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MCA WELCOMES NEW YOUTH COUNCIL



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne proudly welcomed the newest members of the Akwesasne Youth Council during a special swearing-in ceremony. On February 21, these young leaders took their official oaths at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center, marking the beginning of their journey in representing and empowering Akwesasne youth. Read more on page 3.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

March 27, 2025 · 6 p.m.
Kana:takon Recreation Center

The MCA General Meeting will be a hybrid event (in-person and virtual).

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

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2024-2027

Grand Chief
Leonard Lazore

Kana:takon District
Chief Fallon David
Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell
Chief Theresa Jacobs
Chief Teresa Oakes

Kawehno:ke District
Chief Vanessa Adams
Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict
Chief Lacey Pierce
Chief Vince Thompson

Tsi Snaihne District
Chief Scott Peters
Chief Tessa Rourke
Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo
Chief JoAnn Swamp

Administration
Shannon 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

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A/Director
Dept. of Community & Social Services

Amber Montour
Director
Department of Health

Donna Lahache
Director
Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education

Ranatiostha Swamp
A/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'tà:ke, which means "For the people." The primary goal of this publication is to deliver MCA's news and updates straight into the hands of community members. Should you wish to stay connected in other ways, the following channels are provided:

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

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

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

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

FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1 The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne has scheduled its District and General Meetings for the upcoming months. Community members are encouraged to attend and stay informed on important discussions and updates. View schedule on page 7.
- 2 Jordan's Principle staff will be available throughout the month of March at their satellite office in Iakhihsotha Lodge (Tsi Snaihne). They will be available by appointment every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. To schedule an appointment please contact 613-575-2341 ext. 2652. More information on page 19.
- 3 Save on your Ontario hydro bill. MCA's Community Support Program has partnered with Ontario Electricity Support Program to help low-income families reduce their hydro bills – and you may qualify for assistance! More information on page 22.
- 4 The latest MCA Community Health Newsletter is here, bringing you essential information on nutrition, meal planning, infection prevention, and more. Stay informed and take charge of your health – read or download the newsletter at: www.akwesasne.ca/chs-newsletter-march-2025/.
- 5 MCA's Addictions Services is hosting Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meetings on Wednesday evenings in March at the Akwesasne Homemakers in Tsi Snaihne, providing a safe and supportive space for parents, grandparents, and spouses to connect and learn. Community members (18+) are welcome to attend. Please contact MCA Addiction Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3115 for details.

NEWS

MCA WELCOMES NEW YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

On Friday, February 21, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held a swearing-in ceremony to welcome the newest members of the Akwesasne Youth Council (AYC). This event marked a significant moment for the community as Cayde Lazore, Starlyn Mason, Iiokonhahes King, and Taylor Day officially joined the council.



The newest members of the Akwesasne Youth Council. Pictured L-R: Cayde Lazore, Starlyn Mason, Iiokonhahes King, and Taylor Day.

The new AYC representatives took their oaths before Justice of the Peace Alexandra David at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center, surrounded by family, friends, Council chiefs, and community members.



Congratulations to our newly sworn-in Youth Council members! The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne looks forward to seeing the positive impact these young leaders will have in our community.



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NEWS

2025 AKWESASNE WINTER CARNIVAL: MCA VS SRMT BATTLE ROYALE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) faced off against the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) in the 2025 MCA vs. SRMT Battle Royale on Friday, February 28. This friendly competition put teamwork, strategy, and skills to the test, with both teams bringing their energy and enthusiasm to every challenge.

From volleyball and kickball to trivia and tug-of-war, both teams brought their A-game in this friendly but fierce competition. Ultimately, SRMT came out victorious with a score of 5-1. While MCA didn't

claim the title this time, the real prize was the laughter, camaraderie, and community spirit shared throughout the event!

Congratulations to SRMT for showing up with great sportsmanship and skill. A heartfelt *niá:wen* goes out to those who organized the activities, and to the staff who participated in the events. We look forward to the challenge next year, SRMT!



NEWS

HONOURING AKWESASNE'S WOMEN LEADERS

On International Women's Day (March 8), we celebrate the strength, resilience, and leadership of women in Akwesasne. This day is a time to recognize the achievements of women around the world while continuing to advocate for equality and representation.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne proudly acknowledges the women who have stepped forward to lead, protect, and strengthen our community — past, present, and future. As *Kanien'kehá:ka*, we come from a matrilineal society where our women have long played vital roles in decision-making and community well-being. While historical policies reshaped traditional governance structures, Indigenous women continue to reclaim positions of influence and create meaningful change.

Across First Nations communities, the presence of women in leadership has steadily grown. From 2012 to 2022, the number

of female First Nations chiefs increased from 18% to 24%, while the number of women serving in elected leadership roles rose to 31%. Akwesasne has always had strong women leaders, and we remain committed to ensuring their voices are heard and represented at every level.

We also take this opportunity to highlight our women Grand Chiefs, who have held the highest elected office within MCA:

- 1979-1980: Grand Chief Mary David (by-election)
- 2003-2006: Grand Chief Angie Barnes

To all the women who have served and continue to serve our people — *niawenhkó:wa* for your dedication and leadership.

Check out the full list of past and present MCA women chiefs as we honour their contributions to Akwesasne!

