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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOSTS INFORMATIVE HEALTH FAIR



On May 9, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health, in partnership with Cornwall Community Hospital and Arrowhead Pharmacy, hosted a Health Fair at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center. The event provided community members with vital health information, screenings, discussions, and a chance to meet staff. Read more on page 20.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The MCA General Election will be held on June 29, 2024.

Advance polls will be held by appointment only on June 12 and June 19th.

Please contact the CEO Theresa Thompson at 613-551-1622 or by email at chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2021-2024

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

WAT'KWANONHWERA:TON/GREETINGS

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

Contact: If you have any questions about MCA departments and services, please email info@akwesasne.ca 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 MCA General Election will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024. Advance Polls will be held on June 12, 2024, and on June 19, 2024, by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson at 613-551-1622. Full list of candidates is available on page 5.
- 2 MCA's Community Health Services: Health Promotion and Prevention Program is pleased to announce the return of the Green Food Bags! Deadline to place order is June 7 at 4 p.m. and each bag is \$20. More information is available on page 19.
- 3 Join us for a day of fun at the 2024 Akwesasne Roadside Cleanup! Taking place on June 9, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the St. Regis Recreation Center. For questions or more information, contact Jayden Smoke at 613-575-2250 ext. 1048.
- 4 The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is conducting a call out for three (3) Community Trustees for a four-year term as a part of the Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust. Deadline to apply is June 17, 2024 at 12 p.m. For any questions, please contact Fallan Jacobs at 613-575-2250 ext. 2164.
- 5 The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is conducting a survey to identify community priorities and shape the future health programs and initiatives. To participate, scan the QR code on page 19.

NEWS

MCA ANNOUNCES HIRING OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is proud to announce the appointment of Mose A. Herne, Akwesasronon, as the new Executive Director, effective May 6, 2024. Mose's community roots and leadership background

made him the ideal choice after a rigorous selection process that began in November 2023.

The Executive Director oversees the daily operations of the organization, offering strategic guidance to staff, enhancing community and external relationships, aiding in governance implementation, managing risk, and fostering employee satisfaction. Additionally, the Executive Director is tasked with ensuring the achievement of both short and long-term goals for the organization and the community.

Mose A. Herne's educational journey includes earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Clarkson University, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Biology, graduating with honors. He then pursued further studies, earning a Master of Science degree in Neuroscience from Brandeis University and a Master of Public Health degree in environmental health sciences from the Boston University School of Public Health.

With a distinguished educational background and career, Mose will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the position and the organization. He has served in various capacities, including most recently as the Director of the Division of Planning,

Evaluation, and Research at the Indian Health Service Headquarters in Rockville, MD. He also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Hopi Health Care Center in Polacca, AZ, deputy director of the Division of Behavioral Health, and senior advisor to the Tribal Health Research Office at the National Institutes of Health. Mose has been instrumental in leading public health emergency responses and played key roles in achieving certifications and accreditations from reputable health organizations, demonstrating his commitment to excellence in healthcare delivery.

Mose's dedication to service extends beyond his professional roles; he has been actively involved in a wide range of national initiatives, including co-chair of the White House National Science and Technology Council, Subcommittee on Indigenous Knowledge; member of the Government Relations Committee of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society; and numerous national initiatives on behavioral health. Mose served on the faculty of Boston University and Fitchburg State College and has published several peer-reviewed papers on intentional injuries, traditional ecological knowledge, and infectious disease epidemiology.

Grand Chief Abram Benedict noted, "We eagerly welcome Mose Herne to the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. As an Akwesasronon, Mose brings an understanding and commitment to our unique community. With his extensive experience and dedication, we are confident in his ability to lead us forward."

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Mose A. Herne as he begins the role of Executive Director at the MCA!

NEWS

MCA HOSTS ELECTORAL OFFICERS TRAINING & SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Recently, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne held an Electoral Officers Training for the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Deputy Electoral/Referendum Officers (DEO/DRO), and Uniformed Security Personnel (USP).

Congratulations to our newest Chief Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral/Referendum Officers that will be serving their terms for the next three years:

- Theresa Thompson, CEO
- Dakota Caldwell, DEO/DRO
- Arlene David, DEO/DRO
- Maryann Jacobs, DEO/DRO
- Margaret Thomas-Jock, DEO/DRO
- Ashley Thompson, DEO/DRO

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is still in search of interested eligible voters to serve as Deputy Referendum/Electoral Officers. Akwesasronon are invited to submit a letter of interest for the position,

which is open until filled. For information on the compensation, summary of responsibilities, and more, please visit www.akwesasne.ca/call-out-for-deo-dro-2024.



