just a gathering, they were a testament to the strength of community spirit and the enduring legacy of Mohawk traditions. A special niawenhkó:wa goes to all the talented singers, drummers, dancers, organizers, and families who made this unforgettable event possible. Your contributions are truly appreciated!



## IOHAHI:IO CELEBRATES GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

On May 24, 2024, the Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institute hosted a heartwarming graduation ceremony to honour the remarkable achievements of their students. The occasion symbolized the end of the hard work and dedication shown by students who completed the GAS Pre-Trades Program, Leadership Development Program and Personal Support Worker Program.

Awards were presented to students in each program who demonstrated perseverance, professionalism, and leadership throughout the school year. In addition, the Delbert Horton Award was presented to Vivian Smoke (Instructor), and Ethan Laughing (GAS Pre-Trades student). These recipients exemplified strength and leadership while working tirelessly to advance Indigenous education as the third pillar of post-secondary education to advance lifelong learning.

Congratulations to the 2024 graduates. Your hard work and dedication have paid off and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

### Leadership Development Program:

- Jamie Benedict (*Perseverance Award*)
- Jennifer Brown (*Leadership Award*)
- Amy Lazore (*Most Professional Award*)

### General Arts & Science Pre-Trades Program:

- Travis Benedict
- Skyler Gray (*Perseverance Award*)
- Janie Johnson (*Most Professional Award*)
- Ethan Laughing
- Austin Oakes
- Bryli Arquette-Thompson (*Leadership Award*)

### Personal Support Worker Program:

- Troi Benedict (*Leadership Award*)
- Anna George (*Perseverance Award*)
- Aubre Mitchell-King
- Thomas Terrance (*Most Professional Award*)
- April Thompson
- Chanelle Smoke



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## AKWESASNE HISTORY: ALL ABOUT ELECTIONS

With the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's General Election coming up on June 29, 2024, the Akwesasne Rights and Research Office presents a historical summary of Akwesasne's government structures and history of elections.

### Traditional Government in Akwesasne

The Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and their member nations of Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora, governed their people through the Great Law. The split in alliances during the American Revolution would force the Confederacy to cover their council fires and disperse throughout their territories. The Grand Council would later rekindle the Mohawk Nation Council Fire in Akwesasne in 1888, reinstating their mandate dictated by the Great Law.

The traditional governing structure through the Great Law was practiced in Akwesasne through the Seven Nations of Canada, with their member nations and respective communities of Mohawks, Abenaki, Algonquin, Nipissing, Onondaga, Oneida, and Hurons. They dealt primarily with French counterparts and negotiated agreements as one council. After the French had conceded to the British forces, Akwesasne, Kahnawake, and Kahnatesake maintained relations with their new counterparts while the Anishinaabeg nations relocated further into Quebec. The defeat of the British in the American Revolution and creation of boundary lines led to Akwesasne handling relations with both British and American leaders, with the events of the War of 1812 permanently dividing the community and their leadership.

### Shift to Elections

In 1876, the Canadian government enacted the Indian Act with various restrictions and regulations, specifically ones regarding the administration of Indian lands and governance. While the Indian Act would recognize an existing leadership, new leadership would need to

be voted in by the community members. At this time, Seven Nations of Canada adopted different names, becoming the Life Chiefs, but critics of their leadership called for elections to take place and for their removal.

On May 1, 1899, in the village of Kana:takon, Dominion Police officers led by Lieutenant-Colonel Percy Sherwood met with Indian Agent, George Long with a plan to force the Life Chiefs to allow elections to occur, upon the threat of arrest. The Indian Agent spread word that he wanted the Chiefs and some other men to meet at his office about the possibility of work. One of the men who were asked was a Community Life Chief named Jacob Ohnehtotake Fire, and his brother John Saiowisakeron Fire. Ohnehtotake went to the Indian agent's office, not knowing the police were waiting to arrest him and his fellow Chiefs for preventing the Indian Act elections from taking place. He fought back and was ultimately killed trying to prevent the Indian Act Elections.

In 1948, a community referendum was called for adult voters to decide "What Kind of Government Do You Want on the Reservation?" between the elected chiefs, the Seven Nations chiefs, and Six Nations (Mohawk Nation). 83 votes were in favor of the Six Nations chiefs and 1 vote for the elected chiefs. The results of the referendum were not accepted by the Indian Agent as only the duly elected chiefs under the Indian Act election regulations would be recognized. The Life Chiefs eventually conceded their authority to the community elected party.