1962-1964
Florence Thomas

1964-1966
Florence Thomas

1966-1968
Florence Thomas

1968-1970
Esther Thompson

1972-1974
Beatrice Burns
Bernice Seymour

1974-1976
Cecelia Buckshot
Catherine Lena Day

1976-1978
Germaine Benedict
Louise Benedict
Claudia Sunday
Florence Thomas

1979-1980
Mary David (GC)
Germaine Benedict
Mary Benedict
Claudia Sunday

1980-1982
Isabelle Benedict
Clara Sharrow

1982-1984
Joyce Sharrow

1984-1986
A. Yvonne Leaf

1986-1988
Angela Barnes
Mary David
Hilda King
A. Yvonne Leaf
Vivian Smoke

1988-1991
Angela Barnes
Mary David
Johanne Jackson
Hilda King
Lynn Roundpoint
Vivian Smoke

1991-1994
Angela Barnes
Johanne Jackson
Hilda King
Lynn Roundpoint
Rose Marie Sunday
Debbie Thomas

1994-1997
Leona Benedict
Vincenette Cook
Johanne Jackson
Dorothy Lazore
Phyllis Lazore
Lynn Roundpoint

1997-2000
Josephine Herne
Phyllis Lazore
Lynn Roundpoint
Margie F. Thompson

2000-2003
Theresa Adams
Angela Barnes
Mamie David
Sheila David
Esther Jock
Charlene Sunday
Margie F. Thompson

2003-2006
Angela Barnes (GC)
Esther Jock
A. Florence Phillips
Mona Thompson
Sandra Thompson

2006-2009
Nona Benedict
Connie Hall
Cheryl Jacobs
A. Florence Benedict
Julie Phillips-Jacobs

2009-2012
Karen Loran
Louise Thompson
A. Florence Phillips
Julie Phillips-Jacobs
Rachel Lazare (Roundpoint)

2012-2015
April Adams-Phillips
Joanne Jocko
Karen Loran
A. Florence Phillips
Julie Phillips-Jacobs
Louise Thompson

2015-2018
April Adams-Phillips
Connie Lazore
Karen Loran
Louise Thompson

2018-2021
April Adams-Phillips
Vanessa Adams

2021-2024
April Adams-Phillips
Vanessa Adams
Jacqueline Benedict
Fallon David
Cindy Francis-Mitchell
Julie Phillips-Jacobs
Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo
JoAnn Swamp

2024-2027
Vanessa Adams
Fallon David
Lisa Francis-Benedict
Cindy Francis-Mitchell
Theresa Jacobs
Teresa Oakes
Lacey Pierce
Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo
Tasha Sunday-Rourke
JoAnn Swamp



COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE



February 3, 2025

Council Meeting Update:

- Council provided updates on their recent travel and meetings they have attended including the recently held meeting with the SRMT Chiefs and staff, Iroquois Caucus Strategic Planning session, Tsi Snaihne Satellite Clinic ribbon-cutting ceremony and District Meetings.
- Council discussed the General Meeting and stressed the importance of working together as a team; debriefs will be held following the General Meetings.
- Updates were provided on the upcoming Powwow planning stages.
- An update was provided on the Chiefs of Ontario Directory and stressed the importance of including our own entrepreneurs.
- Council discussed the option of moving the Council Meetings to Tuesday but ultimately decided against it. When a holiday falls on

a Monday, Council Meetings will be moved to Tuesdays if quorum is met.

- Council discussed the request from the Akwesasne Freedom School; Administration to follow up.
- Council reviewed the letter that was received from the Iroquois Caucus Coordinator from the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake.
- Committee of Chiefs provided an update on the protocol for a passing of a former Chief, more updates will be provided as the work is progressing.
- Transport Canada Nautical Station information will be provided to ARRO.
- Public Safety Portfolio Chiefs will be a part of the working group for the Police Commission Charter.
- Presentation was held on the Department of Community and Social Services Privacy Training.
- Presentation was held from MCA's Environment Program on the Remedial Action Plan, another presentation will be scheduled in the near future.

MCRs passed: *Special Needs Policy updated January 2025, Finance Committee Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair, Authorization for Letters of Patents.*

February 10, 2025

Council Meeting Update:

- An update on the FNCFS was provided.
- A discussion was held regarding a request received on Emergency Management Curriculum Development.
- Council discussed the upcoming AFNQL Nominations for Quebec Regional Chief.
- Council received an update on the JTBA Technical Table and declared the tables they would like to be a part of; administration to follow up.
- Council discussed the toll increase and the lack of consultation held on SIBC's part.
- Council set the agenda items for the upcoming General Meeting for February.
- An update was provided on U.S. Customs & Border Protection checking cars in the fifth lane, including checking the ambulances going through. Council expressed concern regarding this; administration is following up.
- An update was provided on the recent meeting held with Premier Mark Carney.
- Council discussed a request for support letter for an Elder Knowledge Keeper nomination for Chiefs of Ontario.
- Council reviewed and approved a letter sent by the Iroquois Caucus.
- A follow-up presentation was provided by MCA Environment rep-

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representatives regarding the Remedial Action Plan.

- Akwesasne Career & Employment Support Services (ACCESS) Executive Director provided Council with an overview of the services that they offer and ways to collaborate with MCA.
- **MCRs passed:** *Upgrade Application; Council Meeting Minutes – January 20th, 2025; Dr. Daradich Contract Renewal 2025-2026; Dr. Levac Contract Renewal 2025-2026; DIHE Road Funding Program.*

February 18, 2025

Emergency Council Meeting Update:

- **MCRs passed:** *Assignment of Lease – Lot 37 B and Road Allowance Between lot 33 Block C and Lot 37 Block B Hamilton Island; Long Term Reform of First Nation Child and Family Services in Ontario.*

February 24, 2025

Discussion Items:

- Haudenosaunee Universe – Request for Financial Support, FNCFS – Final Agreement and Tri-

lateral Agreement, Hydro Quebec – Portable Batteries, Meeting with Kawehno:ke Businesses, Election Ontario Outreach, General Meeting Agenda Additions, Decision on Regional Chief of Québec Vote.