Pictured Top Row L-R: Taylor Mitchell, Arlene David, Margaret Thomas-Jock, Dakota Caldwell. Bottom Row L-R: Theresa Thompson, Ashley Thompson, and Maryann Jacobs.

PARKS CANADA — THOUSAND ISLAND NATIONAL PARK PASSES AVAILABLE FOR AKWESASRONON

Parks Canada has developed passes for community members to use at the Thousand Islands National Park, offering a range of complimentary amenities, such as free parking, free boat launch facilities, and free camping opportunities on select islands, operating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community members may pickup passes at the MCA Environment Program office at the CIA #3 Building in Kawehno:ke. For any questions or further information, please contact Melanie Alguire at 613-575-2250 ext. 1043 or melanie.alguire@akwesasne.ca.



NEWS

MINISTERS GAIN BORDER INSIGHTS TOURING CBSA AND AKWESASNE

On Thursday, May 2, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne hosted Minister of Public Safety Dominic LeBlanc and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Marc Miller. Grand Chief Abram Benedict joined the Ministers for a tour of the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) Cornwall Port of Entry (POE).

This was an opportunity for the Ministers to meet the front-line staff and learn more about the unique situation of the Cornwall POE. Following the CBSA tour, the Ministers were given a tour of Akwesasne, which gave them a glimpse of the challenges created by the International border and its impact

on Akwesasne. The day was finished out with a sit-down conversation over lunch with members of Council. Both Ministers have committed to working with Akwesasne and the Jay Treaty Border Alliance to implement solutions.



OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR MCA GENERAL ELECTION

The Chief Electoral Officer Theresa Thompson has released the following Official List of Candidates for the upcoming Mohawk Council of Akwesasne General Election. Nominations were held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. The list has now been verified and nominees have formally accepted their nomination.

The MCA General Election will be held on June 29, 2024. Advanced polls will be held by appointment only on June 12 and June 19. For those who require assistance/in-home voting or advanced polling, please contact the CEO Theresa Thompson at 613-551-1622 or by email at chief.electoral.officer@akwesasne.ca.

| Official Grand Chief Candidates | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jacobs, Ryan "Duck" | Adams Phillips, April |
| Lazore, Connie | Roundpoint, Edward |
| Lazore, Leonard | Sunday, Ronald |

| Official Kana:takon District Candidates | |
|---|------------------------|
| David, Fallon | Jacobs, Theresa |
| Francis-Mitchell, Cindy | Oakes, Teresa |
| Jacobs, Cheryl A. | Phillips-Jacobs, Julie |

| Official Kawehno:ke District Candidates | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Adams, Vanessa L. | Oakes, Melissa Iakowi:he'ne' |
| Benedict Jr, Lloyd William | Thompson, Vince (Vincent) |
| Benedict, Jackie | |
| Francis, Carolyn J. | White, DJ |
| Francis-Benedict, Lisa | |

| Official Tsi Snaihne District Candidates | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Adams, Sheila Marie | Sunday, Toby |
| Johnson, Marlon | Sunday-Diabo, Sarah Lee |
| King, Hilda | Swamp, JoAnn |
| Peters, Scott | Terrance, George |
| Rourke, Tesha | |

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY GRAND CHIEF ABRAM BENEDICT



April 8, 2024

- Grand Chief provided background information on the challenges currently being faced by Indian Time (IT) newspaper. Administration will follow up on the status of the MCA and IT contract. Grand Chief will follow up on this topic with both Indian Time and the SRMT, regarding any potential assistance that may be available.
- A briefing was provided on a recent letter received by the Akwesasne Review Commission (ARC) regarding the appointment of another Justice to the Akwesasne Court. A response letter will be

drafted and circulated to Council for feedback.

- Council discussed a request from the HAVFD to recognize their long term service members. Additional information will be sought.
- An overview was provided on social media posts regarding the Sunshine List. MCA administration will follow up on the timeline for the publication of MCA's Sunshine List and will obtain a breakdown of the publication information.
- Council agreed the next General Meeting will take place on May 2, 2024 and the agenda will be set next week.
- Two proposals received from a community language organization were discussed and will be referred to the upcoming callout to support language and culture.
- Council received a briefing from the Grand Chief on the Ethical Conduct charges against him and informed Council that the charges have been withdrawn as a result of

information provided in the Grand Chief's statement of defense.