In 1985, a Band Council Resolution #68 had officially changed the name from Iroquois of St. Regis Band to the Mohawks of Akwesasne to reflect a stronger community identity. In 1988, a community referendum was conducted for the proposed Election Law that would replace the Indian Act regulations, creating the positions of one Grand Chief and twelve District Chiefs for the Northern Portion of Akwesasne.

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## Historical List of Elected Chiefs from 1899 to 2024

**1899-1900**  
**Life Chiefs:**  
Jake Fire  
Mitchel C. Jacobs (Jacob)  
Frank Day  
Mitchell (Mitchel) Bova  
Loran Jocko (Gago or Jacobs)  
Peter Oakes (Oak)  
Mitchel (Mitchell) Seymour (Semo or Simon)  
John Lewis (or Angus)  
John King (Skin)  
Jake King (Skin) Jr.  
Angus Papineau  
Joseph Thompson

**Note:** Life Chiefs Arrested for Trying to Stop Three Year Term Election System in St. Regis. Jake (Ice) Fire, Brother of Jacob Fire was Shot by RCMP.

**1901-1906**  
**Life Chiefs:**  
John Louis  
Joseph Thompson  
Jake Fire  
Mitchell S. Jacobs  
Loran Jocko  
Mitchell Bova  
Mitchell Seymour  
Angus Papineau  
Mitchell (Mitchel) A. Friday  
Jake Skin  
Mitchel Jocko (Jacko)

**Clerk:**  
Loran Pike

**1906-1909**  
**Head Chief:** Wise Kahweniio (Mitchel) Friday  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Michael (Mitchel) Friday  
Peter Oakes (Oke) Sr.  
Peter Oakes (Oke) Jr.  
Joseph Sam  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Louis W. David  
Loran Jocko  
Mitchel Seymour (Semo)  
John Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Jake Fire  
William Foot  
Mitchel C. Jacobs  
Angus Papineau

**Note:** No Elections Held Between 1899-1906

**1909-1912**  
**Head Chief:** Mitchel C. Jacobs  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
John Cook  
Jacob Curry (Curley)  
John Jacobs  
Peter Oakes (Oak)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Lauren Kite  
Charles Leaf  
Frank Roundpoint  
Mitchel Seymour (Semo)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Jake Fire  
(Mitchel C. Jacobs)  
Thomas Oakes (Oke)  
Angus Papineau

**1912-1915**  
**Head Chief:** Mitchel C. Jacobs

**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Peter Beauvais  
Alex McDonald  
Peter Oakes (Oak)  
Joseph Sam  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Loran David  
Loran Jocko  
Joseph Seymour (Semo)  
John Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Jake Fire  
Jake King (Skin)  
(Mitchel C. Jacobs)  
Angus Papineau

**1915-1928**  
**Head Chief:** John Jacobs  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
John Cook  
Peter J. Day (John Jacobs)  
John J. Peters  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Louie David  
John David  
Louie White  
Joseph Seymour (Semo)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Jake King (Skin)  
John P. Oakes (Oak)  
Mitchel C. Jacobs  
Angus Papineau

**Note:** No Elections Held Between 1915-1928

**1928-1931**  
**Head Chief:** John Jacobs  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Jacob Curry  
Peter J. Day (John Jacobs)  
Angus P. White  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Paul Caldwell  
Mitchel Seymour (Semo)  
Jacob Day  
Jacob Francis  
Lawrence Francis  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
John King  
John P. Oakes  
Mitchel C. Jacobs  
Dick Lazore

**1931-1924**  
**Head Chief:** Thomas Oakes  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Peter Day  
John Jacobs  
George Peters  
John J. Peters  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Paul Caldwell  
Jacob (Jake) Day  
Lawrence Francis  
Frank Leaf  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte  
Jake King  
Dick Lazore  
(Thomas Oakes)

**1934-1937**  
**Head Chief:** John Jacobs

**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Peter J. Day (John Jacobs)  
John J. Peters  
Louis Sunday  
Jake Lazore  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Ted Benedict  
Jacob Day  
Lawrence Francis  
Frank Leaf / Joe David (bi)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte  
Dick Lazore  
Moses Lazore  
Angus Oakes