Presentations:

- Constant Awashish, Francis Verreault-Paul, and Dr. Cathy Martin – Candidates for the Regional Chief of Québec

MCRs passed: *Assignment of Lease – Lot 6-2 Clark Island; Acceptance of Flexible Contribution Agreement-GC-2847.*



MCA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

DISTRICT MEETINGS

MAR. 17

KANA:TAKON, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

*Tsi Snaihne District Meeting has been rescheduled to March 20 at Iohahi:io.

APR. 14

KANA:TAKON, TSI SNAIHNE, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

MAY 12

KANA:TAKON, TSI SNAIHNE, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

JUN. 23

KANA:TAKON, TSI SNAIHNE, & KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT MEETING

DISTRICT RECREATION CENTERS • 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS

MAR. 27

GENERAL MEETING

KANA:TAKON RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

APR. 24

GENERAL MEETING

KAWEHNO:KE RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

MAY 29

GENERAL MEETING

TSI SNAIHNE RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

JUN. 26

GENERAL MEETING

KANA:TAKON RECREATION CENTER • 6 PM

*Please note: scheduled meeting dates are subject to change. Community members can find updates through the MCA Facebook page and 97.3 CKON Radio.

Council encourages community members to attend the monthly district and general meetings to receive updates and information. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the Mohawk Government Office at 613-575-2250.

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF SCOTT PETERS UPDATES



Portfolios:

Akwesasne Justice Dept., Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO), Dept. of Economic Development, Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE), Nation Building, Dept. of Public Safety

Selected Committees:

Akweksko:wa Port Divestiture, Governance, Hydro Québec, Iroquois Caucus

Nia:wen to the community of Akwesasne for your trust and support in electing me as your District Chief for Tsi Snaihne. These first few months of my transition have been incredibly informative, and I feel like I have hit the ground running with all the information, meetings, and responsibilities that come with this role. I want to extend my gratitude to the Mohawk Government staff for their support during this transition. They have been incredibly helpful, always willing to answer any questions and provide assistance. Additionally, I want to acknowledge all the Programs and Departments

that contributed to the orientation process, ensuring a smooth transition into my role.

As I navigate my portfolios and committee assignments, I have been reflecting on the best way to allocate my time and energy. I am contemplating reducing the number of portfolios I hold so that I can dedicate more attention and effort to key areas. This will also strengthen my ability to lobby effectively for our community's needs. I will continue to update the community as these adjustments are made.

PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Akwesasne Justice Dept. — I have been engaged in the development of laws through the Legislative Oversight Committee. This process involves identifying and working on three key laws, as well as amending existing laws to better serve the community. This effort is vital to ensuring that our governance structures reflect the needs of Akwesasronon.

Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) — Having worked with ARRO on various projects before my election, I was already familiar with their initiatives. My focus has been on assisting with repatriation efforts, including returning cultural items from museums. Additionally, there will be important updates on Cairn Island, and I encourage community members to stay informed by

attending upcoming sessions.

Dept. of Economic Development — Economic growth and sustainability remain a priority. I have been working with the Economic Development team to explore opportunities for business expansion and nation-to-nation trade. We are also looking to reintroduce the Business Spotlight feature in Onkwe'ta:ke and on social media to highlight local businesses.

Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE) — I have worked with DIHE on multiple projects in the past, but I am considering stepping away from this portfolio to focus more on my other responsibilities. Nonetheless, I remain supportive of their efforts and will continue to assist where needed. They have an amazing Portfolio and it is truly beneficial to the community.

Nation Building — The Nation Building portfolio involves work on Entewatatha:wi and the Self-Government Agreement. I look forward to rolling out the next phase of community consultation and ensuring that Akwesasne's path to self-governance is clear and beneficial to all. I have also participated in one negotiation with Canada and we are hopeful that by the end of our term, we will have significant progress to present to the community.

Dept. of Public Safety — With over 15 years of experience in emergency management, I am committed to ensuring our community's safety.

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TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF SCOTT PETERS UPDATES

My past experience has included collaborating with AMPS and HAVFD, assisting with emergency response coordination, and addressing environmental concerns such as fuel and oil spills. One key initiative is the development of a new substation behind the Health Facility at SRMT to better support ambulance services.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

In addition to my portfolios, I serve on several committees, including the Governance Committee, Hydro Québec, Iroquois Caucus, and Port Divestiture.

Governance Committee — We are exploring ways to improve transparency, including the streaming of Monday Council meetings.

Hydro Québec — We have been in

discussions about updating power lines in Snye and Saint Regis. More updates will be provided as meetings progress.

Iroquois Caucus — I have been involved in the Harvesting Working Group, focusing on plants, animals, and harvesting rights. This includes discussions on deer and moose harvesting with Chief Vince and government officials.

Port Divestiture — This committee has met once so far for an introduction, and further meetings will determine the next steps.

Additional Update: ATK Subcommittee — Beyond my MCA assignments, I have been appointed to the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Subcommittee under the Aboriginal Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. This is a national-level

role that I will hold for three years, aligning with my term on Council. The subcommittee consists of eight First Nations representatives from across Canada who assess species at risk and examine how Indigenous communities can continue harvesting while protecting traditional knowledge. This work is critical for both conservation and the protection of Indigenous harvesting rights, and I am honored to represent Akwesasne at this level.

My first few months as District Chief have been busy, insightful, and rewarding. I remain committed to working hard for the people of Akwesasne, ensuring that our community's voice is heard at all levels.

I encourage community members to reach out with any questions, concerns, or input, as your feedback is essential to our collective success. You can reach me at chief.scott.peters@akwesasne.ca.



