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UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNERS

December 9, 2024 · 5-7 p.m.
Kana:takon Recreation Center

December 11, 2024 · 5-7 p.m.
Kawehno:ke Recreation Center

December 12, 2024 · 5-7 p.m.
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

2024-2025 AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AHAP)

MCA's Community Support Program
is now accepting applications.

Final application deadline:

Friday, December 20, 2024 at 4 p.m.

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
Mose A. Herne
Executive Director

Heather Phillips
Director
Dept. of Finance & Administration

Leslie Papineau
Director
Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment

Cactus Cook Sunday
Director
Dept. of Justice

Joseph Morin-Lauzon
Director
Dept. of Community & Social Services

Amber Montour
Director
Department of Health

Donna Lahache
Director
Ahkwasasne 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.

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

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

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 Mohawk Council of Akwesasne invites community members to celebrate the holiday season at our annual Community Holiday Dinners! Mark your calendars for December 9 (Kana:takon Rec.), December 11 (Kawehno:ke Rec.), and December 12 (Tsi Snaihne Rec.) from 5 - 7 p.m. Enjoy a festive evening with a delicious free meal and photos with Santa!
- 2 Get ready to roll into the holiday spirit – the Akwesasne Skatepark and MCA's Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) are giving away 20 custom skateboards designed by Akwesasne's own Ian Clute! Send your child's name to troy.thompson@akwesasne.ca by Friday, December 6 at 9 a.m. Winners will be announced 10 a.m. the same day.
- 3 Join the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center for their annual Spirit of Christmas event from December 6-8 for your chance to win a beautifully decorated tree! Don't miss this joyful event—bring your family and friends to the Kawehno:ke Recreation to celebrate the holiday season and support great cause!
- 4 The MCA Environment Program is seeking skilled individuals to lead paid workshops and events over the next two years. They are looking for Storytellers & Traditional Teachings, Log Pounding & Basket Makers, Artists, Hunters, Trappers, Hide Tanning, & Buttering, Plant/Tree Knowledge and more! For more information, please contact Melanie Alguire at melanie.alguire@akwesasne.ca.
- 5 It's that time of year! The St. Regis Recreation Center is hosting their annual A December to Remember holiday fundraiser! Come out and support the St. Regis Recreation from December 13-15th for your chance to win some great gift baskets and family table settings.

NEWS

MCA EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE & RETIREMENT

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne recognized its dedicated employees at the Long Service Recognition & Retirement Awards ceremony. It was the first time the event was held in person since prior to the pandemic.

MCA's leadership team presented gifts and certificates to employees who have dedicated 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years to serving the community, and also to retirees from the past four years.

The community could not be served without the hard work and commitment of our team, and we are proud to celebrate these accomplishments.

Niawenhkó:wa and congratulations to all who have worked over the last several years to bring programs and services to the Akwesasne community.

The following employees were honoured for their work MCA years of service:

10 years:

Kylee Tarbell
Leah Mitchell
Glyniss Bomberry
Cheyenne Lazore
Curtis Lazore

15 years:

Sheri Lazore
Jon Square
Theresa Jacobs
Lee Ann O'Brien
Kimberly Bush-Jock
Norman Peters
Amber Lazore
Lucy Jacobs
Charlotte Swamp
Joyce King
Venus Gambill

20 years:

Terry King
Josephine Herne
Tessa Jocko
Venus Gambill

25 years:

Gary Cole
Wanda Thompson
Nola Benedict
Lori Laffin
Allison Mae Lazore Green
Tina Mitchell
Rosemary Square

30 years:

Rena Smoke
Allyson Lamesse
Deborah Porter

35 years:

Cindy Lazore
Carol Lafrance

30 years con't:

Connie Hall
Robin Lazore
Mark Terrance

The following former employees were honoured for their retirement. (Due to COVID-19, their recognition was delayed until this ceremony.)

Lisa Francis-Benedict
Rosemary Square
Joyce King

Lorna Francis
Sheila Lafrance



NEWS

MCA UPDATE ON NEW YORK STATE LAND CLAIM

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF & COUNCIL COMMUNITY NOTICE

For Immediate Release:
Kentenhko:wa/November 14, 2024

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) scheduled a community meeting on November 23, 2024, to provide an update on the pending proposed Settlement Agreement in the New York State land claim. After many years of negotiations, and the most recent submissions to the Judge/Magistrate, the parties have reported:

- Franklin and St. Lawrence counties are ready to approve the settlement;
- New York State and its agencies are ready to approve the settlement;
- The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (SRMT) is ready to approve the settlement;
- The Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (MNCC) require more time to decide on an approval;

The Settlement agreement includes benefits for all Akwesasronon, regardless of residency, which include:

- Free State University of New York college tuition for all Akwesasronon, who are admitted to SUNY schools, regardless of residency.
- The right to fish and gather on Barnhart, Croil, and Long Sault Islands, and to hunt and trap on these islands with some restrictions.
- 9 megawatts of low-cost power that SRMT and

MCA can purchase from the New York Power Authority.

- The return of land in several areas to Akwesasne Territory, including land in the Hogansburg Triangle
- \$70 Million in payments made over 35 years by NYPA to SRMT, MCA, and MNCC

MCA continues to support the settlement of this 42-year-old claim, originally filed by MCA in 1982, focusing on regaining the islands. The hard work of many community members over the years has resulted in an agreement that ensures continued use of the Islands.

In 1989, the SRMT & MNCC filed their own claim for lands and Islands, which the court combined with MCA's lawsuits into one claim. This is the last New York State land claim, as others were extinguished by the 2005 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the City of Sherrill vs. Oneida Indian Nation which ruled tribes cannot make claims for land taken 200 years ago.

Additional information is available on the SRMT Members Portal. Printed copies of the New York State Land Claim Settlement Agreement are available for pickup at the front desk of the MCA Administrative Building #1 (A-Frame), Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further questions, please contact our Akwesasne Rights & Research Office at arro@akwesasne.ca or 613-575-2250.



NEWS

HONORING VETERANS AT AMERICAN LEGION POST #1479

On November 11th, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne proudly presented a \$35,000 cheque to the American Legion Post #1479. This presentation took place on Veterans Day in the United States, and Remembrance Day in Canada. The donation will support the paving of the American Legion parking lot, ensuring the facility remains accessible and welcoming to the community. On this special day, alongside veterans, their families, and friends, the Legion also hosted a meal for attendees.