**1937-1940**  
**Head Chief:** Louis Sunday  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Mitchell Curry  
John J. Peters  
John J. Peters (Louis Sunday)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
John Debo  
Loran Francis  
Alex Garrow  
Frank Leaf  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte / Mitchell Jock (bi)  
Dick Lazore  
Moses Lazore  
Mitchell Oakes

**1940-1943**  
**Head Chief:** Frank Leaf  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Charles Lazore (John J. Peters)  
Louis Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Mike Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Richard Seymour  
Clifford White  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Dave Benedict  
Angus Bonaparte  
Paul Lafrance  
Mitchell T. Oakes

**1943-1946**  
**Head Chief:** Mitchell Oakes  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
John Adams  
Alex Wilson Lazore  
Frank Skidders  
Peter Jacobs/ Louis Sunday  
John J. Peters  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
James Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Paul Caldwell  
John Debo  
Loran Francis  
Frank Leaf  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Louis Edwards  
Mitchell Jock  
Dick Lazore  
Moses Lazore

**1946-1948**  
**Head Chief:** Clifford White  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Mike Adams

Michael Adams  
Mitchell Curry  
John J. Peters  
Louis Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Joe Benedict  
Paul Caldwell  
John Debo (Clifford White)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte  
Joe King  
Dick Lazore  
Moses Lazore Sr.

**1948-1950**  
**Head Chief:** John J. Peters  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Alex Wilson Lazore  
Charles Lazore (John J. Peters)  
Louis Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Mike Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Richard Seymour  
Clifford White  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Dave Benedict  
Angus Bonaparte Sr.  
William Francis

**1950-1952**  
**Head Chief:** John J. Peters  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Alex Wilson Lazore  
Charles Lazore (John J. Peters)  
Louis Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Mike Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Richard Seymour  
Clifford White  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Dave Benedict  
Angus Bonaparte  
Paul Lafrance  
Mitchell T. Oakes

**1952-1954**  
**Head Chief:** Dave Benedict  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Mike Adams / Wilson Lazore (bi)  
John Adams  
Alex Wilson Lazore  
Frank Skidders  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
James Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Wallace Roundpoint / John Sharrow (bi)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
James M. Jacobs  
Louis Johnson  
Angus Mitchell (Alex Oakes)

**1954-1956**  
**Head Chief:** Clifford White  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Charles Lazore / Fred Adams (bi)

Mitchell Curry  
Wilson Lazore  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
James Caldwell  
Frank Roundpoint  
Richard Seymour (Clifford White)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Moses Francis  
William Francis  
Louis King  
Sam J. Oakes

**1956-1958**  
**Head Chief:** Frank K. Leaf  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Mike Adams  
Mitchell Curry  
Louis Lafrance  
David Oakes  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Ernest Benedict (Frank K. Leaf)  
John Sharrow  
Ralph Whitebean  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Joseph Benedict  
Angus Bonaparte Sr.  
William Francis

**1958-1960**  
**Head Chief:** Ralph Whitebean  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Louis Lafrance  
Louis P. Lazore  
David Oakes  
Frank Skidders  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Ernest Benedict  
Sam David / John Sharrow (bi)  
Frank K. Leaf (Ralph Whitebean)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte Sr.  
John Francis / Enos Hemlock (bi)  
Louis King  
Alex Oakes

**1960-1962**  
**Head Chief:** Alex Oakes  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Charles Lazore  
Jake M. Lazore  
David Oakes  
Louis H. Oakes  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Ernest Benedict  
Frank K. Leaf  
Benny Roundpoint  
Wallace Roundpoint / John Sharrow (bi)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
James M. Jacobs  
Louis Johnson  
Angus Mitchell (Alex Oakes)

**1962-1964**  
**Head Chief:** Alex Oakes/  
Florence Thomas  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Charles Lazore / Fred Adams (bi)

Mitchell Oakes  
Frank Skidders  
Louis Sunday / Alex Wilson Lazore (bi)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Elijah Benedict  
Ernest Benedict  
Frank K. Leaf / John Sharrow (bi) / James Caldwell (bi)  
Morris Sawatis / Clifford White (bi)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Louis Johnson / John Seymour (bi)  
Louis King / Florence Thomas (bi)  
Angus Mitchell (Alex H. Oakes) / David George (bi)

