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On March 23, 2024, community members gathered at the Akwesasne Cultural Center Library to learn about seed sovereignty, composting processes and more! It's great to see individuals coming together to learn and share knowledge about these important practices for sustainable living. Read more on page 26.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's next General Meeting will take place on May 2, 2024 at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

This will be the final General Meeting before the MCA General Election, which will be held June 29, 2024.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

- 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**
Donna Roundpoint
A/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
Ahkwasasne 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 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 and Indian Time Newspaper.

FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1** The Ahkwasasne Mohawk Board of Education is hosting a Traditional Clothing Drive for the months of April and May 2024. Donations of gently used traditional wear such as ribbon shirts, dresses or skirts would be much appreciated. More information available on page 15.
- 2** The MCA Department of Health's Elder Services is dedicated to helping elders thrive in our community. For more information on upcoming services or activities, please call A/Program Manager Leah Mitchell at 613-575-2341 ext. 1661.
- 3** On Thursday, May 9, 2024, join the MCA Department of Health, Cornwall Community Hospital and Arrowhead Pharmacy on their upcoming Health Fair at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center. Healthcare providers will be providing pre-screenings, and more.
- 4** MCA's Community Support Program has partnered with Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to help customers lower their Cornwall Electricity bill. Two information sessions will be held from May 14-15, 2024 at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. More information available on the back page.
- 5** The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently compiling a database of individuals and contractors who may be available to provide respite care (temporary care) to the vulnerable sector. More information available on page 24.

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MCA ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is notifying the community that Council has received and accepted the resignation of Tsi Snaihne District Chief Dwayne Thomas, effective April 1, 2024.

Thomas was elected to a 3-year term in the 2021 MCA General Election. In accordance with the MCA Election Law, a by-election will not be held due to the upcoming 2024 MCA General Election this June.

We would like to thank Dwayne for his years of service to the community and to the organization, especially in the area of health. We wish him great success in his new endeavors.

MCA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD) was held on March 8 and is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Each year, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made towards gender equality and highlights the work that still needs to be done.

celebrating the diversity of our staff and working towards an environment where all women are valued and respected.

This year's theme for IWD is Inspire Inclusion. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne inspires inclusion by

MCA would like to say nia:wen/thank you to the women in our organization who work tirelessly to serve and support our community! Akwesasne would not be the same without your dedication.



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SEAWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE CORPORATION TOLL INCREASE AN ADDITIONAL BARRIER TO AKWESASNE

It is with disappointment that the Akwesasne community reacts to the April 1, 2024, announcement from the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) regarding a substantial toll hike on the vital bridge linking our communities. This decision is a regressive move that increases the hardship of our members and stands contrary to the principle of reconciliation.

The SIBC must understand that such toll increases impose a significant burden on the people of Akwesasne. The bridge is not merely a route of travel; it is a connection between Akwesasne and neighboring communities, friends, and essential services. By choosing to heighten the financial strain to Akwesasne, the corporation directly impairs our community's economic prosperity.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict expressed his concerns:

“For over two years during the pandemic, the only traffic using the international crossing was Akwesasne members. The Federal Bridge Corporation (FCBL) and the Seaway International Bridge Corporation found alternatives to finance the operations. The justification of having to be self-sustaining via toll collection doesn't align with their previous actions and doesn't acknowledge the hardship the toll

places on Akwesasne's ability to grow a sustainable economy. This increase is an economic embargo in disguise and it is not an April Fool's joke.”

The Akwesasne community sees this decision as a failure to understand the real impacts that the toll and its increases have on Akwesasne and partnership abilities. The bridge toll is viewed as more than a financial barrier; it is a division imposed between our people and local non-indigenous communities, and it diminishes accessibility to employment and economic opportunities, which are essential for the growth and prosperity of any community.

Furthermore, viewing the potential toll revenue as paramount over the prosperity and the accessibility of our community is counterintuitive to the genuine spirit of reconciliation. Economic strategies cannot come at the expense of human rights and the honest attempt to build bridges between cultures, businesses, and governments.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne calls on the Seaway International Bridge Corporation and the Federal Bridge Corporation to consider the broader social and economic ramifications of their decision-making.

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NEWS

NOTES OF KNOWLEDGE: HOW TERES ADAMS IS HARMONIZING OUR HERITAGE

In the realm of language and cultural preservation, Teres Konwarihwaieñ:ni Adams strikes a chord. Teres has dedicated her expansive and commendable career to teaching Kanien'kéha. Through innovative methods, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to the Mohawk culture, she is doing her part in revitalizing the language—all through the power of music.

Teres joined the Department of Language and Culture at the Ahkwesáhsne Mohawk Board of Education (AMBE) in 2021. The concept of preserving and revitalizing the Mohawk language is not new to AMBE. This initiative had been an important cornerstone within the department for decades, championed by the efforts of the dedicated AMBE staff, both past and present. In recent years, however, there has been a notable surge in the momentum behind these efforts. As the Curriculum and Resource Developer, Teres plays a crucial role in creating educational materials for teachers. Her projects include crafting songs to enhance students understanding of the Mohawk language and culture, as well as developing programs that integrate language learning within Cultural Studies. She's akin to a creative conductor, orchestrating an engaging learning experience for her eager ensemble of students.

One of Teres' notable projects involves adapting nursery rhyme songs to facilitate language learning. By editing and arranging these songs into Kanien'kéha, she transforms them into a powerful (and catchy) teaching tool that engages students through repetition and melody. These songs are available on the AMBE website and serve as invaluable resources for students, teachers and parents alike, embodying their vision of making language learning accessible to all. Through her efforts, Teres not only imparts linguistic skills, but also instills a sense of pride and connection to the Mohawk heritage.

Teres' passion for music and language traces back to her early years when she was growing up in Tsi Snaihne. From a young age, she was inspired by her father, Lawrence Sharrow's encouragement and her earliest memories of music. Teres fondly recalls her father lifting her up to the



piano keys, even before she could walk or talk, igniting her lifelong love for music. This early experience set her on a path of musical exploration that led her to pursue a formal education at the University of Ottawa, earning an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Music and Religious Studies, later followed by a Bachelor of Education in Intermediate & Senior Division. Armed with her degrees and previous training from the McGill Conservatory, Adams honed her skills as a musician and educator.

Prior to her role at AMBE, Teres spent 18 years teaching the Mohawk language in Ganienkeh, following in the footsteps of her mother and life-long educator, Joyce Sharrow. Drawing from her rich experiences, Teres understands the transformative power of music as a learning tool and is committed to passing on her knowledge to future generations.

Looking forward, Teres will integrate her spirit into language programming, channelling projects that weave Mohawk language and culture into the fabric of Ontario educational standards. Through her dedication and melody-infused passion, Teres exemplifies the vital role of music in preserving the Mohawk language.