Grand Chief Leonard Lazore remarked how on this day it was befitting to present the Legion with the cheque as "the sacrifices of our veterans allow us to stand here together in peace and unity, and for that,

we owe them a profound debt of gratitude."

Run entirely by dedicated volunteers, Post #1479 is more than just a building—it's a gathering space where community events, from baby showers and softball tournaments, to fundraisers and celebrations, bring us together. This donation reflects our commitment to honoring the legacy of our veterans and the role the American Legion Post #1479 plays in our community.

We were proud to be part of the celebration and hope that this donation helps support their efforts in paving the parking lot.



(Pictured left-right): Kana:takon District Chief Fallon David; Commander of Sons of American Legion, Nolan Thompson; Kana:takon District Chief Teresa Oakes; Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah-Lee Diabo; MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore; Chaplain of Sons of American Legion, Brendan White; Chaplain of American Legion, Rodney Herne; Cheryl Jacobs, "Help Pave Our Post" Committee Chair; American Legion President of Auxiliary, Alyson Thompson; Commander of Post 1479, Mike Cook, Kawehno:ke District Chief Lisa Francis-Benedict



COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE



October 28, 2024

- **SRMT Meeting:** Discussion on meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) on Friday. Council noted they would like more information on the NYS Claim. Council noted they would like an update from ARRO regarding the file. M. Herne, ED noted ARRO is available on October 29th or 30th to meet; Council agreed to meet on October 29th

- with ARRO and F. Holloman. It was also suggested for the 2004 results to be shared with Council.
- **Safe Zone Committee:** A community member asked if the Safe Zone Committee is still going to continue with the departure of a staff member. ED noted he will follow up with Department of Health (DOH) Wholistic Health and Wellness Program.
- **Council Communication Protocol:** Question to Council if they reviewed the Protocol from Communications. It was noted if there are questions or concerns to forward it on to the Associate Director of Communications.
- **Donation Request/Corporate Sponsorship:** Brief discussion on the recent donation requests that Council has received (Haude-

- nosaunee Lacrosse, American Legion Post 1479, Akwesasne Freedom School) and corporate sponsorship. Draft Corporate Policy is not yet completed and is with ED office. It was noted the American Legion Post 1479 is looking for a monetary donation to help pave their driveway; it is estimated \$101,980 USD to pave. A motion was made to approve \$35,000 CAD. All of Council was in favor.
- **MCRs:** '24-25 #270 Safeguarding Our Elders -- Elders Abuse Prevention MOU; '24-25 #271 MMIWG; '24-25 #272 Extension of Service Contract -- FFFH Nawash Utilities; '24-25 #273 Council Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2024; '24-25 #274 Council Meeting Minutes dated October 21, 2024.

November 4, 2024

- **Council Meeting:** Scheduled for November 11; moved to November 12 because of the Remembrance Day holiday.
- **General Meeting:** Staying consistent with our policy (held on the last Thursday of every month), which falls onto November 28th.
- **COO/IFN Committees:** Are actively looking for members but need to provide chiefs with briefing notes to make educated decisions.
- **Corda Funding:** The community

- must submit proposals to ensure fairness. ISC provides \$35,000 with a deadline of October 7th, 2024 (which has passed) the next is in 2025. Discussion was held on possible future submissions.
- **NYS Land Claim Mediation Contract Extension:** Council recommends an extension to the contract along with a briefing note to further educate (the importance of this position to the US Land Claim?).
- **NYS Land Claim Communication:**

- Council recommends an increase of communication to the community about the settlement, potentially a member portal or a short-term communication plan.
- **JTBA Update:** Council members are part of established tables in the government of Canada now.
- **JTBA Funding:** Council needs more information to identify where to channel this fund.
- **Holiday Meals:** Council agreed to give out meals in each district of Akwesasne. The council still needs

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to discuss the date change of the December General Meeting.

- **AFS Donation Request:** Council has agreed to donate \$250,000 to the Akwesasne Freedom School.
- **MCRs:** Bus Camera Purchase;

Approval of \$35,000 donation to American Legion Post 1479; HSP Contract Amendment for AMS/Kana:takon A/C Units; '23-24 Approval of the Schedule of Chiefs Salaries, Honoraria and Travel

Expenses; '23-24 approval of the Schedule of Directors Salaries; 2024 Navigation and Communication Appraisal; Council Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2024.

November 12, 2024

- **Public Safety:** General safety will be investigated because of the fireworks problem on Halloween and during the summer months.
- **Council Lobbying Strategy:** Council wants to implement a lobbying strategy class to educate Council members.
- **Peace Tree Mall:** Council wants to put one-way signs at the Peace Tree Mall back road to ensure public safety.
- **Holiday Dinners:** The General Meeting in December will be cancelled so that Council can host community holiday dinners.
- **COO:** Council members will be attending the Chiefs of Ontario Conference over Zoom, while the Grand Chief will be attending in person. Chief Scott Peters will be Chair of the Council meeting on

November 18th.

- **COO Women's Committee:** The Chiefs' attendance will be updated.
- **District Meeting Procedure:** When a death occurs near the scheduled district meeting, it will be up to the district chiefs to decide to if the meeting will be held.
- **Staff reaching out to Council:** Council members have a difference in opinion as it relates to staff reaching out to Council members for assistance when submitting work-related complaints. The Grand Chief informed the Council that all communications received by Grand Chief shall be forwarded to the Council and the Executive Director and it will be their responsibility to determine how they will proceed.

- Grand Chief shall continue to advise everyone to follow established procedures, document all steps and will refer all issues to the Executive Director.
- **General Meeting Rules of Order:** The MCR for General Meeting date scheduling needs to be amended and brought up at the next Council meeting.
- **MCR's:** AFS – Additional Allocation, Amendments to MCR #2021-2022 #169, Contract Renewal 2024-2025, Nursing Compensation Policy – Updated 2024, IIF IV O/A Steve Tree Service,

Presentations:

- Structural Readiness Presentation - AMBE
- Council Communication Protocol - Communications

Contact Us!



MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

To reach a member of Council, call the Mohawk Government Office:
613-575-2250

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

akwesasne.ca/meet-the-chiefs

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GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE UPDATES



OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF

Kentenhkó:wa/November 28, 2024

Shé:kon sewakwekon,

I hope this message finds all of you in good health and spirits! This was a very active month for all of Council as we have been traveling to various assemblies and regional meetings, Notably, Independent First Nations Quarterly Meeting in Toronto, the AFNQL Chiefs' Assembly in West Montreal, the Annual Chiefs Assembly in Thunder Bay, and the Iroquois Caucus, which was hosted this week in Tyendinaga.