**1964-1966**  
**Head Chief:** Angus Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Fred Adams  
Louis Lafrance  
James Lazore  
John Peters  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Elijah Benedict  
Ernest Benedict  
Lawrence Benedict  
James Caldwell  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
David George (Angus Mitchell) / Angus Bonaparte Sr. (bi)  
Mitchell Oakes  
Florence Thomas

**1966-1968**  
**Head Chief:** Angus Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
Morris Adams  
James Lazore  
Reginald Mitchell  
David Peters / David Oakes (bi)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Ernest Benedict  
Lawrence Benedict  
James Caldwell  
Gilbert Roundpoint  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Franklin Benedict  
Angus Bonaparte Sr. (Angus Mitchell)  
Florence Thomas

**1968-1970**  
**Head Chief:** Angus Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:**  
James Lazore  
Reginald Mitchell  
Michael Sunday  
William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:**  
Elijah Benedict  
Lawrence Benedict  
James Caldwell  
Esther Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:**  
Angus Bonaparte Sr.  
Louis King (Angus Mitchell)  
Richard Thomas

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**1970-1972**  
**Head Chief:** William Sunday  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Peter Jacobs / James Lazore (bi) Alex Wilson Lazore Louis Sunday (William Sunday)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** Lawrence Francis Michael Mitchell Bernice Seymour / William Francis (bi) John Sharrow  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Beatrice Burns Peter Garrow / Gerald Sharrow (bi) Angus Mitchell R. Gordon Oakes  
**1972-1974**  
**Head Chief:** Lawrence Francis  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Michael Adams James Lazore Louis Sunday William Sunday / Ernest James Adams (bi)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** (Lawrence Francis) William Francis Benny Roundpoint John Sharrow  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Franklin Benedict Angus Mitchell R. Gordon Oakes / Francis Sam (bi) Gerald Sharrow  
**1974-1976**  
**Head Chief:** William Sunday  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Michael David James Lazore Reginald Mitchell (William Sunday)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** Catherine Lena Day James Caldwell Lawrence Francis Peter Burns / Benny Roundpoint (bi)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Cecelia Buckshot Francis Sam Gerald Sharrow Ronald Thomas / Mike Francis Sr. (bi)  
**1976-1978**  
**Head Chief:** Lawrence Francis  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Germaine Benedict James Lazore Claudia Sunday William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** (Lawrence Francis) Percy Francis Joseph Gaspe Ernest Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Louise Benedict Angus Mitchell Florence Thomas Mike Thomas  
**1978-1980**  
**Head Chief:** Mary David / Angus Bonapart Jr.  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Germaine Benedict Thomas Lazore Claudia Sunday

William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** Alex David Lawrence Francis Joseph Gaspe Eric Seymour  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** (Angus Bonaparte Jr. (bi) (Mary David) / John Oakes (bi) Louis Oakes Gerald Sharrow  
**1980-1982**  
**Head Chief:** Lawrence Francis & Ernest Benedict  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Angus A. Adams Morris Adams Robert Sunday Sr. William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** (Ernest Benedict) (Lawrence Francis) Larry Mitchell Bruce Roundpoint  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Isabelle Benedict Joseph Jacobs John Oakes Clara Sharrow  
**1982-1984**  
**Head Chief:** Lawrence Francis  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** John Lazore Joyce Sharrow Robert Sunday Sr. William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** Lloyd Benedict (Lawrence Francis) Bruce Roundpoint Michael Mitchell  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Dave Benedict Angus Bonaparte Jr. Joseph Jacobs John Oakes  
**1984-1986**  
**Head Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) Councillors:** Angus A. Adams Wade Lafrance / Wallace Mitchell (bi) Robert Sunday Sr. / John Lazore (bi) William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) Councillors:** Lloyd Benedict Lawrence Francis / William Papineau (bi) A. Yvonne Leaf (Michael Mitchell)  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) Councillors:** Dave Benedict Franklin Benedict Louis Oakes M. Robert Skidders  
**1986-1988**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Hilda King John Lazore Louis W. Lazore Sr. Vivian Smoke  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Angie Barnes Lloyd Benedict A. Yvonne Leaf Alex Roundpoint