- A briefing was provided on a tentative meeting and community tour with the Minister of Public Safety.
- Council received a briefing on the recent court hearing in the Akwesasne Court regarding a request for an emergency injunction against the MCA.
- **MCRs passed:** Acceptance of the referendum results for the Akwesasne Election Law; Approval of review of mortgage with Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation; Approval of upgrade loan to community member; Approval of legal services agreement; Approval of funding proposal for multi-service cultural facility; Approval of funding agreement with Ontario for lohahi:io; Approval of 6 month funding agreement with ABGC; Approval of updated DIHE organizational chart; Approval of (5) service contracts for our health professionals.

April 15, 2024

- Council set the agenda for the upcoming General Meeting for May 2, 2024, taking place in Tsi Snaihne.
- A discussion was held on a recent social media post that disclosed information not yet shared with the public.
- Council discussed a proposed MCR for the acceptance of the 2024 Hamilton Island Leases appraisal and agreed to put it on hold until the OVS committee has received a presentation from the appraiser.

- **MCR's passed:** Approval of 2024 Mohawks of Akwesasne Community Settlement Trust distribution agreement; Approval of (4) allotments of land to community members on Block 1 lands.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

April 29, 2024

- Representatives from Gowlings WLG and the MCA Internal Technical Team presented to Council the draft Tsikaristisere/Dundee trust agreement and outlined all the elements within the draft.
- Council discussed the Border Collaboration Initiative and the creation of a working circle for the Akwesasne Residents Remission Order. An internal meeting will be set up.
- A request was made for administration to follow up on the status of the land lease for the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena sign.
- Council discussed a request from the Department of Health to assist with lodging for medical pro-

fessionals. Portfolio will follow up with the department.

- A request for permission to create a new registry class for Indian registration was discussed. Council determined they will not consider the request.
- Council discussed a complaint received from a community member regarding community safety in Kana:takon. Portfolio will follow up.
- A request was made for an update on the Iroquois Nationals financial request. Follow up will take place.
- Council approved a \$15,000 donation to Onake for their 50-year anniversary celebration.
- Council discussed the ongoing

challenges being created by beavers in the Tsi Snaihne district. Grand Chief will follow up with MCA's Environment Program.

- **MCRs passed:** Approval of allocation of land; Approval of funding agreement with Quebec for Justice program; Approval of additional resources for Tsi Snaihne walking trail; Approval of contract for generator installation at Tsiionkwanonhso:te; Approval of Ontario road subsidy funding; Approval of MCA Department of Health Compensation Policy; Approval of cancellation of AEDF agreement; Approval of Tsikaristisere/Dundee Trust Agreement; Approval of (4) Council meeting minutes.

A MESSAGE FROM Grand Chief Abram Benedict



After much reflection and consideration, I announced on Thursday May 2, 2024, that I made the decision to not seek re-election for the position of Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Serving as your Grand Chief for the past nine years has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

I am deeply thankful for the trust and support the community of Akwesasne has shown me throughout my terms in office. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and worked tirelessly towards a brighter future for our community, our Elders, our youth, and our children. The progress we have made is a testimony to the strength, resilience, and spirit of Akwesasne.

Leading up to the June 29, 2024, General Election, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve, the lessons learned, and the friendships and relationships forged along the way. Thank you, Akwesasne, for your support, your faith in me, and for all the ways you inspire me every day.

Though I will not be seeking re-election, I remain committed to the position of Grand Chief and to our community and will continue to contribute in new ways after June 2024.

Skén:nen/Peace

Grand Chief

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF APRIL ADAMS-PHILLIPS UPDATES



Monthly Report:
April 2024

Portfolios:
Dept. of Community & Social Services (DCSS),
Dept. of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment
(DIHE), Dept. of Health (DOH), Public Safety

Selected Committees:
Beautification, Border Collaboration Initiative:
Dundee Port of Entry, Preclearance, Governance
Circle Preclearance, Community Relations
Working Circle, Finance, Language, COO
(Chiefs Committee on Housing & Infrastructure),
Property Acquisition Team, Dreams Take Flight

PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment —

Current Projects:

1. Sunday Warehouse – Design Development is underway, which will include two floors. Programs include a Medical Clinic, Akwesasne Justice Department, T.R. Leger Cassroom, Akwesasne FabLab, Housing Sector and OVS touchdown offices, meeting rooms and additional office space. A design meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks with HSP Engineering.
2. Hamilton Island Cultural/Healing Centre (North Shore of Hamilton Island) Location of exact area still needs to be determined to initiate Geotechnical Investigation report. DIHE EA for capital projects has been notified and an archaeologist for the site.
3. Kawehno:ke Clinic/MCA Records Repository CIA 3 site – Waiting on Geotechnical Investigation, EA and RFP for consultant

services to go out soon.