I had the invitation to meet personally with the Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) Ontario Regional Director General and his associate to discuss matters of economy and community priorities. The good relationship with ISC and CIRNAC (Crown

Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Canada) will be made even stronger with the renewal of the Political Protocol with Canada that we hope to have completed for signature in December 2024. I have met the Quebec Regional Chief who has pledged support and assistance to Akwesasne for our concerns in Quebec. I have had a telephone call with Minister Lafrenière, the Quebec Minister Responsible for Relations with First Nations and Inuit, with the intention of an in-person meeting in the New Year.

We have also spent a lot of time this month getting to know MCA's program and service needs through formal negotiation preparation sessions and Portfolio work and have been continually supporting their good work and goals. The staff are community minded and serve our community well. Their work is very detail oriented and is very appreciated. Council has taken a lot of time in understanding the NYS Land Claim through many sessions with MCA Legal Counsel and our community Leadership counterparts. This culminated to an information meeting held in Kana:takon on November 23rd, and we look forward to providing Members with more information this evening.

Within the last General Meeting, community members had asked about standard questions to be used by the CBSA when crossing into Cornwall. Council has had the opportunity to meet with the CBSA Regional Director General and the Port Director and asked these questions. They noted the CBSA training focuses on cultural respect, Indigenous realities, and ways to improve transportation like medical transports across the border. CBSA is looking to apply the improvements for both the Cornwall and Dundee ports. They are part of a working task group with Akwesasne to improve communication and transit experience at both crossings.

This has been exciting work so far, and I am pleased to be able to represent our community and the initiatives we do.

Sken:nen,

Leonard Lazore, Grand Chief
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne



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GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE UPDATES

Monthly Report:
November 2024

NOVEMBER 1, 2024:

Meeting with CBSA Regional Director General: The MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative was officially launched in January of 2020, as a result of ground-breaking "design-thinking" sessions that were held to identify challenges and opportunities for collaboration between Akwesasne & CBSA. Design Thinking is a strategic method of designing or improving a service or product with the user in mind. It encourages an organization, for example, to consider who they are creating services for, which then naturally improves the user experience. After making introductions of new MCA Council Members, the group discussed ways to address challenges for medical transports, the remission order, posting wait times on CBSA website that includes the Dundee port of entry, and development of various training initiatives for CBSA officers and frequent travellers of the ports.

Telephone call with AFNQL Regional Chief (prior to AFNQL Assembly November 4 to 6) for Grand Chief to let Regional Chief Picard know that his meeting schedule prevented him from attending the AFNQL Assembly in person, and that MCA was sending a Proxy. They also confirmed to have an in-person informal meeting prior to the AFN Assembly.

Internal Meeting with Director of Justice re: Referendum Protocol.

A subsequent briefing note was provided that provided guidelines and procedures for referenda as outlined in the General Referendum Regulation approved by MCR 2015/2016#263.

NOVEMBER 5, 2024:

Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust – Trustees, Deloitte, Financial Advisors met with Grand Chief, Council members, and Executive to discuss the business of the Trust.

Administrative Trustees Interviews for Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust.

NOVEMBER 6, 2024:

Entewatatha:wi Portfolio Meeting reviewed the Nation Building Mission, Vision, and background of the negotiations between MCA and the Government of Canada for the Entewatatha:wi Self Government Agreement (ESGA). MCA is in the latter stages of negotiations to exercise governance and jurisdiction. The ESGA is a government-to-government relationship between Akwesasne and Canada. Two legal instruments that are to be finalized along with ESGA are the Akwesasne Land Law and the Fiscal Relationship Agreement. These two companion pieces will ensure continuity of critical government functions. The negotiations are ongoing. The Entewatathawi team are thoughtful and methodical as they astutely carry forward this file through each year and term of Council. Their dedication to this community work is appreciated.

NOVEMBER 7, 2024:

The Iroquois Caucus was formed in 2005 to provide opportunity for the Haudenosaunee communities of Kahnawa:ke, Kanehsata:ke, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Wahta, Six Nations and Oneida of the Thames to assemble and discuss shared issues and concerns. They meet to discuss challenges such as Border Crossing, Hunting Rights, Economic Development and Trade. They have a combined membership of almost 75,000 people.

Iroquois Caucus (IC) Orientation was presented by IC Coordinator Amy Lickers, who provided an Advocacy Overview to all Council. She covered governance, political advocacy of Indigenous Relations and External Relations. Political advocacy are actions that represent, promote, or defend interests (or rights), influence public policy and legislation, and the process of influencing networks, opinion leaders and decision makers.

The IC is funded through an agreed contribution by each community. This has allowed the IC to maintain its autonomy.



To view the full report, please scan the QR code or visit: www.akwesasne.ca/council-chiefs-reports

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in October

1. Festive Fall Photoshoot at Tsiionkwanonhso:te
2. Harvesting Happiness: Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Enjoy Adventure at Pumpkin Inferno
3. MCA Employees Recognized for Years of Service & Retirement
4. Sweetening up the Week: New Ice Cream Cart at Tsiionkwanonhso:te
5. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Tap Their Toes to Tunes by Johnny M.

Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in October

1. Festive Fall Photoshoot at Tsiionkwanonhso:te — 16,061 Reached
2. Harvesting Happiness: Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Enjoy Adventure at Pumpkin Inferno — 14,848 Reached
3. Tsiionkwanonhso:te Residents Tap Their Toes to Tunes by Johnny M. — 12,293 Reached
4. Possible Wildcat Sighting on Kawehno:ke — 10,346 Reached
5. Now Hiring: Nurse Practitioners (Graphic) — 7,141 Reached



X STATS

Top Post in October



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for October

MCA General Meeting — October 24, 2024



Scan QR Code to view video!

To view more videos, please visit:
www.youtube.com/MohawkCouncilofAkwasasne

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Tic Tac Toe

WORD SCRAMBLE

LOATFOBL _____

VATSHER _____

LICLYH _____

RSATEWE _____

UTMANU _____

NCARO _____

AUTUMN HARVEST
SWEATER ACORN
FOOTBALL CHILLY

Create a Fall Masterpiece

Draw your favorite fall adventure or activity!