**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Mary David Dave Benedict Gerald Sharrow Tim Thompson  
**1988-1991**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Hilda King John Lazore William Sunday / Louis W. Lazore Sr. (bi) Vivian Smoke  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Angie Barnes Lloyd Benedict Thomas Francis Lynn Roundpoint  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Mary David Dave Benedict / Johanne Jackson (bi) Gerald Sharrow Tim Thompson  
**1991-1994**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell / Rose Marie Sunday  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Hilda King Wallace Mitchell Marshall Oakes Rose Marie Sunday / Kevin Lazore  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Angie Barnes Lloyd Benedict Lawrence Francis Lynn Roundpoint  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Brian David Johanne Jackson Wallace Oakes Debbie Thomas  
**1994-1997**  
**Grand Chief:** Russell Roundpoint  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Vincenette Cook Dorothy Lazore Phyllis Lazore Raymond Mitchell  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Antoine Delormier Gary Cole Alex Roundpoint / Michael Mitchell (bi) Lynn Roundpoint  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Leona Benedict Johanne Jackson Vaughn Phillips Gerald Sharrow  
**1997-2000**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** George Adams Josephine Herne Phyllis Lazore Raymond Mitchell  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Mamie David Antoine Delormier Lynn Roundpoint Margie F. Thompson

**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Larry King Vaughn Phillips Steve Thomas Tim Thompson  
**2000-2003**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell / Raymond Mitchell (bi)  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Theresa Adams Esther Jock Charlene Sunday Raymond Mitchell / Louis W. Lazore Sr. (bi)  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Angie Barnes Darcy Day Antoine Delormier / Mamie David (bi) Margie F. Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Darren Bonaparte Larry King Sheila David Tim Thompson / Tom Johnson (bi)  
**2003-2006**  
**Grand Chief:** Angela (Angie) Barnes  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Louis W. Lazore Sr. Raymond Mitchell / Esther Jock (bi) William Phillips Ronald Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** A. Francis Boots Gary Cole Michael Mitchell Mona Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Tom Johnson Larry King A. Florence Phillips Sandra Thompson  
**2006-2009**  
**Grand Chief:** Timothy Thompson  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** John Morris Adams Joseph Lazore Louis W. Lazore Sr. William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Abram Benedict Wesley Benedict Nona Benedict Cheryl A. Jacobs  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Connie Hall Julie Phillips-Jacobs Larry King A. Florence Phillips  
**2009-2012**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** John Morris Adams Joseph Lazore Karen Lorán William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Abram Benedict Wesley Benedict / Cheryl Jacobs - lost in tie Brian David Louise Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:**

Julie Phillips-Jacobs Larry King A. Florence Phillips Rachel Roundpoint  
**2012-2015**  
**Grand Chief:** Michael Mitchell  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Joseph Lazore Karen Lorán April Adams-Phillips William Sunday  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Abram Benedict Brian David Joanne Jock Louise Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Julie Phillips-Jacobs Larry King A. Florence Phillips Steve Thomas  
**2015-2018**  
**Grand Chief:** Abram Benedict  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Karen Lorán Joseph Lazore April Adams-Phillips Connie Lazore  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Louise Thompson Vince Thompson Troy Thompson Dennis Chaussi  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Steve Thomas Tim Thompson Ryan Jacobs Darryl Lazore  
**2018-2021**  
**Grand Chief:** Abram Benedict  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** Joseph Lazore April Adams-Phillips Connie Lazore Tobie Mitchell  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Vince Thompson Dennis Chaussi/ Bi Vanessa Adams Edward Roundpoint Carolyn Francis  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Darryl Lazore Tim Thompson Julie Phillips-Jacobs Theresa Jacobs  
**2021-2024**  
**Grand Chief:** Abram Benedict  
**Tsi Snaihne (Snye) District Chiefs:** JoAnn Swamp Dwayne Thomas April Adams-Phillips Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo  
**Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island) District Chiefs:** Vanessa Adams Edward Roundpoint Jacqueline Benedict Vince Thompson  
**Kana:takon (St. Regis) District Chiefs:** Ryan Jacobs Cynthia Francis-Mitchell Julie Phillips-Jacobs Tim Thompson

# ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

## COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE USING ENTEWATATHÁ:WI TERMINOLOGY

<b>AGREEMENT</b>  <b>AKWESASNE</b>  <b>GOVERN</b>  <b>INDIGENOUS</b>	<b>INHERENT</b>  <b>JURISDICTION</b>  <b>NEGOTIATION</b>  <b>SELFGOVERNMENT</b>	
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**Down:**

1. The power to enact an Akwesasne Law within Akwesasne Lands or an Akwesasne Law in relation to Members (12)
2. June 2021, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of \_\_\_\_\_ Peoples Act received Royal Assent (11)
3. There's no place like home (9)
4. A strategic discussion that involves two or more parties, resolves an issue in a way that each party finds acceptable (11)
5. The Mohawks of Akwesasne have an \_\_\_\_\_ right to self-government (8)
7. Entewatatha:wi means "We Will \_\_\_\_\_ " (6)

**Across:**

6. The formal structure through which Indigenous communities may control the administration of their affairs (14)
8. A negotiated and legally binding arrangement between parties as to a course of action (9)

Down: 1. Jurisdiction 2. Indigenous 3. Akwesasne 4. Negotiation 5. Self Government 6. Agreement 7. Govern 8. Agreement

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## SWINGING SUCCESS: IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE HOSTS FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, May 25, Iakhihsohta Lodge swung into action, teeing up their inaugural golf tournament fundraiser! It was a beautiful day at Cedar View Golf Course with a great turnout of community members all geared up to putt their best foot forward.

Thank you to everyone who came out for a good time in support of our elders and niawenhkó:wa to those who sponsored a hole or donated to the Mohawk Auction. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA Community Health Services:  
Health Promotion and Prevention Program

## TETEWATSKA:HON GREEN FOOD BAGS

**ORDER DEADLINE:**

**PICK UP DATE:**

July 5, 2024  
August 9, 2024  
September 6, 2024  
October 4, 2024  
November 1, 2024  
December 6, 2024

July 17, 2024  
August 21, 2024  
September 18, 2024  
October 16, 2024  
November 20, 2024  
December 18, 2024

Food pick-up will be at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility.

*\$20 per bag, limit of 2 bags per person. Please bring your own reusable bags when picking up! No bags will be provided.*

Each bag is \$20, due at the time of order! Cash or e-transfer accepted.

[etransfer@akwasasne.ca](mailto:etransfer@akwasasne.ca)

In the Message section, please include: "Green Food Bag" and the month along with your name and phone number.

Example: Green Food Bag July 2024 - Jane Doe ###-###-####

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Akwasasne Non-Insured Health Benefits:

613-575-2341 ext. 3340

### Community Health:

613-575-2341 ext. 3220

### Jordan's Principle:

613-575-2341 ext. 2650

### Wholistic Health and Wellness:

613-575-2341 ext. 3115

### Home & Community Care:

613-575-2341 ext. 1618

### Iakhihsohta Lodge:

613-575-2507

### Sahatiha'hará:ne Detox Center:

613-932-5050

### Tsiikwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:

613-932-1409



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

## CELEBRATING CULTURAL PRIDE WITH GENEROUS DONATIONS

On Wednesday, May 29, 2024, Akwesasne Child and Family Services and the Traditional Support Program in the Department of Community and Social Services donated beautiful ribbon shirts and skirts to the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School, Tsi Snaihne School, and Kana:takon School.

The shirts and skirts will be utilized by students for Traditional Wear Wednesdays, cultural celebrations, and socials.

Nia:wen to all who made these donations possible!



# 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## AKWESASNE SKATEPARK HOSTS 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GIRLS SK8 DAY

On May 11, 2024, the Akwesasne Skatepark hosted their second annual Girls Sk8 Day. The event was a great success, drawing in around 60 enthusiastic skaters of all ages. The vibrant atmosphere was filled with excitement and camaraderie as participants immersed themselves in a day of celebration, inspiration and art.

Attendees were treated to a wonderful hoop dance performance by Feryn King, adding an extra layer of excitement to the festivities. In addition, everyone had the opportunity to tap into their creative side and paint designs on skateboard decks, check out various vendors and indulge in the delicious food and drinks provided!