Pictured L-R: MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Québec Lieutenant, and Tsi Snaihne District Chief Scott Peters



Pictured L-R: Candidate for Liberal Party Leadership Mark Carney, MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, and District Chief Scott Peters.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in February

1. Executive Services Announces Program Manager of Akwesasne Rights & Research Office
2. Winter Royalty Crowned at Iakhihsohtha
3. Snow Snake & Smiles (Video)
4. Social Songs Teachings (Flyer)
5. MCA Welcomes New Youth Council Representatives

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in February

1. Social Songs Teachings (Flyer) — 18,189 Reached
2. Executive Services Announces Program Manager of Akwesasne Rights & Research Office — 17,346 Reached
3. Winter Royalty Crowned at Iakhihsohtha — 16,842 Reached
4. Snow Snake & Smiles (Video) — 10,465 Reached
5. MCA Welcomes New Youth Council Representatives — 7,389 Reached



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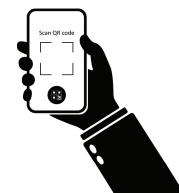
Top Post in February



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for February

YouTube General Meeting — January 30, 2025



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

HELP THE LEPRECHAUN FIND THE SHAMROCK!

TODAY I WISH TO SEND LUCK TO: _____
 BECAUSE: _____

HOW MANY HORSESHOES CAN YOU FIND?

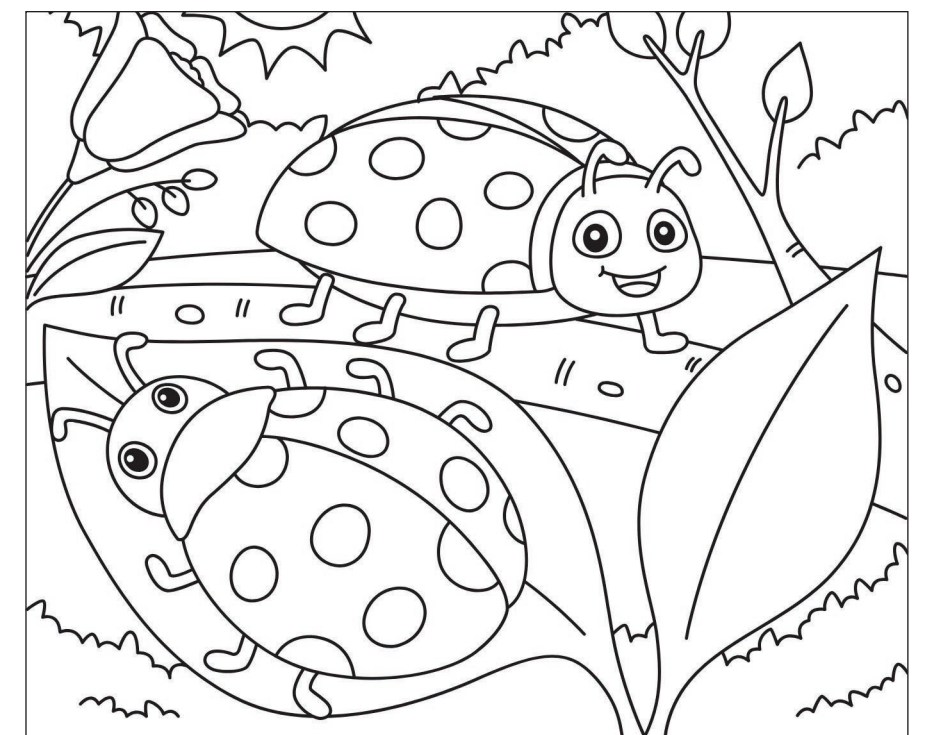
Word Scramble

Using the words from the list below, unscramble the letters to correctly spell the spring flowers!

ULELBEBL _____
 AFIDFOLD _____
 ONYPE _____
 UPLIT _____
 ANMAIAOGL _____
 CILAL _____
 EALAZA _____
 SAIYD _____
 OPPYP _____

Word Bank:
 TULIP PEONY MAGNOLIA
 DAFFODIL AZALEA POPPY
 LILAC BLUEBELL DAISY

COLOR THE LADY BUGS!



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

What's a leprechaun's favourite type of music?
 Sham-rock and roll!

Why did the rainbow go to school?
 To get a little brighter!

Why did the pencil cross the road?
 To draw attention.

EXECUTIVE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SERVICES ANNOUNCES PROGRAM MANAGER OF AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to announce that Cheyenne Lazore has been selected as the Program Manager for the Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO).

Since May 2023, Cheyenne has served in an acting capacity,

gaining valuable experience and deepening her understanding of ARRO's operations at a managerial level. She first joined ARRO in 2015 as a Researcher and previously worked as a substitute teacher with the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education while completing a double major in History and Psychology, with a minor in Native Studies, at SUNY Potsdam.

In addition to her roles in governance and research, Cheyenne is also a committed mentor and coach in Akwesasne's lacrosse community, helping to inspire and develop the next generation of athletes.

She served as the 2024 Assistant Coach for the Haudenosaunee Nationals' inaugural Women's Box Lacrosse team, helping them secure a historic bronze medal — the first for the women's program. She was also named the 2024 Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) Coach of the Year (Zone 5) for her contributions to the sport and league.

Cheyenne's expertise, dedication, and leadership have played a vital role in ARRO's success, and we look forward to her continued contributions in this role.

"I am honoured to continue the work of the brilliant women who led ARRO before me," said Cheyenne. "Advancing and recognizing Aboriginal, inherent, and treaty rights, while expanding our knowledge of Akwesasne's history and contemporary issues, is incredibly important. I have a great team behind me, and I'm excited for what the future holds for ARRO."

Please join us in congratulating Cheyenne and supporting her as she continues this important work!