DESIGN YOUR FALL SWEATER!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

- Why did the turkey join a band?
Because it had drumsticks!
- Why did the apple stop in the middle of the road?
It ran out of juice.
- Why do trees hate tests?
Because they always get stumped.

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

EMILY KING, RESEARCH ANALYST



Since joining the Akwesasne Justice Department in June 2023, Emily has quickly become our go-to expert for general knowledge and historical inquiries. Her dedication and expertise have made her an invaluable asset to our team. Emily graduated from the University of Ottawa in 2020 with a

bachelor's degree in criminology and a minor in psychology. This strong academic foundation guided her towards a career in justice, where she continues to thrive.

Every day, Emily embraces the opportunity to learn something new. She plays a crucial role in providing development support and offering advice on emerging legislation, charters, regulations, and procedures. Her work ensures that the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne remains informed and prepared for any changes that may impact our jurisdiction and inherent rights.

Currently assisting with legislative development, Emily continues to provide much-needed guidance on our draft child rights law, now called Enienthswanon:na (We will protect, surround them). She oversees the law's working task group, which is comprised of com-

munity volunteers, staff, and cultural advisors. This group is actively conducting community outreach to gather invaluable input while working towards a finalized draft.

Emily has also played a crucial role in restructuring past initiatives, such as reconvening the Oversight Committee on Legislative Development. This committee, formed by representatives from each district, works together to establish law priorities for the year through community engagement. After considering community feedback, the committee assembles working task groups to assist with the development of laws deemed a priority for Akwesasne. With the addition of three new committee members, Emily and the Legislative Manager are optimistic about gaining valuable insights to enhance this year's law development strategies.

Other than finding happiness in creating beautifully made baskets and spending time with family and dog Banjo, Emily shares, "What I enjoy most about my position is the opportunity to connect with the community and expand my knowledge of inherent jurisdiction through research and collaboration with an amazing team at the Justice Department."

Niawenhkó:wa, Emily. We are proud to have you on our team too and look forward to your continued awesome contributions to our department!

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

BONNIE COLE, LEGAL COUNSEL



Meet Bonnie! She is contracted by the MCA to offer limited legal services to community members and has worked with the Akwesasne Justice Department (ADJ) in different capacities since 2011. She moved on from her long career as an MCA program manager in long-term care from 1987

to 2007 to study law. Bonnie was called to the Ontario Bar in 2012. Bonnie's impressive educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts as a Psychology Major from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Ottawa.

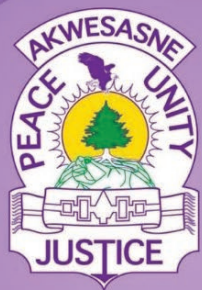
For legal services, Bonnie offers summary legal advice to community members on civil matters, including the drafts and executes of wills, powers of attorney, and guardianship advice. She also contributes to

assigned AJD projects, which include the legal review of Akwesasne draft laws and providing legal advice and assistance to AJD staff and programs. While she is a highly skilled lawyer, please note that her scope of services does not cover criminal law matters.

When asked what she enjoys most about her work, Bonnie declared, "Contributing to the growth and development of Akwesasne's justice system and services. I enjoy working with and for community members, helping to resolve individual legal issues. Additionally, I take pride in reviewing draft community laws through a lens that reflects Akwesasne values, norms, traditions, and community aspirations. I've always been grateful to live and work in such a great community." Niawenhkó:wa Bonnie.

Bonnie's Legal services are available by appointment only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Akwesasne Justice Department located at 45 Johnson Rd., Kana:takon. Please call 613-575-5000 if you would like to set up an appointment.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

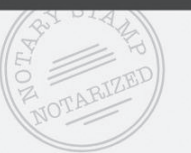


Contact Us!

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Phone: 613-575-5000 Fax: 613-575-1726

AKWESASNE COURT
CIA #3, 101 Tewesateni Rd., Akwesasne, ON K6H 0G5
Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1026

NOTARY/COMMISSIONER OF OATHS



CIA #3 Building

101 Tewesateni Road, Kawehno:ke
Tina Mitchell, *Commissioner*
Carol Lafrance, *Commissioner*
Kim Loran, *Commissioner*
Karakwenta Lazore, *Commissioner*
Rosebud Cook, *NYS Notary*

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service

73 Sweetgrass Lane, Kana:takon
Kuy Chaussi, *Commissioner*

Akwesasne Justice Department

45 Johnson Road, Kana:takon
Cactus Cook Sunday, *Commissioner*
Bonnie Cole, *Ontario Notary*
Alyson Thompson, *NYS Notary*

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

71 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way, Akwesasne, NY
Jennifer Brown, *NYS Notary*
Cecelia Mitchell, *NYS Notary*
Kayla Garrow, *NYS Notary*
Lillian Barton, *NYS Notary*

A notary public in Ontario holds the same powers as a commissioner for taking affidavits except they can also certify and attest to the execution of a document and to true copies of an original document. They can also verify that signatures and marks of a document are genuine. Ontario notary's are usually lawyers.

New York notaries are empowered to administer oaths and affirmations (including oaths of office), to take affidavits and depositions, to receive and certify acknowledgments or proofs (of execution) of deeds, mortgages and powers of attorney and other instruments in writing.

AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

SPECIFIC CLAIMS UPDATE: NUTFIELD TRACT

This article is to inform the community about the history of the Nutfield Tract and its status as a Specific Claim.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY PRE-1784:

Multiple groups settled the territory of Akwesasne. One group of Mohawks and a Jesuit priest from Kahnawake established the St. Regis Parish in 1754. Father Antoine Gordon is said to have appealed to the French Crown for a deed to the Northern Shore of the St. Lawrence River for the Mohawks use.

In 1763 The British Crown issued The Royal Proclamation of 1763 to protect the territories of Britain's Indian allies and neutral nations by prohibiting private purchases of lands. The Chiefs of St. Regis would leverage "promises" from the French and British Crowns to assert their land rights against encroaching settlers.

Following the American Revolution in 1783, Crown Officials in Canada sought land to accommodate Loyalist Refugees and de-commissioned regiments. Surveyors began plotting townships on the Northern Shore of the St. Lawrence but were stopped by the Chiefs of St. Regis, who claimed the land as their territory and requested council to resolve the dispute.