The event featured a variety of female skaters including Tihanna Benedict, Annie Guglia, Girls+ Skate 613, and more. Special guest Rosie Archie, an Indigenous professional skater from British Columbia, graciously offered lessons to the youth, providing invaluable tips and tricks to enhance their skating abilities.

Niawenhkó:wa to ACFS for sponsoring the event and to all who contributed to the event's success. It was a great day bringing the female skateboarding community together to celebrate, encourage and inspire one another. The future of girls skateboarding looks promising and bright!



# ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

2024

## AKWESASNE ROADSIDE CLEANUP



# ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

- 613-575-2250 ext. 1038
- 613-938-6760 (Fax)
- [www.facebook.com/mca.environment](http://www.facebook.com/mca.environment)

Contact Us!



# ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

## MAKING A SPLASH IN WATER ADVOCACY

In May 2024, Tekaherha Logan Lazore, Environment Field Technician for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Environment Program, embarked on an exciting, albeit lengthy journey to Bali, Indonesia. For Logan, this was not merely a leisurely trip; it was an eye opening and inspiring experience, which delved into her identify as to who she is as an Onkwehonwe, as well as her life-long mission to protect our sacred waters.

As a Youth Delegate representing Akwesasne and Canada, Logan attended the 6th General Assembly World Youth Summit and the 10th World Water Forum. These platforms weren't merely spaces to talk; they were arenas for diverse voices to come together to envision a healthier and happier future for our waters. Despite limited Indigenous representation, Logan stood proud as an Akwesasronon. Attendees representing small and large communities gathered to share not only their challenges, but also to propose solutions. Regardless of where the individuals came from, everyone present had a common purpose: to enhance the well-being of our waters.

Logan's days in Bali were filled with a whirlwind of activities, each leaving a lasting impression. While some moments were inspiring and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, such as releasing young and adult turtles back into the sea, others were less glamorous. Logan noted how heartbroken she was when she participated in a mangrove cleanup, where every inch of the site was covered in garbage. Regardless if the moments were positive or negative, every encounter reinforced her commitment to her cause.

Throughout the summit and forum, Logan delivered numerous presentations and also engaged in various panel discussions. She spoke of the erosion on Yellow Island, of chemical pollution in the St. Lawrence, and the delicate balance between tradition and modernity. She began each session with an introduction

in Kaniienkeha and the Ohen:ten Kariwatehkwen. Logan didn't just articulate her thoughts and ideas, she sang them too. The crowd was treated to her beautiful and melodic rendition of the water song in Kaniienkeha. Along with work requirements, Logan also found moments of serenity. As a self-described "fish girl", she found snorkelling mesmerizing. It served as a reminder of the interconnectedness of all life forms, emphasizing that humans are not the center of the universe. This is a message that she also frequently conveyed in her speeches.

Throughout the entire journey, Logan remained connected to Akwesasne. She wrapped herself in her mother's beautiful ribbon skirts, held her father's basket, grasped her brother's rattle, and was decorated by her sister's earrings – a reminder of who she is and the community she represents. And through it all, she emphasized one simple truth: water is sacred, water is beautiful, water is life.



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## AMA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF NATIONAL EMS WEEK

May 19-25, 2024 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National EMS Week. A time to show our gratitude toward EMTs and paramedics who provide lifesaving care across the nation every day. EMS Week is also an opportunity to educate the public about EMS and the essential service we provide to communities. This year's theme is "Honoring our Past, Forging our Future."

In light of the 50th anniversary, we want to share the story of how Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance (AMA) first was established.

### History of Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance

The Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance (AMA) is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service that operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, employing 20+ staff on two 12-hour shifts. Our service covers the entire Community of Akwesasne, including Kana:takon (St. Regis), Tsi Snaihne (Snye), Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island), and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Ambulance Unit, formerly known as the St. Regis Ambulance, was established in December 1981. Before our service was founded, our community relied on outside sources for emergency medical services, sometimes waiting up to forty-five minutes for an ambulance. Recognizing the need for timely care, our leaders decided to establish an Akwesasne-led ambulance service.

We started with eight personnel certified in Advanced First Aid by the American Red Cross, along with two supervisors and a manager. By 1985, staff received training from the New York State Department of Health as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). In 1986, the growing medical needs of our community led to the creation of the Akwesasne Emergency Team (A-Team), a volunteer rescue squad from Hogansburg, which later integrated into our service.