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LACROSSE: A GIFT FROM THE CREATOR

For the Haudenosaunee people, lacrosse or "Tewa'a:raton" (de-wa-ah-la-duhn) is more than just a game; it is believed to be a gift from the Creator, intended to restore harmony, resolve conflicts, and unite communities. Also known as the "Medicine Game" or the "Creator's Game," lacrosse is deeply embedded in the Haudenosaunee creation story, and serves as a living tradition that has endured for generations, continuing to provide strength, healing, and guidance. More than a game, it is a way of life that continues to shape the identity and resilience of the Haudenosaunee people.

In the Akwesasne community, lacrosse transcends the role of a sport, historically, used to resolve disputes and restore peace among people and the community. As Peter Garrow, a respected figure in the lacrosse community, explains, "Lacrosse was always used as a game of healing and settling disputes for the Haudenosaunee people. It was never a substitute for war; rather, it was used to prevent it." This principle remains at the core of lacrosse's role today, offering non-violent means to resolve conflict as the Creator's original instructions.

The Medicine Game, a traditional form of lacrosse, remains a vital part of Haudenosaunee cultural and spiritual practices. Before the game begins, ceremonies and tobacco offerings are made, due to its sacred nature. It is believed that the creator watches with joy, much like a parent watching a child at play. "Every pass, every goal, every hit is not just part of a game; it is an offering to the Creator. Through playing we show gratitude and respect to honor the Creator."

For centuries, lacrosse has evolved alongside the Haudenosaunee people, adapting to the changing times while maintaining its original spiritual intent. While modern lacrosse is widely recognized and has

gained global recognition as a competitive sport, the traditional game remains central to the communities. The Haudenosaunee people continue to honor the game given to them while contributing to the sports growth on an international level.

Today, lacrosse still reflects the Creator's original gift, fostering unity, strength, and cultural pride, playing a key role in the social, physical, and economic wellbeing of the communities. The ongoing efforts to include Haudenosaunee teams in the 2028 Olympics highlight the games lasting impact and global significance. As lacrosse continues to evolve, it serves as a powerful reminder of the Haudenosaunee people's contributions to the world.

Lacrosse is more than just a game; it is a tradition that embodies healing, unity, and respect. From its origins as a means of playing for the creator's enjoyment, restoring peace and healing to its modern role as a global sport, lacrosse remains a testament to the Haudenosaunee people's resilience and cultural legacy. As we navigate between tradition and modernity, we always remember our ancestors' contributions to the game and ensure that the Creators' gift continues to inspire generations to come.

Submission provided by the Akwesasne Rights and Research Office. Special thanks to Peter Garrow for his invaluable knowledge and contribution to this article.



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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

DEVIN DE GRAY, IETSIATAHONSATAT - VICTIM SUPPORT WORKER



Devin has been a survivor navigate difficult situations. Devin and his team member of the fellow staff are dedicated to ensuring each person Akwesasne Community Justice Program (ACJP) receives the assistance they need during challenging times for the last nine months as a Victim Support Worker and is committed to helping individuals who have experienced a tragic event or crime.

As a registered Social Service Worker with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW), Devin comes to the ACJP after graduating from Algonquin College's Police Foundations program and Durham College's Social Service Worker program.

The ACJP Victim Services Program is available to provide confidential, personalized services that offer emotional support, advocacy, and guidance to help

Devin graciously provides support to community members who have experienced some of the most challenging circumstances, such as abduction, assault, domestic violence, or elder abuse. In his own words, Devin says what he enjoys most about his work is, "the privilege and honor of standing by someone during their toughest moments, providing support, and witnessing their remarkable strength and resilience. I'm here to support you in your most challenging times."

If you would like more information about the ACJP Victim Support Program and the services they provide, please call 613-575-5000.

UNDERSTANDING THE AKWESASNE ELECTION LAWS AND LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The Akwesasne Justice Department (AJD) recently launched an initiative to provide clarity about Akwesasne Laws and the legislative development process. As part of this public information series, the AJD is reminding community members about the Akwesasne Law Registry, Kaiahnehronsehra lehiontakwa: Place Where Laws Are Registered.

the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. By making these laws available to the community, we hope to ensure that Akwesasne Laws reflect the values, customs, and aspirations of Akwesashró:non.

To view the registry, please visit: www.akwesasne.ca/legislation

The Kaiahnehronsehra lehiontakwa is the official repository for all Akwesasne Laws and the established system for registering laws under the jurisdiction of



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MARCH 27-MAY 8, 2025

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER PROVIDES DISTRICT CHIEF PETITION RESULTS

At the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) General Meeting on January 30, 2025, held in the District of Kawehno:ke, two (2) petitions were presented to remove two (2) sitting members of Council under Section 16.(2)(a) of the Akwesasne Election Law.

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) presented the petition results at the General Meeting (duly convened meeting of the MCA) held in the District of Tsi Snaihne.

The petitions were examined using the General Elections Voter's List from September 14, 2024, dated September 12, 2024. The results were as follows:

- The petition to remove District of Kana:takon Chief Teresa Oakes was deemed null and void.
- The petition to remove District of Kawehno:ke Chief Vanessa Adams was deemed null and void.

Chief Vanessa Adams Results:

- Total # on Petition: 163
- Band # Didn't Match (Void): 2
- Incorrect Band # (Void): 1
- No Signature (Void): 1
- Valid (Kana:takon): 30
- Valid (Tsi Snaihne): 60
- Valid (Kawehno:ke): 32
- Total # of Valid Signatures: 122
- Not on the Voters List: 37
- **TOTAL SIGNATURES NEED TO BE VALID: 150**

Chief Teresa Oakes Results:

- Total # on Petition: 99
- Illegible: 1
- No Band #: 2
- Valid (Kana:takon): 27
- Valid (Tsi Snaihne): 42
- Valid (Kawehno:ke): 6
- Total # of Valid Signatures: 75
- Not on the Voters List: 21
- **TOTAL SIGNATURES NEED TO BE VALID: 84**

The CEO is also in receipt of another petition regarding proposed changes to the Akwesasne Election Law. This petition was received at the General Meeting on February 27, 2025; results will be provided once the verification process is complete.