As Teres noted, she is “just one piece of the puzzle” in the broader mission of language revitalization. “There are so many individuals within our department and community that inspire and create magic.”

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



March 4, 2024

- Council discussed a possible encroachment and the placement of a structure on MCA property. Administration will follow up to verify the structure and report back.

- A briefing was provided on the recent court hearing in Syracuse, NY, regarding the New York State Claim.
- Council discussed the upcoming Hydro Québec disconnections, as requested. Relief avenues available from Hydro Québec will be shared with the community.
- A briefing was provided on a recent district meeting and requested Grand Chief follow up on an information request.
- Council discussed the Akwesasne Animal Society presentation and funding request. A follow-up will be done on funding options under

the Department of Economic Development.

- A briefing was provided on the ongoing efforts to recruit an Executive Director for the MCA.
- Chief Benedict agreed to chair next week's meeting in Grand Chief's absence.
- **MCR's passed:** Approval of agreement with Clarkson University for partnership support for MCA Environment Program; Approval of application for Ontario road subsidy; Approval of (2) community business applications to Québec IIF Fund.

March 18, 2024

- A representative from Macfarlane Capital introduced himself to Council and provided a brief overview of possible partnership opportunities.
- A representative from Chugh Law provided Council with an overview of an opportunity to file for intervenor status on an upcoming Supreme Court of Canada decision regarding sentencing of a mentally ill First Nation person. Council declined to participate.
- Council discussed the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting. An agenda wasn't finalized.
- A concern was raised about the

- rental costs associated with a recent program relocation. Administration will follow up.
- Council agreed that no Council meeting will occur on April 1, 2024, due to the Easter holiday.
- An update was provided to Council on the ongoing efforts to recruit an Executive Director for the MCA.
- Council was reminded that next week's Council meeting will be taking place at the recreation center and that the 2024/2025 MCA budget is going to be presented to Council.

- A request for a letter of support from the Akwesasne Powwow was discussed and agreed to.
- Council received a briefing from a recent Akwesasne Mohawk Police Commission meeting with the community.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of housing upgrade loan to community member; Approval of permit on Drummond Island; Approval of contract renewal with doctor for clinical services; Approval of contract award for generator for Kawehno:ke Recreation; Approval of amendment to prosecutorial service agreement.

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March 25, 2024

- Directors presented the 2024/2025 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Operational Budget to Council and outlined departmental highlights for the upcoming year. A similar presentation to community members will take place on April 11, 2024 at the Kawehno:ke Recreation.
- The Director of Economic Development and the Manager for Information Services presented a business case to Council to request bridge financing for the Fiber to the Home project.
- The Acting Executive Director requested to close MCA for half the day on April 8, 2024 for safety precautions due to the anticipated solar eclipse. Council agreed to the closure.
- **MCRs passed:** Approval of contract for elevator upgrades at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io; Approval of contribution agreement for Native Inmate Liaison Officer; Approval of BMO mortgage guarantee; Approval of facilities renewal grant; Approval of Mental Health grant; Approval of Skilled Trades

Enhancement grant; Approval of Children and Youth Mental Health funding agreement; Approval of service contract for youth fitness; Approval of ACFS on-call policy; Approval of amendment to Akwesasne/Canada funding agreement; Approval of MCA 24/25 Operating Budget; Approval of bridge financing to complete the Fiber to the Home project; Approval of Ontario transfer agreement for MCA Environment Program.

COUNCIL AND HEALTH MANAGERS ATTEND FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY WELLNESS CONFERENCE

From March 19-21, 2024, select members of Council and representatives from the MCA Department of Health traveled to Toronto, ON to attend the First Nations Community Wellness Conference, hosted by Chief of Ontario.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne was well represented, with MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict engaging with community partners and addressing the media about the importance of wellness in our communities.

This gathering served as a pivotal platform, uniting various sectors with a shared objective of enhancing community wellness initiatives within First Nations communities across Ontario.

The conference was buzzing with innovative ideas and practical insights about the importance of wellness. Learning about the incredible efforts being put forth throughout our region was nothing short of inspiring.

Amidst discussions with fellow community leaders, it became abundantly clear that our youth are paving the path forward. Their passion, innovation, and courage lead the way as we discuss wellness practices and community development.



MCA Grand Chief Abram Benedict, Chelsy Plante, Amanda Garrow, Andrew Francis, Joey David, Tsi Snaihne District Chief April Adams-Phillips, Kana:takon District Chief Tim Thompson, Mary Ann Lazore, Kawehno:ke District Chief Vanessa Adams, and Dennis Danforth.

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KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF FALLON DAVID UPDATES



Monthly Report: March 2024

Portfolios:

Akwesasne Justice Department,
Department of Community
& Social Services (DCSS),
Department of Public Safety

Selected Committees:

CBSA, Dundee Port of Entry,
YECL (Youth, Elder, Culture and
Language)

MONTHLY NOTABLES:

- Attended an Emergency Measures Conference from March 5-7, 2024, in Gatineau, Québec. A lot of valuable information was discussed on how to prepare our community in the event of a natural disaster or another pandemic, etc.
- Joined the YECL Committee (Youth, Elder, Culture and Language). A callout for Youth Council representatives was recently held and we received several applicants. With these new members, the Youth Council will be resuming in the very near future.

- I was part of the executive committee and assisted in the interview process for the new MCA Executive Director.
- Helped address community member concerns that were brought forward to me and provided guidance to ensure their inquiries were directed to the proper channels. In addition, I have written Jordan's Principle support letters to assist community members with their applications. I have also addressed community members concerns regarding issues with CBSA Border Agents and forwarded the concerns to the proper channels.
- Attended all Monday Council meetings, District Meetings and General Meetings.
- Joined as a representative of Akwesasne for the Social Development Council (SDC) of Cornwall and Area and took part in an orientation to get familiar with how the SDC works. The Social Development Council is "an organization that focuses on building a more vibrant community for all residents in Cornwall, Akwesasne, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry".

Kana:takon District Meeting

On March 18, 2024, a Kana:takon District Meeting was held and four community members were in attendance. Concerns regarding garbage pickup and if there will be a spring cleanup were raised. The last day of the month for garbage collection has been designated for larger items. A spring cleanup is in the works to take place towards the

end of May with dumpsters available at designated locations to allow district members to dispose their larger items. There were also discussions surrounding the illegal aliens that are continuously being dropped off in Kana:takon and has become a safety concern. Also, issues with road conditions in the Kana:takon were addressed.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Dundee Port Working Circle — On March 18, 2024, a Kana:takon District Meeting was held and four community members were in attendance. Concerns regarding garbage pickup and if there will be a spring cleanup were raised. The last day of the month for garbage collection has been designated for larger items. A spring cleanup is in the works to take place towards the end of May with dumpsters available at designated locations to allow district members to dispose their larger items. There were also discussions surrounding the illegal aliens that are continuously being dropped off in Kana:takon and has become a safety concern. Also, issues with road conditions in the Kana:takon were addressed.