From 1987 to 2012, Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance was the sole responding ambulance service in the territory of Akwesasne, which includes Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne districts, as well as the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and islands in the St. Lawrence River.

In 2012, due to increasing medical needs, mutual aid agreements with Massena Rescue and Seaway Valley Ambulance were established. In 2016, the AMA became an Advanced Life Support Agency, now responding to approximately 2,000 calls per year and serving about 20,000 Akwesasronon and the traveling public.

Our services include emergency response, patient transports, and standby duty for events. We work closely with local police, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department, and have mutual aid agreements with EMS in Franklin and St. Lawrence counties in New York and Eastern Ontario.

Let's honour the past, recognize the present, and forge a future where EMS professionals continue to receive the support they need to serve our communities effectively. Thank an EMT worker today and everyday—they are our everyday heroes.



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## GOOD DEEDS, SWEET REWARDS

In a collaborative effort to foster positivity and community engagement, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police have partnered with Sweet Treats to recognize the positive actions by our youth. Throughout the summer season, law enforcement officers will be actively distributing 'Positive Tickets' across the community.

These Positive Tickets serve as tokens of recognition for young individuals observed demonstrating good deeds. Recipients of these tickets will also receive a coin for a free ice cream at Sweet Treats!

This initiative not only acknowledges the positive contributions of our youth but also promotes a sense of pride and reinforces the values of kindness and good citizenship within our community.



### MAY STATISTICS

347 May	6 1008 By-Law - Dogs	5 1041 Mental Health Act
1 027 Theft - Automobiles	1 1009 By-Law - Noise	3 1049 Medical Aid
5 040 Theft Under \$5,000 - Other	1 101 Firearms Act	3 1050 Youth Complaint
1 041 Possession Stolen Property	4 1010 By-Law - Parking Occurrences	1 1056 Hazardous Conditions
1 058 Offensive Weapons - Other	1 1011 By-Law - Other	7 106 Provincial Statutes - Other
4 061 Bail Violations	3 1012 Civil Disputes	20 1063 Marine Patrol
1 063 Disturb the Peace	51 1013 Community Services	3 204 Sexual Assault
1 068 Obstruct Peace Officer	7 1014 Crime Prevention	2 205 Assault - Level 1
3 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5,000	2 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-Violent)	1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 073 Criminal Code - Other	5 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	2 705 Dangerous Operation MV
1 088 Cannabis - Trafficking	2 102 Other Federal Statute Offences	1 706 Dangerous Operation Boat Vessel or Aircraft
12 1001 Alarms	3 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	2 711 Impaired Operation MV
1 1002 Alerts	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	5 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
7 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	2 1027 Property - Found	1 718 Careless Driving (HTA)
2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	3 1029 Suspicious Persons	1 719 Drive Disqualified/Licence Suspended
1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	5 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	36 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	19 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 723 Traffic - Parking Violations
6 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	3 1035 Warrant - Committal	1 Incident Type Not Listed
70 1004 Assist Public	1 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	
1 1006 Document Service	1 1038 Missing Persons	
2 1007 Breach of Probation	2 1040 Traffic Complaint	





MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

# GENERAL ELECTION

## JUNE 29, 2024

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m. District Recreation Centers**

(ST. REGIS RECREATION, KAWEHNO:KE RECREATION, TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION)

### Grand Chief Candidates

Ryan “Duck” Jacobs  
Connie Lazore

Leonard Lazore  
April Adams-Phillips

Edward Roundpoint  
Ronald Sunday

### Kawehno:ke District Chief Candidates

Vanessa L. Adams  
Lloyd William Benedict Jr.  
Jackie Benedict  
Carolyn J. Francis  
Lisa Francis-Benedict  
Melissa Iakowi:he’ne’ Oakes  
Vince (Vincent) Thompson  
DJ White

### Kana:takon District Chief Candidates

Fallon David  
Cindy Francis-Mitchell  
Cheryl A. Jacobs  
Theresa Jacobs  
Teresa Oakes  
Julie Phillips-Jacobs

### Tsi Snaihne District Chief Candidates

Sheila Marie Adams  
Marlon Johnson  
Hilda King  
Scott Peters  
Tessa Rourke  
Toby Sunday  
Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo  
JoAnn Swamp  
George Terrance