The Chief Electoral Officer strongly encourages all community members to review the Voters List to ensure their name is included for any Election or By-Election. If your name is missing from a publicly posted Voters List, contact the CEO as soon as possible.

For questions or concerns, please contact Chief Electoral Officer Cheryl Jacobs at:

chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca

613-575-2250 ext. 2126

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDENTS LEARN THE ART OF SNOW SNAKE

On February 18, Grade 5-8 students had an unforgettable experience at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, taking part in the traditional Haudenosaunee winter game of Snow Snake. This special event was made possible through a collaboration between the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education and lakwa'shatste Youth Fitness!

This exciting game challenges players to test their strength and skill by throwing a long wooden stick as far as possible down a snow-covered track. With guidance from Snow Snake experts, students learned the techniques and traditions behind this cultural sport, making for a fun and enriching day.

Niawenhkó:wa to all those who contributed to making this event a success and for helping to promote

the sharing and appreciation of the Kanien'kehá:ka culture.



View the video on our YouTube channel by scanning the QR Code or visiting: www.youtube.com/@MohawkCouncilofAkwesasne



IOHAHI:IO CONGRATULATES CIBC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT TYANA BENEDICT

The Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education and Training Institute extend their congratulations to Tyana Benedict on being awarded the "Community Development Scholarship" through the partnership between Indigenous Institutes Consortium (IIC) and CIBC!

This scholarship, which is available to students across various programs including business, nursing, early childhood education, and trades, aims to support those who are dedicated to using their education to make a positive impact in their communities. Tyana's achievement highlights her commitment to community development and her potential to drive meaningful change.

Congratulations on your success and we look forward to seeing you the positive contributions you will make in the future!



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

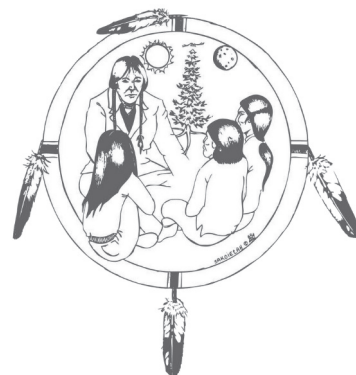
FLASHBACK FRIDAY AT AMBE

Get ready to take a walk down memory lane with Flash Back Friday at AMBE! Whether you're a current or former AMBE student or staff member, we want to celebrate the amazing memories that make up our AMBE community.

How to participate:

- Dig through your photos – find those hidden gems from your time at AMBE!
- Submit your photo by sending it to our Facebook/Instagram Messenger or by emailing communications@ambe.ca
- Tell us a bit about it – include a short caption or story about the photo.
- Tag your friends, share the post, and don't miss out on these weekly blasts from the past!

Let's keep up the AMBE spirit by sharing the memories that matter!



Select Fridays we'll be featuring your photos that capture unforgettable moments at AMBE. From field trips and sports events to classroom projects and friendships, let's relive those special times together!

FOURS, FOURS, FOURS, FOURS, FOURS

Leah Barnes Abram Benedict Stephanie Benedict Austin Boots Toby Cook					
Anamae David Charmaine David Ryan David Annie Lynn Francis Owen Leaf					
David Martin Kora Mitchell Justin Point Ryan Sharrow Tracy Lynn Sharrow					
Ashley Thompson Bobbie Sue Thompson Brodie Thompson Charlene Thompson Hona Thompson					
Jess Thompson Sarah Thompson					

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SATELLITE OFFICE

Jordan's Principle is dedicated to ensuring First Nations children receive the support they need, when they need it.

Throughout March, Jordan's Principle staff will be available every Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at their satellite office in Iakhihsohtha Lodge (Tsi Snaihne).

Services Available:

- Program information
- Intake appointments
- Support services

Important Information:

Appointments are required. Clients with appointments should use the door located on the west side of Iakhihsohtha Lodge. *Please note that the main entrance is reserved for Lodge staff, residents, and visitors.*

Jordan's Principle funding supports health, social, and educational needs, including culturally relevant services and the unique needs of First Nations children, such as Two-Spirit, LGBTQQIA, and children with disabilities. Contact us to learn how Jordan's Principle can assist you and your family!

For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact 613-575-2341 ext. 2652 or jordansprinciple@akwesasne.ca.



CLINICAL CARE SERVICES REMINDS PATIENTS TO REVIEW NUMBER OF REMAINING REFILLS ON PRESCRIPTIONS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Clinical Care Services (CCS) is reminding patients to always check the number of refills remaining on their prescription when picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy. Don't delay in checking your refills. If you are at zero for refills, contact your pharmacy and provider right away. Waiting too long can result in a delay in having your prescription refilled.

When picking up your prescription, and you are at zero refills, contact the pharmacy and ask them to send a refill authorization to your provider. This will give your provider time to take care of any prescription renewal before you run out of your medications.

For any questions, please call the Akwesasne Medical Clinic at 613-575-2341 ext. 3215.

March Clinic Calendar

Stay on top of your health – check out the medical clinic calendars for this month or view them online at www.akwesasne.ca/medical-clinics.

Akwesasne & Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinics: 613-575-2341 ext. 3215

Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic: 613-933-5808 or 613-575-2341 ext. 1110

Reminder: A valid health card (OHIP/QHIP) is required for all appointments.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WINTER ROYALTY CROWNED AT IAKHIHSOHTHA LODGE

Iakhihsohta Lodge was filled with excitement on February 14th, as residents, families, and staff came together to celebrate the Akwesasne Winter Carnival! The day began with a chili and bread cook-off, where judges had the tough job of selecting the best homemade creations.