Special Needs — On March 22, 2024, I participated in a meeting with Minister Lafreniere and expressed my concerns over Akwesasne's dire need for Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy. We have large numbers of children who are on waiting lists and this needs

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KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF FALLON DAVID UPDATES

to be addressed. As we have children on the Quebec portion of Akwesasne who cannot receive any services in Cornwall due to their Quebec health coverage and we need to explore options to rectify this important issue. I have also asked for more information to be put out on the Special Needs Fund so community members are aware of who can access this fund. This fund is accessible to community members of all ages who have a special need and need assistance. More information will be presented on this at an upcoming General Meeting.

PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Akwesasne Justice Department — There have been some changes that have taken place within the Akwesasne Justice Department. The Akwesasne Community Justice Program has moved to 55 Water St. in Cornwall, Ontario due to health and safety issues with the Angus Mitchell Memorial Building. The Administrative part of the Justice Department will be moving to Johnson Road in Kana:takon (formerly Tickets Store). Office space continues to be a concern while waiting for a permanent location at the Sunday Warehouse in Tsi Snaihne.

Dept. of Community & Social Services — Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS) is beginning preparation

planning with Thompson Island Cultural Camp (TICC) for summer programming. They will be providing cultural and traditional programming for the youth. The following events were put on by ACFS throughout the winter months: Kontereno'tha girls youth singing group; Tetewata'theri:ke "We are filling our baskets" programing for young women (which included basket making with Glenn Swamp, a beaded earring workshop with Apryl Thompson, hair braiding with Chazy Cook, and moccasin making with Colleen Nolan); a 6-week Learn-to-Skate program; and multiple free family skate events. ACFS' RedMane software system is scheduled to go live in April 2025. The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program (AFWP) has almost completed their kitchen renovations. We were also briefed on the First Nations Child Welfare Settlement – a \$23 billion dollar settlement agreement that was reached to compensate First Nations Children and families. The following are eligible for compensation through this settlement: children who were removed from their homes under the First Nations Child and Family Services program between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 2022; children who were impacted by the government's narrow definition of Jordan's Principle between December 12, 2007 and November 2, 2017; children who did not receive or were delayed in receiving an essential

public service or product between April 1, 1991 and December 11, 2007; and caregiving parents or caregiving grandparents of the children described above.

Dept. of Public Safety — A new member has been selected and sworn into the Akwesasne Police Commission to replace the vacant spot for Kawehno:ke. Portfolio expressed the concerns over loose dogs and dog complaints. There is also growing concern over the frequent presence of illegal aliens in Kana:takon.

There is currently only one Compliance Officer; pending additional funding, a job posting will be put out to hire more Compliance Officers. The Akwesasne Police Commission held a community meeting on March 13, 2024, with approximately 20 community members in attendance. Many community concerns were addressed, and the Police Commission will be looking into these concerns and schedule another community meeting for the fall. Public Safety Portfolio holders were told the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service is in need of a new building, due to the current building lacking the capacity to house all the officers as their staff have grown immensely through the years.



SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in March

1. Survival Skills Camp (Video)
2. Mental Health & Wellness Associate Director Welcomes New Mental Health Program Manager
3. Community Health Services Announces New Acting Program Manager for Health Promotion & Prevention Program
4. ARRO Honours the Late Salli M. Benedict on International Women's Day
5. AMPS Celebrates Women in Law Enforcement on International Women's Day

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in March

1. Survival Skills Camp (Video) — 24,014 Reached
2. Cottage For Sale — Hamilton Island — 16,133 Reached
3. Home Maintenance Checklist — March 2024 — 15,007 Reached
4. Youth Attend Le Taz Skatepark in Montreal — 10,710 Reached
5. ARRO Recognizes Salli M. Benedict on International Women's Day — 8,301 Reached



TWITTER STATS

Top Post in March



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for March

Survival Skills Camp



Scan QR Code to view video!



CHILDREN'S PAGE

Word Scramble

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grfo _____

mogen _____

siayd _____

GNOME DAISY FROG
ROSE BIRD TULIP

Color by Number

1 - Blue
2 - Pink

3 - Purple
4 - Green

5 - Brown
6 - Yellow

COLOUR THE LADY BUGS

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What's a frog's favorite game in the spring?
Leapfrog.

What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A gummy bear.

What did one flower say to the other in class?
I'm rooting for you!

AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

ARRO HONOURS THE LATE SALLI M. K. BENEDICT FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In recognition of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) would like to honour the late Salli M. K. Benedict. Salli started ARRO at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in 1991, and it is because of her hard work and commitment that our community's land claims are being negotiated and settled today.

During her career, Salli worked for Parks Canada and served as Director at the Native North American Traveling College before transitioning to Salmon River Central School, where she taught in the Title 4 Culture Program. After leaving Salmon River, she went to work at the Akwesasne Museum and was instrumental in the creation of the Akwesasne Communications Society, of which she was a founding member. Salli worked at CKON Radio at the beginning, securing the funding needed for the Akwesasne Communications Society's current building. She was proud to be honoured as the Educator and Writer in Residence in the community of Iqaluit, Baffin Island, Nunavut (formerly the Northwest Territories). Salli also served as an editor and writer for Akwesasne Notes and Indian Time community newspapers. Salli co-founded ARRO to dedicate herself to advancing our inherent rights, land claims research, and negotiations as way of ensuring our community was educated on all historical aspects that may affect them.

Not only did Salli have an amazing career working

on behalf of her community, but she was also an illustrator of children's books, a published poet and author, as well as having been cited and acknowledged in many books, articles and documents regarding Haudenosaunee and Native American culture.

Salli had a passion for history, archaeology, anthropology, and her community, which was evident through all her career endeavours. Most of all, Salli loved her family and the many, many friends she made throughout her life. She served as a mentor and an inspiration to many Akwesasnon who have carried forth her legacy in our community and beyond. We celebrate Salli's achievements, resilience and the countless hours she spent towards the advancement of the social, economic, and overall betterment of the Akwesasne community.



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AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

ADDITIONS TO RESERVE (ATR)

An Addition to Reserve (ATR) is a parcel of land, where legal title is held by the Government of Canada (the Crown), this land can be added to the existing reserve land base of a First Nation. Land can be added adjacent to the existing reserve land or separated from the existing reserve land. An ATR can be added in rural or urban areas.

Every parcel of land returned to reserve status must first go through Canada's ATR policy Process. As is, the current ATR process can take up to 20+ years.

An ATR can:

- Improve community access to land and resources.
- Support community and economic development initiatives.
- Enables Canada to fulfill legal obligations established by specific claim settlement agreements.

The Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) has the task of working with Canada's Additions to Reserve Policy for lands that are eligible to be returned to reserve status.

ARRO currently has three active ATR's for Akwesasne; and one ATR completed. They are the Tsikaristisere/Dundee Lands, Cairn Island, & "OPG" or Western Islands: Sheek, Adams, Presquille, and Toussaint.

The Block 1 Lands have completed the ATR process in 2020 and have been returned to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA). MCA's Office of Vital Statistics is now working on returning those lands to their rightful owners.

Cairn Island is in the final stages of the ATR process, with ARRO having completed the final steps. It is now waiting for a Ministerial Order by Canada.



Cairn Island

The OPG Islands: Sheek, Adams, Presquille, and Toussaint are in the final phase of the ATR process with agreements and permits under legal review. Once completed, it will be submitted for final approvals by MCA and Canada.

Tsikaristisere/Dundee Lands are in the beginning stages of the ATR process. Surveys have been completed of three parcels and ARRO is working with MCA's Environment Program to secure Environmental Site Assessments (ESA's). The properties currently in the ATR process are under MCA's Akweks:kowa Corporation and include the Baikie

Keddy, Bidfell and McDonald sisters properties.

For an ATR proposal to move forward there are certain criteria that must be met. They include:

Environmental Site Assessments or ESA's

- Significant environmental concerns; if any have been cleaned and remediated to an acceptable level for proposed land use.

Land Survey

- Must be completed and accepted by MCR identifying the land to be set apart as reserve.

Government of Canada's Duty to Consult process.

Municipal and Provincial consultation:

- MCA/ARRO must inform in writing to the municipalities the land is in the ATR process; as well as the surrounding area Municipalities of its request to add land back to reserve status.
- MCA/ARRO must also inform the Provincial Government (Quebec or Ontario) of its request to add land back to reserve.
- MCA/ARRO must address any concerns.
- Third Party Interests
- Leases, permits and licenses requiring a replacement instrument have been identified.
- Third parties can include for example Bell Canada, Hydro Quebec, DFO, etc.

Public Access concerns have been addressed.

MCA/ARRO & ISC Regional staff are required to participate and comply with the ATR process, there is no obligation for any of the third parties to participate or reply to First Nations notification letter or invitations to meet. ATR's rely on the voluntary cooperation of third party interests.

The burden falls onto the MCA/ARRO developing "good relations" with neighboring municipalities and negotiating agreements and resolving all issues to complete the ATR process. The same applies to all third-party interests. This process ignores the possibility of Municipal officials refusing to engage based on racial bias, or out of refusal to give up property tax revenues generated by the potential ATR land lot.

When all issues are resolved, only then, can the ATR be submitted for final approvals by MCA with an MCR & Canada with a ministerial order.

Any questions regarding the Additions to Reserve Process can be directed to ARRO@akwesasne.ca or by calling ARRO at 613-575-2250.

AKWESASNE ZERO 2 SIX HOSTS OPEN HOUSE AT NEW LOCATION

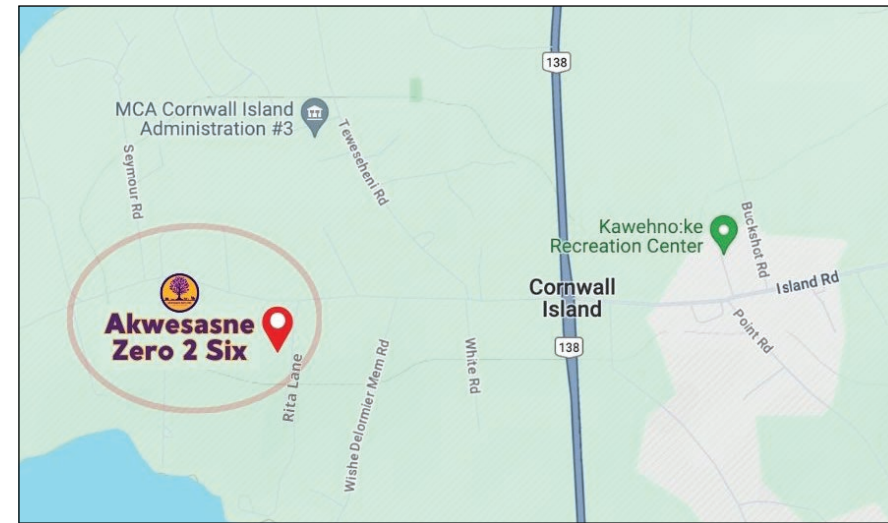
The Akwesasne Zero 2 Six program has recently relocated to a new facility at 191 Rita Lane in Kawehno:ke. Families were warmly welcomed to an open house event held on March 15 and 16, 2024, where they had the opportunity to explore the new space, meet the staff, and participate in fun activities with chances to win prizes.

For those who may not be familiar, Akwesasne Zero 2 Six is a family service designed to support parents/caregivers and their young children aged 0-6. The program is committed to enhancing adult-child relationships, promoting healthy child development, and providing valuable parent education, all while fostering meaningful connections within the community.

A variety of programming is offered each month, including informative sessions on car safety, infant social

time, a delightful little readers book club, exploring new crafts/art mediums, gross motor exploration, and much more!

To stay informed about upcoming events and activities, be sure to follow their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AkwesasneZero2Six.



New location at 191 Rita Lane, Kawehno:ke, ON.

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Office: 613-933-0409 or 613-575-2250 ext. 1400

Contact Us!

<p>Akwesasne Mohawk School 613-932-3366</p>	<p>Tsi Snaihne School 613-575-2291</p>	<p>Kana:takon School 613-575-2323</p>
<p>Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute 613-575-2754 or 613-575-2250 ext. 4100</p>		

SWEET SUCCESS: GRADE 1 STUDENTS EARN ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS AND POSITIVITY

On Friday, March 22, the Grade 1 students of Tsi Snaihne school celebrated a wonderful achievement by filling their 'Joy Jar', earning them a special ice cream sundae party!

The concept of the Joy Jar is to highlight the positive actions students demonstrated whether it was lending a helping hand, spreading kindness, sharing compliments or simply having a great day! Through their consistent efforts and dedication throughout the school year, these students made their Joy Jar party a reality!

A big congratulations to the Grade 1 students for their hard work and positivity! Let's continue to spread joy and kindness together!