4. Tsi Snaihne Administration Building (Corner of Iohahi:io and Snye School Road) DIHE will begin to prepare RFP for consultant services. Site location needs to be confirmed and community consultation.
5. Akwesasne Community Hub and Youth Centre (Wade Lafrance Memorial Road)/Housing Allotments DIHE will begin to prepare RFP for consultant services. Site Locations need to be confirmed and community consultation.
6. Ahkwesahsne Mohawk School Addition (AMS current location) DIHE will begin to prepare RFP for consultant services. Geotechnical investigation needed. EA underway-ongoing.
7. Hamilton Island Bridge design is underway to achieve tender shovel ready. The consultant Jacobs Engineering is currently working on conceptual design.
8. New HAVFD #3 Project under review. Survey is completed and scheduled to be released.
9. DIHE is working on an RFP for engineer of record to obtain a consulting firm for detailed design to achieve tender ready projects for road replacement/repairs.
10. Iakhihsohtha kitchen renovations.
11. Hawthorne Road extension/Subdivision site servicing project has restarted.
12. The Kawehno:ke sand dome projects is tender ready, seeking funding.
13. Kana:takon sand/salt dome roof repair: seeking funding source, request by community for a sand/salt dome for Tsi Snaihne.
14. The multi-trades building project is near substantial completion.
15. Update the Capital Project Study – ongoing from JP2G.
16. The Akwesasne Family Wellness Centre interior upgrades near 95% completion.
17. Iohahi:io Portable Classroom Project: ongoing 75% design completion.
18. Drawings for the Iohahi:io Longhouse and outdoor pavilion/gazebo project is tender ready. Seeking funds with ISC/DCSS.
19. Kana:takon Beach Project - Project is tender

ready, seeking funds.

20. LED street lights for McCumber Road North and South complete.
21. New Tsi Snaihne School Project - Preliminary design is complete, seeking approval from AMBE.
22. Kawehno:ke Recreation Court design - Project is 95% complete.
23. RFP to assist Economic Development on A'nowara'ko:wa Arena expansion project, RFP was issued and revised to be a feasibility study. Proposal to be submitted from consultant.
24. Community Rental Properties – Inquiries wanting to build to accommodate offices.
25. Water main connection projects with Water and Wastewater 15-20 homes.

Completed Projects:

Tsi Snaihne Wade Lafrance lobbying success of 2.1 million dollars.

Department of Health — Addressing immediate challenges, concerns and success. RedMane - Seeking funding. French Language Challenges/approach to resolution.

1. Engage Legal Counsel: Challenge the constitutionality of the French Language Charter in professional licensure contexts.
2. Advocate for Change: Work with Indigenous organizations and Government bodies to recognize Ontario licensure in Quebec.
3. Raise Awareness: Increase awareness about the implications of the French Language Charter on service provision in Indigenous communities.
4. Support UNDRIP Implementation: Advocate for the full implementation of UNDRIP to uphold Indigenous rights.
5. Investigate Existing Exemptions: Identify and analyze existing exemptions for other professions to build a case for similar treatment for psychology professionals.
6. Collaborate with Sister Communities: Invite sister communities such as Kahnawake and Kanehsatake to join advocacy efforts.
7. Identify Affected Professionals: Conduct a community survey to identify professionals impacted by the French Language Charter.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

TSI SNAIHNE DISTRICT CHIEF APRIL ADAMS-PHILLIPS UPDATES

Key Developments:

Jordan's Principle Bear Witness Day held May 10, Kids for Fishing, Green Food Bag, Just Garden Club, Health & Safety Week: May 6-11, Mother's Day Elder Event (apron-making), Safe Zone Yoga & You Fitness Class, White Bison Youth Culture Program Curriculum Training: May 14-16, World No Tobacco Day.