After much deliberation, the winners were announced:

Chili Cook-Off Champion: MaryFaye Roundpoint
Bread Cook-Off Winner: Krystian Mitchell

Following the announcement, everyone gathered for a delicious spaghetti lunch before the highlight of the day — the crowning of Iakhihsohta's Winter Carnival King & Queen! A big congratulations to Jack Leaf & Esther Mitchell, who were honored with the titles.

The celebration continued with live music from Crosswinds, bringing joy and laughter to all in attendance. Nia:wen to everyone who joined us for this special event!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

SPREADING LOVE & SMILES: VALENTINE'S DAY AT TSIIONKWANONHSO:TE

Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care (LTC) celebrated Valentine's Day in style, filling the halls with joy, music, and heartfelt moments! Residents enjoyed a festive photoshoot, live entertainment from local artist John Francis, and even shared a little dating wisdom from their generation.

Sandi Barnes for making this heartwarming connection happen!

A huge nia:wen to our dedicated LTC staff for making every holiday special — our totas felt the love all weekend long!

A highlight of the celebration was the crowning of the Valentine's Sweetheart King & Queen — congratulations to Jimmy Arquette and Monique Chantigny!



The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School's 8th-grade class made a special visit, helping totas with cookie decorating, a pizza party, and fun activities. Nia:wen to AMS staff member Kyann Day and AMS Counsellor



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

SAVE ON YOUR ONTARIO HYDRO BILL: OESP INFORMATION SESSIONS

Looking for ways to lower your electricity costs? The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) helps low-income families reduce their hydro bills — and you may qualify for assistance!

In partnership with the MCA Community Support Program, OESP is hosting two information sessions where you can learn more and apply for support.

Dates: April 8–9, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: A'nowara'ko:wa Arena

What to Bring:

- A copy of your current electricity bill
- Names, birthdates, and SINs for all household members
- If you haven't filed income taxes in the last two years, bring proof of income (pay stubs, bank statements, etc.)

For more information, contact 1-844-885-3157 or the OESP Hotline at 1-855-831-8151. You can also reach MCA Community Support at 613-575-2341 ext. 3262.

YOUNG ATHLETES HIT THE ICE AT ACFS HOCKEY SKILLS CLINIC

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Child and Family Services (ACFS) hosted a hockey skills clinic on February 28 at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena, giving local youth the chance to lace up their skates, hit the ice, and level up their game! Whether beginners or seasoned players, participants had an unforgettable experience zipping across the rink, sharpening their skills, and soaking up expert coaching.

Leading the session was Brent Loney, Head Coach of the Ontario Hockey Academy, and Joseph Thompson, Assistant Coach for Clarkson University's Division II hockey team. With high-energy drills, hands-on guidance, and plenty of encouragement, the young athletes pushed themselves, fine-tuned their techniques, and had an absolute blast.

Since November 2024, ACFS has been hosting these exciting hockey clinics, including specialized goalie training to provide ongoing opportunities for youth to develop their abilities and grow their love for the game.

A huge niawenhkó:wa to all the players, coaches, and organizers who made this event a great success.



DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING



MCA ROADS MAINTENANCE

ROAD ISSUES? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Help keep our community safe by reporting potholes or road concerns to the Roads Program. Main roads are cleared first during winter storms, followed by secondary roads.

Our Services Include:

- ✓ Road Maintenance & Repairs
- ✓ Signage & Road Markings
- ✓ Snow & Ice Removal
- ✓ Drainage Improvements
- ✓ Pothole Patching

Regular Work Hours
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Roads Program Manager
613-938-5476

After Hours Emergencies
Central Dispatch
613-575-2340

Our Mission:

The DIHE Roads Program is dedicated to maintaining safe roads for our community. Through ongoing maintenance, repairs, and improvements, we work to ensure smooth and secure travel for all.



ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

FEDERAL FUNDS SUPPORT WATERSHEDS CANADA EFFORTS TO RESTORE SHORELINES IN ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AOC

An exciting opportunity is available for waterfront property owners in the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall/Akwesasne) Area of Concern (AOC) who want to naturalize their shoreline using native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. A healthy shoreline buffer can help protect a property from erosion and flood damage, while also creating habitat for wildlife, and improving overall water quality.

Watersheds Canada, a national charity headquartered in Perth, ON, is delivering its flagship program The Natural Edge in the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall/Akwesasne) AOC in 2025. Eligible waterfront property landowners will receive a free site visit which provides advice and recommendations to improve shoreline health. If planting is recommended, a Shoreline ReNaturalization Starter Kit can be purchased, which includes the creation of a shoreline restoration plan for the property, native plants and materials, and education guides on how to maintain shoreline health. Each customized restoration plan will provide detailed descriptions of native plants suitable for planting based on site conditions and landowner preferences.

It has been thirty-eight years since the St. Lawrence River at Cornwall was first designated as an Area of Concern in 1987. Over the decades, immense pressure from industry, contamination, and population growth has strained the health of the river and the wildlife that live there.

To remedy this, Watersheds Canada is leading this collaborative effort to address factors of poor water quality and major shoreline habitat loss experienced within the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall/Akwesasne) AOC. This project will be delivered in partnership with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Raisin Region Conservation Authority, River Institute, Great River Network, and the City of Cornwall. This project is generously funded by the Government of Canada's Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative.

If you are an interested waterfront property owner who wants to learn more about the project or book a confidential free site visit, please email ne.stlawrenceriver.aoc@watersheds.ca. An approximate map of the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall/Akwesasne) AOC can be found here.