AMBE's

Traditional Clothing Drive

All of April and May

As we approach our annual Cultural Day Celebration, we are looking for donations of gently used traditional wear for students in need. Items such as Ribbon Shirts, Dresses or Skirts. Items can be dropped off during regular business hours at:

<p>Tsi Snáihne School 127 Snye School Road, Tsi Snáihne</p>	<p>Kaná:takon School 28 Second Street, Kaná:takon</p>
<p>Akwesáhsne Mohawk School 28 AMS Road, Kawehno:ke</p>	<p>AMBE Board Office 169 Akwesasne International Road, Kawehno:ke</p>
<p>Iohahi:io 16 Iohahi:io Road, Tsi Snáihne</p>	
<p>Niá:wen</p>	

AMBE

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

MAY 23RD MAY 30TH

CHILD CARE - GR. 3 GR. 4-8

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

What is the purpose of the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA)?

The purpose of ESGA is to achieve legal recognition by the Government of Canada of the jurisdiction, authority, and institutions of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Once the ESGA is ratified, Parliament will adopt legislation that will give ESGA the force of law. The legislation will be binding on the Government of Canada and the provinces. The legislation will terminate the application of many of the provisions of the Indian Act which represents a colonialist vision of limited self-government that is inconsistent with the inherent jurisdiction of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Will our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights be affected?

The ESGA and the legislation that will make it legally binding will not prejudice, limit or restrict the Aboriginal rights, including title, or treaty rights of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Will the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement limit or restrict the Mohawk Nation or Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy)?

The ESGA will not limit or restrict the rights, jurisdiction or authority of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy) or other communities within the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) Nation or Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy).

Will Canada's fiduciary relationship with Akwesasne change?

The fiduciary relationship between Akwesasne and Canada will continue after the adoption of the ESGA. Specific fiduciary duties may change as the ESGA is implemented and the Mohawks of Akwesasne

establish their jurisdiction and authority in relation to land management, education, environment, social programs and services, and other matters.

Changes to the existence or scope of specific fiduciary duties owed by Canada to the Mohawks of Akwesasne as a result of the exercise by the Mohawks of Akwesasne of jurisdiction or authority in relation to a particular subject matter will have no effect on fiduciary duties that may be owed by Canada to the Mohawks of Akwesasne in relation to any other subject matter.

What is the difference between staying under the Indian Act and being self-governing?

The Indian Act gives the Minister of Indigenous Services broad powers over lands, estates, funding, and the delivery of programs and services. Under the ESGA, these powers will be exercised by the Mohawks of Akwesasne. In effect, Canada agrees to step back and allow the Mohawks of Akwesasne to govern themselves so that the needs and the priorities of our members can be met without interference.

The Mohawks of Akwesasne will make their own laws, determine their own governance process, and will have a government that is accountable to its own people. The Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA) binds the Government of Canada to observe and respect this new place of the Mohawks of Akwesasne within Canada.

Is Akwesasne the only First Nation negotiating a self-government agreement?

There are about 25 self-government agreements signed by the federal government, involving 43 Indigenous communities. There are two education agreements involving 35 Indigenous communities, and

there are about 50 negotiation tables across Canada. Akwesasne is one of the communities negotiating.

Are we going to have to pay taxes once the self-government agreement is signed?

No, members will not have to pay taxes once the ESGA is signed.

Are we going to become a municipality or have to abide by land codes?

No, the Mohawks of Akwesasne will not become a municipality. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne will continue to provide programs and services to the community, including ambulance, garbage collection, snow removal, water and sewer.

There will be an Akwesasne Land Law that will set out the rules, procedures and administrative structures for lands management in relations to Akwesasne lands. Similar to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) but will be accountable to the Mohawks of Akwesasne and not to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). OVS will not have to send documents to ISC for approval and send back, OVS will be able to process in a more efficient time frame.

Is the government of Canada able to take the land we have left, including our Islands?

Under rare circumstances, the government may be able to buy property for a fair price, but without consent. This is called expropriation. The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is working diligently on taking all measures to prevent the Government of Canada being able to exercise expropriation. This section is still under negotiation. It is the MCA's view to have no expropriation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

EASTERFEST FAMILY FUN

It was an egg-cellent evening at the St. Regis Recreation Center on March 27 for Easterfest! Families participated in the various easter-themed activities from an egg hunt to outdoor obstacle course, find the wooden bunny, and getting creative with Easter egg painting and picture frame crafts.

The Easter Bunny made a special visit, which added to the excitement for the children. Easter holidays often

revolve around sweets, the event organizers wanted to take a healthier approach, offering nutritious snacks, and incorporating plenty of physical activities for everyone to enjoy.

Niawenhkó:wa to the MCA and SRMT Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for their invaluable support in making this wonderful event possible!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR WELCOMES NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Mental Health Program would like to extend a warm welcome to Melissa Jacobs-Swamp as the new Program Manager.

Melissa enters into her new endeavour with a wealth of knowledge and expertise of mental health.

Melissa is a Registered Social Worker, with a psychotherapy designation, from the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). She is also a registered social worker with the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec (OTSTCFQ).

Melissa has worked within the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for over 20 years, serving in various positions, such as a Case Manager with Akwesasne Child & Family Services (ACFS), Medical Social Worker with Home Care/Home Support, and most recently with Wholistic Health & Wellness as a Mental Health Therapist since 2018. Given her background working with elders issues, she has a special interest in Geriatric Counseling, legal matters in regards to capacity, ethics, and family dynamics. Part of her role within Mental Health includes community outreach, which she enjoys, and finds is an integral part of her work.

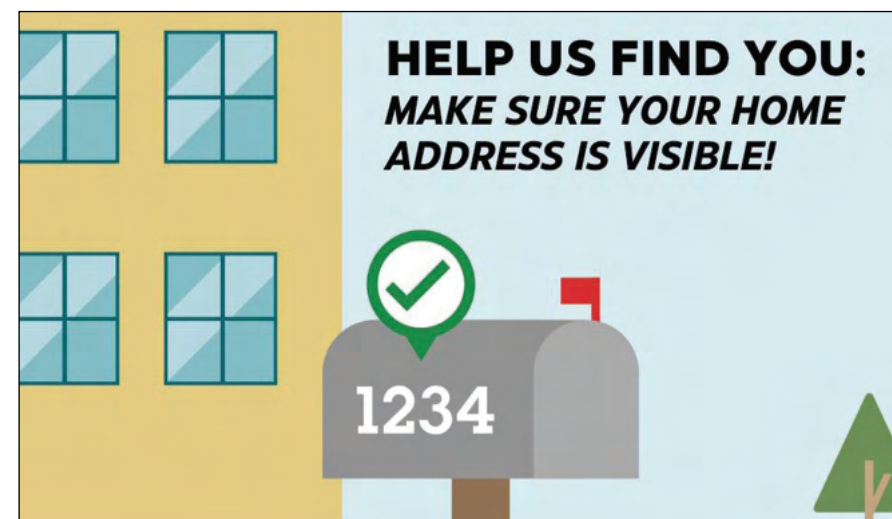
Please join us in welcoming Melissa Jacobs-Swamp to her new role as the Program Manager of Mental Health.