DOH priorities survey, Health Fair, Nurse's Week, paperless transition to a fully digital format for our forms and documents Adobe, accessible referral forms, consent to release forms, and various other health-related documents, posting all acting positions, and update the Department of Health facts, answer and questions sheet.

Successes:

Iakhihsohtha kitchen renovation funding approved and new Québec Family Physician Dr. Amy Daradich.

Department of Community & Social Services

CSP — (Seaway Valley Meat Cutting School, OESP, bus driver training program, lunch for learners, pre-employment at Iohahi:io, paddle trade incentive program, intro to admin assistant, trades trailer resource center for community information and access, personality dimensions workshop for clients)

ACFS — (Land-Based Survival Skills Camp, Teen Dance, Le Taz Skate Park Trip, final Family Skate, Konterenko'tha-Singing Class, Konterenko'tha Singing Group to sing for AFWP Training at Best Western, too good for violence is ongoing, 4 positions filled with 8 applicants!)

AFWP — (Trauma informed care and practice training held in March, expedition of a grant we are administering for the 10 shelters across Ontario. Shelter is full and has a waiting list. Starting to move back into the main building as renovation is almost done. Planning for MMIW-May 5)

Department of Public Safety —

Emergency Measures:

Power outage April 21-22, 2024, affecting Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon area of break in the line between Chapman Rd. – Hopkins Point. Hydro Quebec had difficulty accessing the downed line due to the water level being in some areas up to two feet or more. Ageing infrastructure and road inaccessibility due to the population of beavers and dam creations. Power was restored

approximately 30 hrs later and Hydro Quebec arranged meeting to meet with Council and Chiefs May 25, 2024.

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service:

Akwesasne Mohawk Police week kicked off May 11-17. This year's theme was "Committed to Serve Together". Kids for Fishing was another success, Mother's Day meal for the elders, Hidden Mischief, Lunch with the Totas, Spring into Safety event, kickball with Tsi Snaihne students, and AMS social.

Akwesasne Mohawk Ambulance:

50th National EMS Week held May 19-24, 2024. Time to celebrate our Emergency Medical Service for the important work they do in our communities.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Beautification: Districts signs to be installed along with landscaping by end of June through Long Graphics and Northern Landscapes. Spring/Summer Cleanup to happen in all three districts in late June to early July (one week per district).

Language: Contacted Minister of Heritage St. Onge for Language Revitalization disbursement strategy.

Border Collaborative Initiative:

Dundee Port of Entry – Remission order discussion.

Preclearance – Environmental assessment update, feasibility study and tri-lateral meeting with stakeholders.

Governance Circle – Review of terms of reference (objectives and goals, participants, roles and responsibilities, meeting structure.)

Community Relations

Finance: Budget presentation conducted on April 11, 2024, to the community. Finance Committee meeting held May 16, 2024, overview of

audit with Welch LLP Chartered professional accountants. Next meeting to be held in Fall 2024.

Property Acquisition Team: Terms of Reference review (introduction, purpose, composition, meeting quorum, voting rules, committee term, chairperson, mandate, meetings, responsibility, land use planning, other, authority, confidentiality, conflict of interest, amendments).

Dreams Take Flight: In July 2023, the Dream Take Flight has returned. This is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring underprivileged children to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, sending 150 physically, mentally, or socially challenged children, accompanied by 100 adults for a magical day at Disney. Air Canada supplies the use of the aircraft, and volunteers donate their time to make this event come to life. They rely on donations from sponsors, individuals, and community groups to fund the trip. Akwesasne children have been selected and had the opportunity to visit Disney on November 8, 2023. This was made possible with the help of ACFS, in collaboration with Ken Burque of Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and President of Dreams Take Flight (Montreal) Brian Roscoe.

Dreams Take Flight would like to acknowledge Kim Herne from the Akwesasne Representative and Advocacy Program (ARAP) for the Trivia Night Fundraiser and ACFS' Courtney Skidders for the work of her team in selecting the children from the 2023 flight. In addition, she assisted with supplying donations from two local artists to be auctioned at the annual Dreams Take Flight Gala.

Dreams Take Flight and their team of tireless and enthusiastic volunteers would like to thank the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne for helping send 150 deserving children on the 2023 trip of a lifetime to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL where magical memories have been made.

Akwesasne has been invited again this year to participate in another Trip of a Lifetime to Disney World!