In 1784 Colonel Campbell was sent by John Johnson to Coteau-du-Lac to negotiate with the Chiefs. Cambell insisted there was no French deed for the lands and accused the Mohawks of making unreasonable demands. Eventually, the Chiefs agreed to retain a reserve nine miles wide, while the remaining lands were surveyed and became Loyalist townships, with Johnstown (Cornwall) as the first incorporated settlement.

THE NUTFIELD TRACT SURVEYS

McNiff's Survey of 1786

Patrick McNiff, an Irish surveyor who had previously worked in the American colonies, was hired by Sir John Johnson to survey the boundaries of the new townships. McNiff began his work from the east, moving westward. When he encountered the Raisin River and its swampy terrain, he bypassed the area and marked what he believed to be the western boundary line. This error would remain un-addressed by the Indian Affairs Department for several decades.

McCarthy's Survey of 1809

By 1809, the Chiefs of St. Regis had held the Nutfield Tract for 25 years. That year, Jeremiah McCarthy was commissioned, using council funds, to survey the boundaries of the Nutfield Tract. McCarthy completed the survey and identified discrepancies in McNiff's original work: McNiff had avoided the swampy terrain and extended the boundary five lots eastward of the correct location.

In a complaint to the Governor General, the Chiefs noted that the

Nutfield Tract was smaller than originally promised and unsuitable for hunting. This forced them to lease the land to white settlers as a means of livelihood. However, the Chiefs' complaint also noted that many settlers were not paying their dues, particularly those occupying land excluded from the reserve by McNiff's survey.

SURRENDER OF NUTFIELD TRACT, 1847

The issues with the erroneous survey and unpaid rents remained unresolved for years. Despite correspondence and petitions to the Indian Department, no substantial action was taken. Ultimately, the Nutfield Tract was "surrendered" on June 1, 1847, with 27 Chiefs of St. Regis signing the surrender agreement.

CURRENT UPDATE, 2024

The Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO), in collaboration with their legal counsel, Gowling WLG, submitted a Specific Claim for the Nutfield Tract Survey to the Specific Claims Branch of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) on September 2, 2022. The claim seeks equitable compensation for the cost of commissioning the survey that identified the errors and for lost revenue from the excluded lands.

Once a claim is submitted, CIRNAC has six months to review whether it meets the Minimum Standard for a Specific Claim. On January 18, 2023, the Grand Chief was notified that the claim had met the Minimum Standard and would proceed to a three-year review process.

A decision from the Specific Claims Branch on whether the claim is accepted for negotiations is tentatively expected in 2026.

This information is for the sole purpose of educating the Mohawks of Akwesasne on the History and Status of the Nutfield Tract Survey Claim. The information herein is without prejudice to all past, current, and future claims of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.



ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

ENTEWATATHÁ:WI HOSTS ELDER EDUCATION SESSIONS

Community education is a key component of the Entewatathá:wi project aimed at keeping the members of the Mohawks of Akwesasne informed and engaged on the self-government process. These sessions provide opportunities for community members to learn about important aspects of the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement (ESGA), ask questions, and share their insights.

At the suggestion of our Community Advisors, the Entewatathá:wi team resumed its community education sessions, placing special emphasis on engaging our elders. This initiative reflects the importance of involving our elders as we move forward with the ESGA.

Throughout the summer, Entewatathá:wi hosted a series of elder education sessions in each of the three districts of Akwesasne. The Entewatathá:wi team visited the Tri-District Elders Lodge, Akwesasne Homemakers, and Sweetgrass Manor.

Each education session featured a presentation that provided an overview of the Entewatathá:wi project, highlighted key milestones, and explained the chapters of the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement. Elders were encouraged to participate in a question-and-answer forum to better their understanding of the ESGA. Following the presentations, a catered luncheon was served, allowing for informal conversation between Entewatathá:wi staff and participants. Participants asked insightful questions, and overall feedback was very positive.

The goal of community engagement is to raise awareness and understanding of the Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement.

Community contribution is an invaluable part of the Entewatathá:wi process. Community education and engagement will empower members to have a say over decisions that may affect their lives. The ESGA will have a positive impact on the delivery of MCA programs and services.

The Entewatathá:wi project values open, candid conversation with our elders. Their insights and experiences contribute to enriching the lives of all community members.

Community education and engagement are key components of the Entewatathá:wi project. In addition to education sessions, information is available on the Entewatathá:wi website and Facebook page, and a newsletter is also mailed to all community households twice a year. If you have any questions, please contact our team at 613-575-2250 or entewatathawi@akwesasne.ca.



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

AMS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS SHOW SKILL AND SPIRIT ON THE COURT

On November 20th, AMS Grade 7-8 students showcased their skills and sportsmanship at the SD&G Volleyball Tournament.

Both teams displayed remarkable teamwork and determination throughout the competition. The girls' team celebrated a fantastic run, securing victories in two out of three games, just narrowly missing a spot in the finals. Meanwhile, the boys' team advanced all the way to the finals, demonstrating grit and tenacity before finishing as proud runners-up.

AMS is incredibly proud of all our student-athletes for their outstanding effort and spirit on the court!

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club staff, whose enthusiastic support meant so much to our players. Nia:wen for cheering them on and being part of this memorable event!



Akwesasne Boys & Girls Club staff attended the tournament to support the AMS students.



AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Akwesasne Mohawk School
613-932-3366

Tsi Snaihne School
613-575-2291

Kana:takon School
613-575-2323

Iohahi:io Akwesasne Education & Training Institute 613-575-2754 or 613-575-2250 ext. 4100



Contact Us!

AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

SONG, LAUGHTER, AND PIZZA: AMS HOSTS A MEMORABLE NATIONAL CHILD DAY

The Ahkwesasne Mohawk School was alive with energy and joy during its National Child Day social on November 20th. The gym was filled with the sounds of song, laughter, and community spirit as students joined together to celebrate this special day. Dressed in their vibrant ribbon shirts and skirts, the students radiated pride and happiness while participating in the social, creating lasting memories with their classmates and teachers.

pizza party, as students enjoyed delicious slices and shared stories from the day.

A huge niawenhkó:wa goes out to the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center for generously donating the pizzas. Your kindness added a wonderful touch to an already amazing day, and the students couldn't have been more thrilled.

National Child Day at AMS was a true celebration of togetherness, culture, and fun, leaving everyone eagerly looking forward to the next big event!