MEALS ON WHEELS ASKS CLIENTS TO HAVE HOUSE NUMBERS CLEARLY MARKED ON HOUSES OR MAILBOXES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Elder Services Program is asking Meals on Wheels clients to ensure they have their house numbers clearly marked on either their house or mailbox. The house number should be visible from the roadway.

Meals on Wheels drivers are experiencing issues in delivering meals to the proper address to their clients. A delivery location that does not have a clearly marked house number can result in a delay in delivery, or the driver may not be able to deliver meals. Having clearly marked house numbers also assists in medical and emergency drivers finding your house/location quickly and easily.

If you have questions, please contact Leah Mitchell, Acting Elder Services Program Manager, at 613-575-2341 ext. 1661.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

APRIL 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY	2 AMC Dr. Horn – LTC & By Appointment Dr. Saylor – By Appointment Dr. Wysote – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment Dr. Baier – By Appointment/Same Day	3 AMC Dr. Robinson – Same Day/By Appointment Dr. Horn – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment Dr. Baier – By Appointment	4 AMC Dr. Saylor – By Appointment Dr. Robinson – Same Day/By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment Dr. Torres – By Appointment	5 AMC Blood Work – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment
8 CLOSED FOR SOLAR ECLIPSE	9 AMC Dr. Horn – LTC & By Appointment Dr. Saylor – By Appointment Dr. Wysote – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment	10 AMC Dr. Robinson – Same Day/By Appointment Dr. Horn – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment	11 AMC Dr. Saylor – By Appointment Dr. Levac – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment Dr. Torres – By Appointment	12 AMC Blood Work – By Appointment KMC Janet Brant, NP – By Appointment
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Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic: 613-932-5808 or 613-575-2341 ext. 1110

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Community Health:
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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

Iakhihsohtha Lodge:
613-575-2507

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

Tsiikwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility:
613-932-1409



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WELCOMES DR. DARADICH TO AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Daradich. Dr. Daradich will be seeing patients in the Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC) located in the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility starting on April 11, 2024. As a family physician, Dr. Daradich can see any patient, from babies to the elderly.

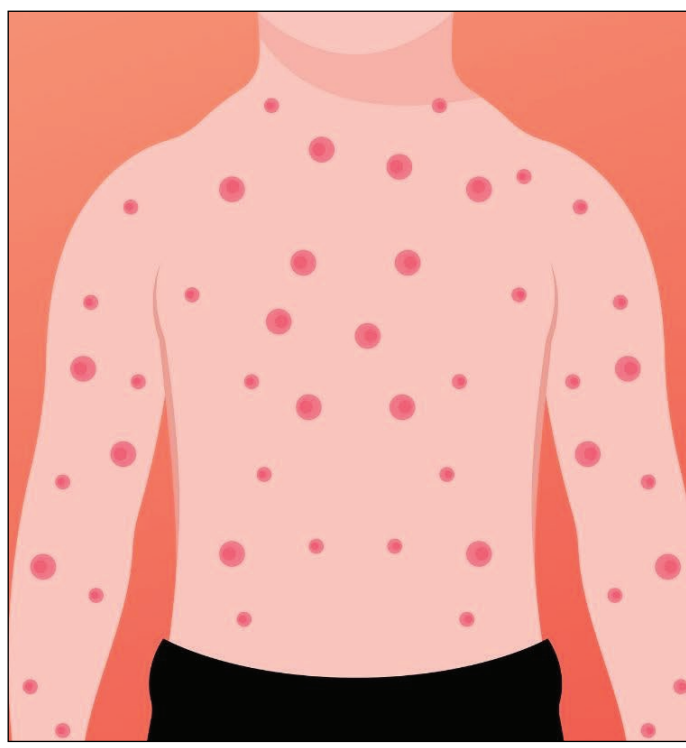
Dr. Daradich is currently working as a family physician at the Kateri Memorial Hospital in the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Territory. She works in outpatient clinics, long-term care and in the short-stay unit.

Dr. Daradich earned her Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Toronto, then completed her post-

doctoral fellowship in Global Sea-Level and Climate Change, where she modelled past and future land emergence in the James Bay Region and how this would impact land treaty rights. Before moving to Montreal to pursue medical studies at McGill University, she was a Professor of Physics at CEGEP Champlain St.-Lawrence in Quebec City.

Dr. Daradich has experience working in collaboration with communities in Nunavik in the area of Public Health and co-created an Indigenous health podcast to help medical students better understand patient experiences. Dr. Daradich has thoroughly enjoyed working in the Kahnawà:ke community and gratefully welcomes the opportunity to work with the community of Akwesasne.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Daradich, please contact the Akwesasne Medical Clinic at 613-575-2341.



MEASLES

Symptoms

- High fever
- Red, blotchy rash
- Cough, runny nose
- Small spots with white centers in mouth
- Sore eyes/sensitivity to light
- Highly contagious
- 7-21 day incubation period

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) Vaccine Eligibility

- Children must be 12 months old to receive their first dose
- Adults born before 1970 who are unsure if they've had measles and haven't received a dose of the MMR vaccine
- Children 4 years of age can receive their second dose
- Adults born after 1970 who have not received 2 doses

For more information, or to inquire about your immunization status, please call the Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

QUÉBEC HEALTH CONFIRMS 43 CASES OF MEASLES AS OF APRIL 8TH

Québec Health has issued an update on the measles outbreak in the province of Québec. As of April 8, 2024, there are 43 confirmed cases of measles throughout the province.

Below is the list of confirmed cases per region:

- Montreal: 16
- Laval: 5
- Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec: less than 5
- Laurentides: less than 5
- Montérégie: 9
- Lanaudière: less than 5
- Estrie: Less than 5

Please ensure to check the locations, dates, and times of potential exposures if you've travelled in or around the Montreal area within the last 3 weeks.