KAWEHNO:KE DISTRICT CHIEF VANESSA ADAMS UPDATES



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SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in April

1. Akwesasne Justice Department Welcomes New Staff
2. Arena Playground & Splash Pad Project to Begin Development
3. Patrick David Named Water Operator of the Year
4. Notes of Knowledge: How Teres Adams Is Harmonizing Our Heritage
5. Power Restored in the Districts of Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne

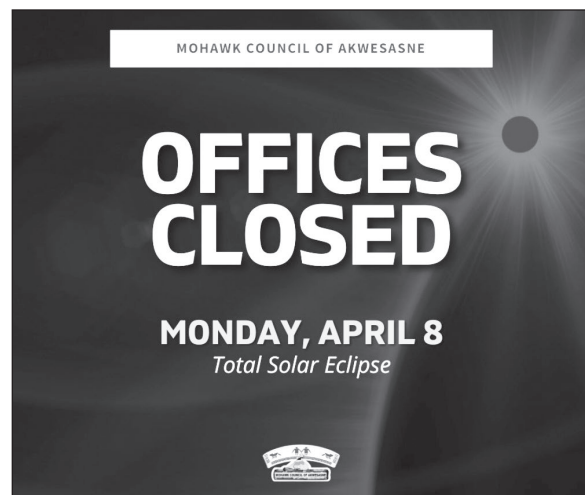
Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in April

1. Arena Playground & Splash Pad Project to Begin Development — 6,308 Reached
2. Drug Prescription Take Back — 5,170 Reached
3. Power Outage Update - 10:15 a.m. - 4/22/24 — 5,150 Reached
4. Power Outage Update - 7:45 p.m. - 4/21/24 — 5,049 Reached
5. AMBE Schools Closed — 5,003 Reached



TWITTER STATS

Top Post in April



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for April

MCA Special General Meeting — April 11, 2024



Scan QR Code to view video!

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Tic Tac Toe

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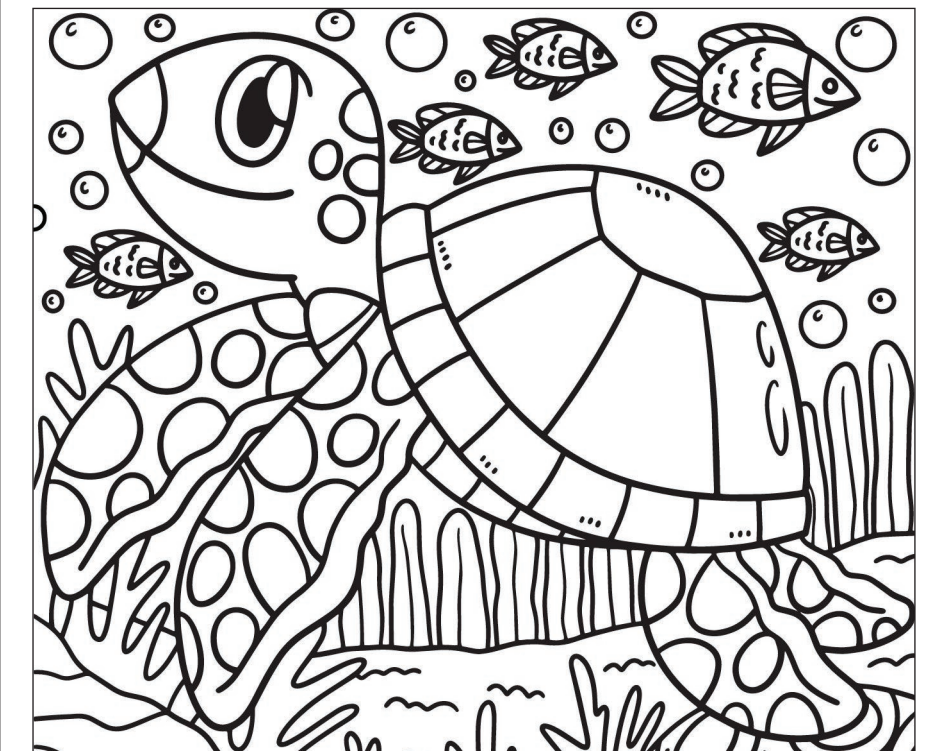
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SUNLIGHT BLOSSOMS MAY RABBIT BUTTERFLY SPRING

Help the frog find the lily pad!

I Spy Spring!