The excitement didn't stop there! After the social, the entire school came together for a much-anticipated



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SECTOR WELCOMES NEW MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST, MEAGHAN MCDUGALD



The MCA Department of Health's Mental Health & Wellness Sector would like to extend a warm welcome to its new Mental Health Therapist, Meaghan McDougald, M. Ed., RP (Qualifying). Meaghan joins the Mental Health & Wellness team

with an extensive and comprehensive background in mental health.

Meaghan is a qualifying psychotherapist with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario. She has roots in the surrounding areas of the Cornwall community, having attended Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School before pursuing her post-secondary education.

Meaghan has attained a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University, and a Master of Education with a concentration in Counselling Psychology from the University of Ottawa. Meaghan joins the Mental Health & Wellness

sector with training in Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) and RO DBT. These therapeutic approaches are designed to help individuals navigate complex emotional and psychological experiences impacting daily functioning and well-being.

With her background in teaching primary and special education, and practicing psychotherapy with the developmental services population of the Cornwall and SD&G areas, Meaghan is committed to empowering individuals and families to build emotional and psychological resilience through adversity, cultivate mindfulness, and enhance their overall well-being.

Meaghan is excited to engage in continuous education and development while helping contribute to the growth and success of the Mental Health and Wellness sector, as well as the broader community of Akwesasne.

Please join us in welcoming Meaghan McDougald to the Mental Health & Wellness sector!

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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613-575-2341 ext. 3340

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

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

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

Land-Based Healing:
613-575-2341

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

Traditional Medicine:
613-575-2341 ext. 3100

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

Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic:
613-932-5808

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

Elder Services:
613-575-2341 ext. 1661

Iakhihsohtha Lodge:
613-575-2507

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



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS PROVIDES UPDATE TO COMMUNITY ON BENEFITS COVERAGE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) is providing an update to the community on what the program is able to provide coverage for, and what they are unable to provide. The NIHB reminds the community that the program is not a substitute for provincial health plan coverage. A valid health card and status card number are required for all services available.

To be eligible for coverage, you must have the following (no exceptions):

- Are registered with the Mohawks of Akwesasne
- Be a resident of Canada
- Possess a valid provincial health card (OHIP, RAMQ/QHIP, etc.)

NIHB can provide coverage for the following:

Vision Care

- Eyeglasses that are prescribed by a vision care professional
- Eye Examinations

Frequency Guideline

- 1-17yrs & 65yrs + will be covered for one (1) frame per year
- 18-64 years old will be covered for one (1) frame every two years (2)

Dental Care

- Preventative services: polishing, scaling, exams, radiographs (x-rays)
- Restorative services: fillings, crowns
- Orthodontic services: braces (0-17 year olds)
- Dentures, extractions, root canal treatments

Pharmacy Benefits

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications (to view the full Drug Benefit List, please visit www.sac-isc.gc.ca)

- Exception drugs

Steps for Exception Drugs

1. Obtain prescription from healthcare provider
2. Go the pharmacist to get your prescription filled. The pharmacist will contact NIHB directly to obtain approval.
3. NIHB will process approval and your pharmacist will contact you when the decision is made

Medical Supplies and Equipment

- Pressure garments and compression stockings
- Medical supplies (dressings, bandages, etc.)
- Medical equipment (walkers, crutches, etc.)
- Orthotics and custom footwear
- Oxygen supplies and equipment
- Hearing aids

Services that are NOT Covered:

- US/American medical bills
- Dental implants
- Medical marijuana
- Fertility medications
- Weight loss medications
- Benefits that are covered under federal or provincial health cards
- Cosmetic procedures
- Transportation for personal errands
- Vehicle repairs/home renovations
- Claims submitted to NIHB after one year from the date of service or purchase

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Non-Insured Health Benefits, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3340.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HEAL LODGE, MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE, SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE, AND MOHAWK NATION COUNCIL OF CHIEFS UNITE TO HONOUR PAST AND PRESENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

On Monday, October 28, 2024, the Haudenosaunee Everlasting Academy of Learning (HEAL) Lodge, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA), the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT), and the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs (MNCC) united to honour past and present volunteer firefighters. The event was hosted at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center, with a prepared meal courtesy of Mary Terrance, Arvella Thomas, and Lynne Thompson. The evening's festivities were emceed by Aronia Collective founder, and PhD candidate, Abraham Francis.

SRMT's Tribal Council and MCA's Council of Chiefs were in attendance and volunteered to serve meals to the honourees and their families and guests.

In a jam packed room, Della Adams of the HEAL Lodge, welcomed all the guests to an evening of relaxation and entertainment. She expressed to the audience the goal of the evening was to honour our firefighters for all their tireless years of dedication to the community of Akwesasne.

"You are the group that is running into the building when everyone else is running out," said Adams. "You risk your lives during every emergency, every fire, every possible worst case scenario. There are no words to express our sincere gratitude for your sacrifices. We would like to have one eve-

ning where we celebrate you all for your tireless and unwavering dedication to our community."

The event featured many guest speakers who came to give words of appreciation and encouragement to the volunteer firefighters who were in attendance, including revered elder and speaker, Tom Porter; SRMT's Director of Health, Mike Cook; and MCA's Mental Health & Wellness Sector Acting Associate Director, Wennietanoron Oakes. Celebrated Indigenous comedian, Don Burnstick, was also in attendance, providing a hilarious comedy set for the evening's entertainment.

Firefighters, both past and present, were gifted an eagle feather wrapped in a hand-sewn protective case for them to take home. The HEAL team and family members spent many hours handcrafting the feather holders.

Local beader, Stacey Rourke, created a mind-blowing, hand-beaded replica of the HAVFD logo, which will go on display at one of the three firefighter stations in Akwesasne.

On behalf of the HEAL Lodge, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, and the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs, we extend our sincerest gratitude to our volunteer firefighters.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DR. SAYLOR TO CONCLUDE SERVICES AT THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health announced that Dr. Saylor, our esteemed paediatrician in the Clinical Care Sector, will be concluding his service at all clinical after more than a decade of dedicated work in our community.

Care Team since January 2012, providing outstanding paediatric care to the Akwesasne community. His compassionate approach and unwavering commitment have significantly impacted the health and well-being of our children and youth.

The Department of Health extends a heartfelt nia:wen (thank you) to Dr. Saylor for his years of dedicated service. His presence, kind demeanor, and caring heart will be truly missed.