About Watersheds Canada

Watersheds Canada is a registered Canadian charity committed to providing programs to communities across the country to engage and help individuals enhance and protect the health of their lakes and rivers. Since 2002, they have delivered freshwater stewardship programming, shoreline naturalizations and assessments, and in-water habitat restorations. To learn more, visit www.watersheds.ca.

Media contact:

Chantal Lefevre
Natural Edge Regional Coordinator
Watersheds Canada
naturaledge@watersheds.ca

The NATURAL Edge
Restoring the Ribbon of Life

Protect your shoreline property with native plants!

Watersheds Canada is now booking site visits in the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall/Akwesasne) Area of Concern!

Site visits will help you:

- Learn how to restore & protect your shoreline
- Get native plants suited for your property
- Receive guidance from trained staff
- Protect the health of your local freshwater

Partners:

Funding:

To learn about the project or book a site visit, email ne.stlawrenceriver.aoc@watersheds.ca

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

CHILLIN' & REELIN' AT HOOPLE BAY

On February 20, the MCA Environment Program took Akwesasronon on an ice-fishing adventure at Hoople Bay in Ingleside, ON. Despite the chilly weather, community members bundled up and braved the elements for a fun-filled day on the ice.

One of the most exciting moments came when a young angler reeled in a pike. Environmental Assessment Officer Curtis Lazore then demonstrated the proper technique for filleting the catch, providing a hands-on learning opportunity. Attendees also had the

chance to witness traditional spearfishing techniques, demonstrated by Norman and Randy Peters.

The event was a great success, not only for the impressive catches but also for the the incorporation of new generations learning from older generations.

Niawenhkó:wa to the MCA Environment team for organizing this incredible experience and to everyone who joined in on the frosty fun—especially the young anglers who made some memorable catches!



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



WARMER TEMPERATURES & FLOODING RISKS

With warmer temperatures on the way, melting snow could lead to basement flooding, foundation damage, and moisture issues in your home. Take steps now to prevent costly damage and keep your home safe!



WHY IS SNOWMELT A RISK?

Melting snow behaves like heavy rainfall – it needs somewhere to go. If the ground around your home is frozen or oversaturated, water can seep into cracks, stress your foundation, or flood your basement.

On average, 13 inches of snow melts into 1 inch of water, so even small amounts of melting snow can cause big problems.

KEY AREAS AT RISK

- ▶ Cracks in your foundation, walls, or floors
- ▶ Where the floor meets the wall
- ▶ Top of foundation walls
- ▶ Window and door frames



HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME:

- Keep snow away from your home – Avoid piling snow against your foundation, basement windows, or doors.
- Check and clear drains – Ensure any exterior drains or ditches near your home are free of ice and debris.
- Maintain gutters & downspouts – Clean them out so melting snow from your roof drains properly.
- Inspect your sump pump – Make sure it's working, the pit is clean, and the power supply is connected.
- Fix cracks & leaks – Address small foundation issues now before they become big problems.
- Act fast if flooding occurs – Contact a professional for basement flooding or moisture issues.

Being prepared can help prevent costly damage! If you have concerns about flooding risks, take action today.

For more emergency preparedness tips, contact the MCA Emergency Measures Program.

For any emergencies, please contact Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In recognition of International Women's Day (March 8, 2025), the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service celebrate the strength, leadership, and determination of women in law enforcement. Their relentless pursuit of justice and equality continues to break barriers and pave the way for future generations. Niawenhkó:wa to the women at the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service for your unwavering commitment to keeping our community safe.



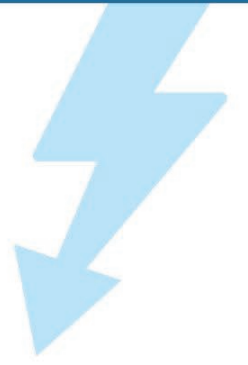
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232 February	1 1011 By-Law - Other	1 1056 Hazardous Conditions
1 027 Theft - Automobiles	2 1012 Civil Disputes	4 106 Provincial Statutes - Other
1 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other	32 1013 Community Services	2 1063 Marine Patrol
1 045 Frauds - Other	5 1014 Crime Prevention	3 1065 Snowmobile Patrol
3 061 Bail Violations	1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	2 205 Assault - Level 1
2 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	4 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2
1 073 Criminal Code - Other	4 102 Other Federal Statute Offences	1 705 Dangerous Operation MV
2 100 Immigration Act	2 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	3 711 Impaired Operation MV
1 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	1 1024 Phone Calls	2 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
2 1001 Alarms	4 1029 Suspicious Persons	23 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
2 1002 Alerts	2 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	2 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
3 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	19 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	1 Incident Type Not Listed
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1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	5 1035 Warrant - Committal	
9 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	9 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	1 1037 Warrant - Search	
37 1004 Assist Public	3 1040 Traffic Complaint	
1 1006 Document Service	3 1041 Mental Health Act	
1 1007 Breach of Probation	1 1049 Medical Aid	
6 1008 By-Law - Dogs	1 1050 Youth Complaint	
1 101 Firearms Act	1 1052 Shooting Complaint	



WANT TO LOWER YOUR CORNWALL ELECTRIC BILL?

April 8-9, 2025 • 9 am - 5 pm
A'nowara'ko:wa Arena



WHAT TO BRING?

- Copy of your current electric bill
- Names, Birthdates & SINS for all household members
- If you have not filed your income taxes in the last two years, proof of income is required (i.e. pay stubs, bank statement)

For more information:

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.



HALF-LOAD RESTRICTIONS

IN EFFECT: MARCH 17, 2025

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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Roads Program Manager, DIHE
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