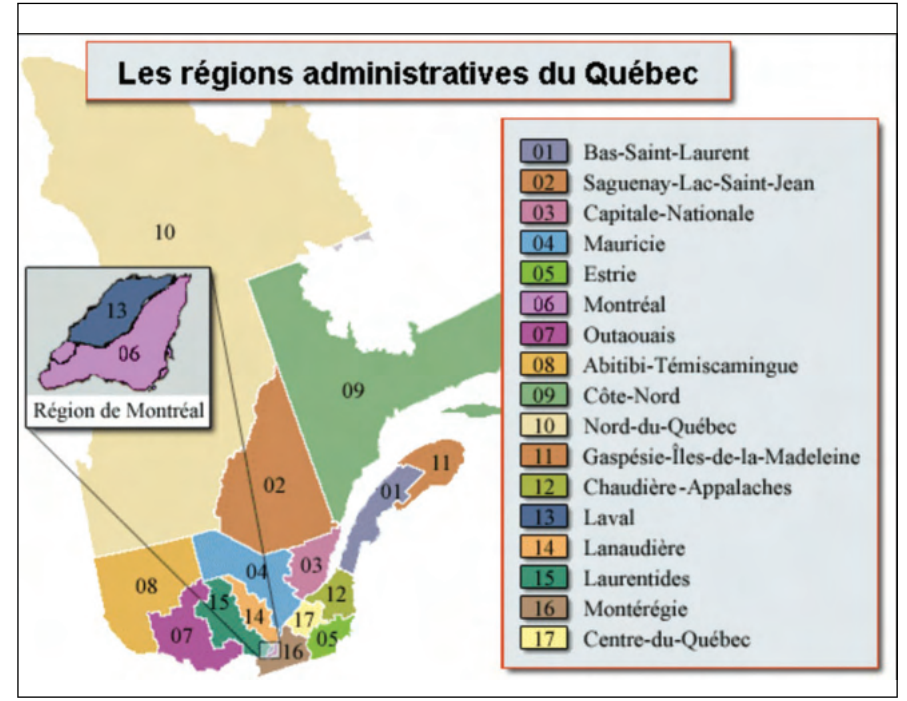
Measles is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. It spreads easily when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. Symptoms of the measles virus include high fever, cough, runny nose, small spots with white centers inside of the mouth, sore eyes, sensitivity to light, and a red blotchy rash.

If you suspect you have measles symptoms, please isolate yourself, or family member(s) immediately, and call your healthcare practitioner. If you intend of going to a walk-in emergency room, please call

and notify them beforehand so they may put proper protections in place for staff and for those in the seating/waiting area.

All individuals who have not had a previous measles infection, or have not had 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine (MMR) are at risk for measles infection.

If you are unsure of your vaccination status, or to schedule a measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, please contact Community Health at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.




ARE YOU UP TO DATE WITH YOUR IMMUNIZATIONS?

For more information, or to inquire about your immunization status, please call the Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL YOUTH ENJOY A DAY AT LE TAZ SKATEPARK

On March 13, 2024, 28 youth attended a trip to Le TAZ Skatepark in Montreal, sponsored by Akwesasne Skatepark and Akwesasne Child & Family Services. Annie Guglia, a Pro and Olympic Skateboarder from Montreal, stopped in offering valuable tips, photo opportunities and even sign autographs. Our local skaters, Tihanna Benedict and Casey McDonald added to the fun by providing free lessons for all participants. Nia:wen to everyone who made this trip possible!



SAVE THE DATE — GIRLS SKATE DAY COMING UP IN MAY

As everyone eagerly awaits warmer weather ahead, be sure to save the date for Akwesasne Skateparks upcoming event, Girls Skate Day! Come hang out and get lessons from amazing skateboarders Rosie Archie, Ashlynn Barrett, Annie Guglia, Oorbee Roy, Girls+ 613 Skate, Akwesasne's Tihanna Benedict, and Kit Thomas, plus more!

Attendees can also enjoy a performance by Feryn King, VR demonstration by Poptronic, and cold treats by R-Sons Ice Cream Truck. All skill levels are welcome, and we hope to see you at the skatepark!



A great group from Girls Skate Day 2023 at the Akwesasne Skatepark.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

AFWP HOSTS HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

The Akwesasne Family Wellness Program held a hands-on training for frontline workers at the Best Western Conference in Cornwall from March 18-20, 2024.

The three-day conference covered topics such as mental health, substance abuse, survivor-centered healing, supporting youth and parents, and more. The goal of this training was to create accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed services in our communities.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who attended and assisted in making this conference possible!



Akwesasne Family Wellness Program staff members in attendance at the training for frontline workers.



AFWP Outreach Supervisor Chantal Vachon and Master of Ceremonies Raienkonnis Edwards.



Singer/Songwriter Bear Fox made an appearance to sing her beautiful melodies.



Speakers Victoria Wynecoop-Abrahamson and Gabriela Zapata-Alma.

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 SEEKING RESPITE PROVIDERS FOR VULNERABLE SECTOR

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is currently compiling a database of individuals and contractors who may be able to provide respite care (temporary care) to the vulnerable sector. Care is sought for individuals with developmental disabilities, autism and other special needs. Respite care is typically short-term but can provide a priceless care to the client and the client's primary caregiver.

BENEFITS:

- A sense of fulfillment from serving the vulnerable sector
- Pride in caring for Akwesasne community members
- Rewards of assisting other families and giving invaluable support
- Wages for hourly/daily/overnight (negotiable)
- Paid mileage and expenses (as approved)
- Monthly gift card
- Making your own hours to fit your schedule! (Providers are independent contractors, not MCA employees)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tasks may include:

- Physical care (bathing, lifts, transfers, hygiene, etc)
- Recreational outings
- Supervision
- Overnight support

- Transportation
- Adaptive Daily Living Skills
- Life Skills
- Parenting support
- Meal prep


QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education or experience working in the vulnerable sector
- At minimum, must be in post-secondary school in the human services field
- References
- A clean criminal background cheque (CPIC, vulnerable sector, CW record check)

WHO WILL YOU BE PROVIDING RESPITE FOR?


- Children with behavioural challenges
- Children with Developmental Disabilities
- Children with Autism
- Children with Physical disabilities
- Respite for Caregivers of Children with the above mentioned

Should you be interested or have additional questions, please submit your resume, criminal record cheque, and references to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Director of Community & Social Services: joseph.morin-lauzon@akwesasne.ca or ACFS Service Manager: barb.thompson@akwesasne.ca.



Traditional Support Unit Presents:

BACK TO THE LAND SURVIVAL SKILLS CAMP



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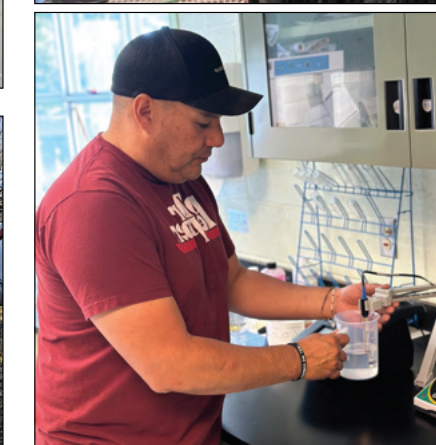
DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

MCA CELEBRATES OUR WATER OPERATORS

March 21, 2024, the day before World Water Day, marks National Indigenous Water Operator Day (NIWOD). This day was chosen to act as a reminder that before World Water Day can be celebrated, we must first recognize and honour the water operators responsible for bringing the water we use everyday to our taps.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is grateful for our dedicated Water/Wastewater Program staff for their continuous efforts to ensuring clean, potable water for Akwesasronon.

Niawenhkó:wa to our wonderful water team!



DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENT

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. 1002

ADMINISTRATION:
613-575-2250 ext. 1003

ENVIRONMENT

3RD ANNUAL AKWESASNE SEED EXCHANGE

On March 23, 2024, the 3rd annual Akwesasne Seed Exchange was held at the Akwesasne Cultural Center Library!

It was a great turnout of community members who enjoyed a morning of presentations on topics like seed sovereignty, composting processes and more. Following the presentations, the MCA Environment Program awarded \$5,000 to various youth as part of Akwesasne Native Biodiversity For The Future; these youth submitted proposals centered on climate change and will be using these funds to complete their projects within the community!

The day ended with more information sharing and a seed exchange. Nia:wen to the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division, MCA Environment Program, and all the attendees for making this event possible!



Presenters John Bonaparte, Tina Square, Donna 'Turk' Jock, and Crystal Stewart-Courtens.



Door prize winner Karontawakon Roundpoint.

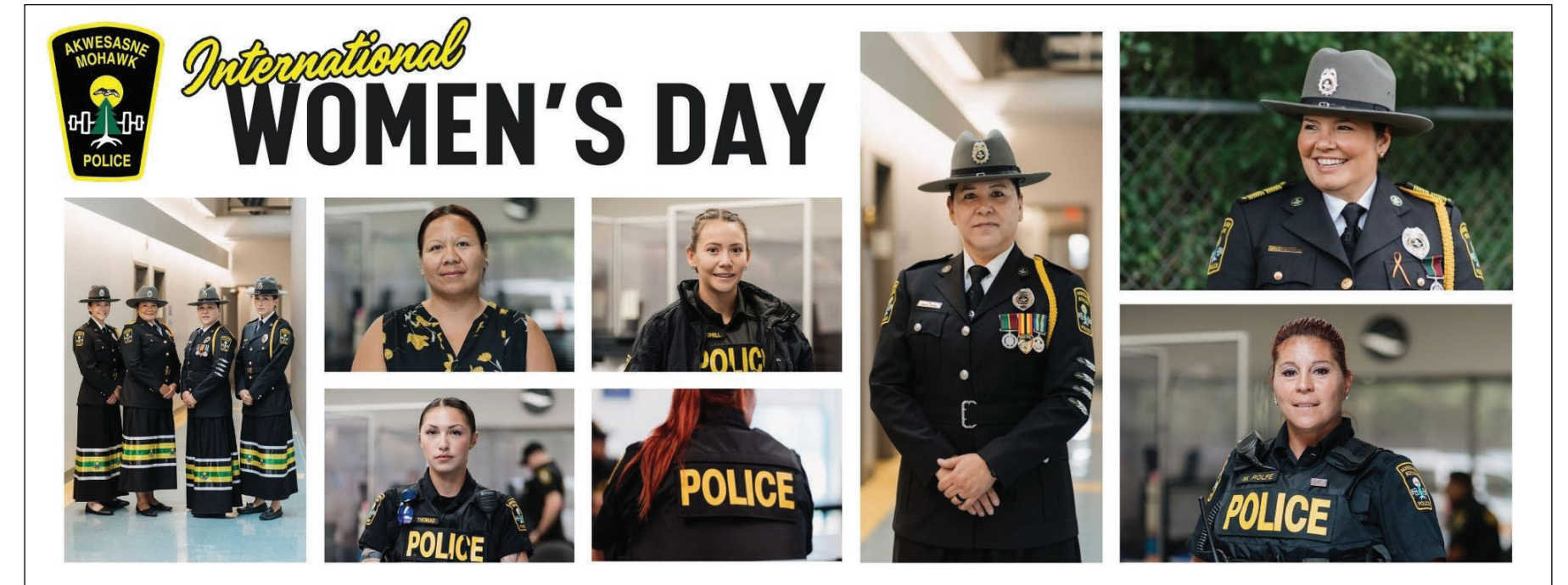


The successful recipients of the Akwesasne Native Biodiversity For The Future project funding.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In recognition of International Women's Day on March 8, 2024, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Services celebrated the incredible women on their team whom serve with strength, dedication, and compassion. Their unwavering commitment to justice and equality inspires all. Nia:wen/Thank you to the women at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service who serve and protect our community every day.



MARCH STATISTICS

269	March	4	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1	1039 Property - Recovered
1	024 Break & Enter - Residence	45	1004 Assist Public	3	1041 Mental Health Act
1	025 Break & Enter - Other	2	1006 Document Service	1	1046 Crisis Intervention
3	035 Theft Over \$5000 - Other	3	1008 By-Law - Dogs	2	1049 Medical Aid
1	038 Theft Under \$5000 - From Motor Vehicle	1	1011 By-Law - Other	2	1050 Youth Complaint
1	058 Offensive Weapons - Other	1	1012 Civil Disputes	7	106 Provincial Statutes - Other
2	061 Bail Violations	15	1013 Community Services	14	1063 Marine Patrol
1	063 Disturb the Peace	8	1014 Crime Prevention	2	204 Sexual Assault
3	072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	3	1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	2	205 Assault - Level 1
1	073 Criminal Code - Other	4	1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1	206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1	088 Cannabis - Trafficking	3	1023 Judge's Order (Court)	2	3030 Admin. - Assist Other Agency
10	100 Immigration Act	1	1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	3	705 Dangerous Operation MV
1	1000 Abandoned Vehicles	1	1024 Phone Calls	3	711 Impaired Operation MV
6	1001 Alarms	1	1027 Property - Found	10	715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
5	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	11	1029 Suspicious Persons	19	721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
9	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	9	1030 Suspicious Vehicles	2	726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
1	1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	21	1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1	Incident Type Not Listed
7	1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	1	1032 Sudden Death		
		6	1036 Warrant - Bench/First		



**SAVE
THE DATE**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CORNWALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
ARROWHEAD PHARMACY

HEALTH FAIR

MAY 9, 2024

KAWEHNO:KE RECREATION CENTER



ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (OESP) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MCA'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

WANT TO LOWER YOUR CORNWALL ELECTRIC BILL?

May 14-15, 2024 · 9 am - 4 pm
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, Turtle Room



WHAT TO BRING?

- Copy of your current Cornwall Electric bill
- Names, Birthdates & SIN for all household members
- If you have not filed your income taxes in the last 2 years, proof of income is required (i.e. paystubs, bank statement)

NOTE: This program is open to all Cornwall Electric customers.

For Further Questions:

Call 1-844-885-3157, OESP Hotline 1-855-831-8151, or MCA's Community Support Program 613-575-2341 ext. 3262.

ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (OESP)

OESP is a government program that helps low-income families lower their hydro bill costs. Our ONWAA Energy Team will assist you with your application to the OESP and if approved, a monthly credit will be applied directly to your hydro bill.