As we prepare for this transition, we assure the community of our commitment to maintaining high-quality paediatric care. The Department of Health is working diligently to ensure continuity of care for all patients.

We wish Dr. Saylor and his family all the best as he focuses on this new chapter in his life.

For any questions or concerns regarding patient care during this transition, please contact the Clinical Care Sector at 613-575-2341 ext. 3247.

Key Information:

Final Day of Service: March 27, 2025

Patient Care: Child and youth patients will transition to other available MCA primary care providers.

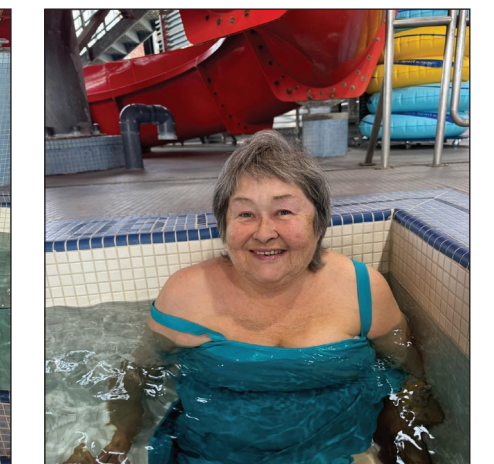
Clinic Schedule: Dr. Saylor will maintain his regular routine/schedule until his departure.

Dr. Saylor has been an integral part of our Primary

TSIIIONKWANONHSO:TE RESIDENTS MAKE A SPLASH AT CORNWALL AQUATIC CENTRE

Residents of the Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care Facility recently enjoyed a refreshing outing to the Cornwall Aquatic Centre. During the senior swim session, the totas had the chance to relax in the pool and unwind in the hot tub.

A heartfelt nia:wen/thank you to the Non-Insured Health Benefits Medical Transportation team for providing the van that made this special trip possible. Your help made this outing a smooth sail!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

GREEN FOOD BAG RECIPE: SAUSAGE BAKE WITH VEGETABLES

Check out the video on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/MohawkCouncilOfAkwasasne) and cook along with MCA's Registered Dietician, Anne-Charlotte George! Discover how to cook an easy and delicious Sausage Bake using fresh, affordable produce from the MCA Green Food Bag!

Join us in this delicious journey and support our community initiative, providing fresh fruits and veggies at a low price each month. The deadline to order your Green Food Bag is December 6, 2024.

The Green Food Bags are \$20 per bag, with a limit of 2 bags per person. Payment is due at the time of order and can be paid via cash or e-transfer. Cash payments can be submitted at the Community Health Services office in Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Healthy Facility. Online payments can be sent to etransfer@akwasasne.ca. Please include "Green Food Bag", the month for which you are ordering, your name, and contact number in the Message section.

If you have any questions, please contact CHS at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.

Don't miss out—subscribe to our YouTube channel for mouthwatering recipes, exciting community events, and updates from our General Meetings! Stay connected and be part of the action!

Sausage Bake with Vegetables

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 1 large red onion, sliced ¼ inch thick
- 3 large carrots, sliced on an angle ½ inch thick
- ½ acorn squash, sliced and gutted and cut into ¾ inch thick slices
- 3 potatoes, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 450g mild Italian sausage (or any other sausage that you like)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F and set an oven rack in the middle position. Line a 13 x 18-inch baking sheet.
2. Directly on the baking sheet, toss the onion, carrots, and acorn squash, green beans, olive oil, salt, pepper, and thyme until the vegetables are evenly coated. Place the sausages on the baking sheet, spacing them evenly around the pan, and arrange the vegetables as best you can in a single layer. Roast for 25-30 minutes, until the sausages are cooked through and the vegetables are caramelized and tender (no need to stir while cooking).

Note:

Feel free to substitute with different vegetables, such as baby potatoes (halved), sweet potatoes (cut into 1-inch chunks), large broccoli or cauliflower florets, or even grapes.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

FAMILY FUN AT THE NATIONAL CHILD DAY CARNIVAL

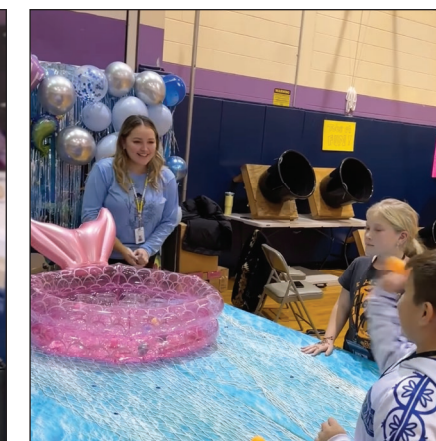
On November 17th, Akwasasne Child & Family Services, in partnership with Akwasasne Family Wellness Program, Akwasasne Health Promotion and Prevention, and Jordan's Principle, hosted the second annual National Child Day Carnival at the St. Regis Mohawk School.

The event was packed with fun for the whole family, including games, entertainment, face painting, a calming room, plenty of delicious food, and opportu-

nities to win amazing prizes.

From exciting performances to interactive activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Food vendors and a photo booth added to the festive atmosphere, ensuring families left with full bellies and great memories.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone who joined in on the fun. We can't wait to see you again next year!



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Akwasasne Family Wellness Program: 613-937-4322

DCSS Administration: 613-575-2341 ext. 3305

Community Support Program: 613-575-2341 ext. 3262

Akwasasne Child and Family Services: 613-575-2341 ext. 3139

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFERING EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2024-2025 APPLICATIONS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Community Support Program (CSP) is pleased to announce extended hours for the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program (AHAP) application process. These extended hours are designed to accommodate community members unable to apply during regular weekday hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the Community Support Program office.

Extended applications will be accepted from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 30 at Snye Homemakers
- Saturday, December 7 at Kawehno:ke Recreation Center

The final deadline for applications is Friday, December 20, 2024, at 4 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after this date as fuel distribution will commence.

The application process is open to Akwesasronon who reside under the jurisdiction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne in any one of the three northern districts, or within

the City of Cornwall boundary, one per household.

All individuals MUST SUBMIT THE MOST RECENT HEATING BILL for the heating source that you would like paid. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS, and the bill must accompany your application. Please ensure the name on your bill matches the name on the application or we are unable to process the heating assistance application.

Individual checks will not be processed once approved, as your name will be provided to your heating source provider and your allotment will be credited to your account. The payments to supplier vendors will not go out until after the closing date of the heating application process (December 20, 2024). Please ensure you keep making payments to your heating vendors before the closing date as there are no advanced payments allowed before the closing date.

If you have any questions, please contact CSP at 613-575-2341 ext. 3262.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FIBER-TO-THE-HOME PROJECT UPDATE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Economic Development is providing an update on the Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) project for residents in Kawehno:ke, Kana:takon, and Tsi Snaihne.

Kawehno:ke Residents:

If you've registered for FTTH service but still need a line installed to your home, please email us at ftth@akwesasne.ca as soon as possible. Connecting every household is our priority, and we want to ensure you're included.

Note: Due to limited staffing, we can only respond to email inquiries at this time.

Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne Residents:

If you're awaiting your final connection through Ontario East (OE) as the Internet Service Provider (ISP), please contact (613) 936-6173 to complete this step.

Nia:wen/Thank you for your cooperation as we work to complete FTTH connections throughout our community!

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING



PICK-UP SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	RECYCLING
WEDNESDAY	MCA FACILITIES
THURSDAY	TSI SNAIHNE
FRIDAY	KAWEHNO:KE
SATURDAY	KANA:TAKON

CONTACT D&R DISPOSAL: 613-932-4588

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEASURES DONATES EQUIPMENT TO HAVFD



EMP recognizes and appreciates the selfless service of HAVFD and all the Akwesasne who contribute to the safety and well-being of our community. Your dedication, bravery, and sacrifices do not go unnoticed, and we are truly thankful for everything you do to keep Akwesasne safe.

As a token of our gratitude, the EMP consulted with the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department to identify some of their essential equipment needs. In response, the Emergency Measures Program has donated \$30,613.00 worth of equipment to HAVFD through the Akwesasne Community Fire-Smart Safety Plan, funded by the Emergency Management Assistance Program (Indigenous Services Canada).

The donation includes:

- 20 pairs of FireCraft FLAME Plus Fire Gloves
- 20 pairs of Fire Eagle Air Leather Fire Boots
- 6 Mustang Classic Flotation Suits
- 2 Mustang Ice Commander Suits
- 8 sets of 3D Mesh Base Layers (pants, shirts, and vests)

Nia:wen to the HAVFD and all who serve for your hard work, bravery, and commitment. Your selfless contributions make Akwesasne a safer place for all.

Pictured (left to right): Tiio Mitchell, HAVFD Fire Chief; Marvin MacDonald, MCA Emergency Measures Officer; Andrew Lazore, HAVFD President

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Emergency Measures Program (EMP) staff is committed to supporting Akwesasne during times of crisis, and they are deeply grateful for their many partners, including the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD), who are always ready to step in when assistance is needed. This dedicated team of volunteers works tirelessly, available 24/7, 365 days a year, responding to emergencies with unwavering commitment.

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE



- Non-Emergency Phone: **613-575-2250**
- Emergency Phone: **613-575-2000**
- Email: info.amps@akwesasne.ca

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CHRISTMAS ENCHANTMENT LUNCHEON BRINGS JOY TO TOTAS

On Thursday, November 7, 2024, the Snye Recreation was filled with holiday cheer as the Christmas Enchantment Luncheon warmed the hearts (and bellies!) of our beloved totas. This cherished event brought together approximately 300 elders and seniors who were treated to a delicious meal served by our local first responders and community programs.

A special niawenhkó:wa goes out to the incredible teams who helped make this luncheon so special: Akwesasne Child and Family Services (ACFS), St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police (SRMTPD) Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) MCA Emergency Measures Program (EMP) and everyone at the Snye Recreation.

And, of course, the Snye Recreation crew who hosted this magical day. Your efforts brought holiday joy to the hearts of our totas and showed the true meaning of community spirit!



OCTOBER STATISTICS

330 October	3 1012 Civil Disputes	3 205 Assault - Level 1
2 024 Break & Enter - Residence	55 1013 Community Services	1 207 Aggravated Assault - Level 3
1 035 Theft Over \$5000 - Other	3 1014 Crime Prevention	2 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
1 039 Theft Under \$5000 - Shoplifting	1 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent)	2 705 Dangerous Operation MV
1 041 Possession Stolen Property	2 1018 Escorts - Prisoner	9 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
1 045 Frauds - Other	1 102 Other Federal Statute Offences	2 716 Drive MV Prohibited (CCC)
5 061 Bail Violations	1 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	1 717 Fail to Stop / Remain (HTA)
1 070 Trespass at Night	2 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	1 720 Traffic - Federal Statutes
5 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	1 1027 Property - Found	44 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
1 073 Criminal Code - Other	8 1029 Suspicious Persons	1 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
5 100 Immigration Act	6 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	3 Incident Type Not Listed
2 1000 Abandoned Vehicles	13 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	
18 1001 Alarms	1 1035 Warrant - Committal	
2 1002 Alerts	8 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	
5 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	1 1038 Missing Persons	
3 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	4 1041 Mental Health Act	
3 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	4 1049 Medical Aid	
8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	2 1050 Youth Complaint	
46 1004 Assist Public	3 1056 Hazardous Conditions	
3 1008 By-Law - Dogs	10 106 Provincial Statutes - Other	
1 101 Firearms Act	16 1063 Marine Patrol	
1 1011 By-Law - Other	1 107 Municipal By-Laws	





MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne welcomes community members to attend the annual Community Holiday Dinners!

Dinners held from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. each evening.

COMMUNITY Holiday DINNERS

— 2024 —

MONDAY, DEC. 9
Kana:takon Recreation Center

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11
Kawehno:ke Recreation Center

THURSDAY, DEC. 12
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center



2024-2025

AKWESASNE HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The MCA Community Support Program (CSP) will be conducting 2023-2024 AHAP applications on the following dates from:

Monday – Friday:

Community Support Program Office at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Mondays & Tuesdays:

Snye Homemakers (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

NOTE: For the Snye Homemaker's facility, in the event of unforeseen circumstances on a certain day, MCA will move that date to the Snye Recreation Center.

Wednesdays:

Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility Atrium (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Thursdays & Fridays:

A'nowara'ko:wa Arena (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Extended applications will be accepted on the following dates:

Saturday, November 30:

Snye Homemakers (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Saturday, December 7:

Kawehno:ke Recreation Center (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Questions? Contact the MCA Community Support Program:

613-575-2341 ext. 3262

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