COLOUR THE SEA TURTLE



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

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

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

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

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW STAFF



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is excited to introduce our newest team member, Alyson Thompson, who will be stepping into the role of Legislative Services Manager within the Akwesasne Justice Department. With her extensive experience and wealth of expertise, Alyson will undoubtedly benefit our program and community.

Alyson was raised in Akwesasne, where she now resides with her husband Matthew. Her educational journey took her to SUNY Potsdam, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology, along with a minor in pre-law. Beginning her career as a Production Assistant and Records Clerk at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe,

Alyson's path led her to serve as a Communications Officer within the SRMT for the past 13 years. The dedication to her work and commitment to serving our community are truly commendable.

Alyson is joining the MCA team with excitement and eagerness. She expressed enthusiasm about delving into her responsibilities, especially regarding our laws and community engagement initiatives.

We also want to take a moment to express our appreciation to Connie Lazore for her prior commitment in this role. Connie's contributions were invaluable, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We invite the entire community to join us in extending a warm welcome to Alyson Thompson. We are confident that her presence and expertise will enhance our efforts as we continue to serve and strengthen our community.

Along with her Associates in Science degree in Early Childhood Education, Carolyn has many accolades that make her more than qualified for being a great Akwesasne Advocate. Throughout her 30-year career with MCA, she has received many certifications while training in various social fields as well as the drug and alcohol prevention field, where she is a certified Prevention Specialist.

MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!



Carolyn has proudly been with the Akwesasne Representative and Advocacy Program (ARAP) for the past three years and enjoys providing an array of services to Akwesasró:non families. She continually strives to make sure our children are taken care of with their best interests at heart. Knowing that our youth have a safe place, and right, to stay connected to their community even if they were not raised on territory is ultimately satisfying for her. Personally, she always feels most content educating families with parenting/caregiver issues, substance abuse problems, or youth issues. Carolyn is prepared to work with people of all ages in an effort to assist with the complexities of child protection issues so they can successfully be resolved, either through family work or personal skill building.

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AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

AKWESASNE REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ARAP)

Our children are and have always been sacred gifts from the creator for us to nurture, teach and protect. The Representatives at ARAP have a mission to ensure that Akwesasne families are provided with culturally relevant assistance in child welfare matters. They hold on strongly to the belief that it is of the utmost importance to keep children connected to the family, our culture and our community. The child's best interests are always priority, and the health of our community depends on it.

Who is eligible?

ARAP services are available to families on and off reserve who have children under the age of 18, including children who are or may be eligible to be registered as a Mohawk of Akwesasne. Representatives are also available to assist with Mohawks of Akwesasne Indian Status applications when needed.

The Akwesasne Representative will:

- Provide guidance to families who are dealing with, or who may be dealing with, a child protection matter and provide early intervention in the form of consultation, education, or referral.
- Ensure that clients understand their options within the child welfare system (CCAs, lawyers, etc.)

- Advocate for the child(ren) and their caretakers in the proceedings.

- Provide support to families in the forms of prevention services, cultural supports, family and self-help resources, etc.

- Attend meetings related to the planning of the child or youth's welfare (such as circles or case conferences).

- Engage with other Mohawk communities for programming for children of mutual interest.

- Develop a protocol agreement with agencies and programs for services and case management.

- Attend other jurisdictions to repatriate children back to Akwesasne.

- Provide Customary Care (Agreements for the care of children within the family) as a first option.

Please keep in mind that ARAP does not represent parents in court, nor do they intervene in cases that are related to a specific criminal or family law matter. For more information, please contact ARAP Program Manager Kimberley Ransom-Herne at 613-575-5000 ext. 1351 or ext. 2410.

AKWESASNE REPRESENTATIVE & ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Offices located at:
55 Water Street West, Cornwall, ON



MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE
613-575-2250

AKWESASNE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
613-575-5000



AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

ARRO STAFF VISIT THE BELLEVUE HOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO) was invited to the private opening of the Bellevue House National Historic Site, once the home of Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald. The Bellevue House has been revitalized to present a broader narrative of the Canada's history, one that includes all voices.

This seven-year renewal project, led by Parks Canada in collaboration with a community advisory committee, aims to offer a more comprehensive and inclusive account of history. The inclusion of Mohawk artists and the voices of Indigenous leadership and community members in the creation of new exhibits marks a significant step towards acknowledging the

diverse perspectives that shape history.

The renewed site is set to welcome visitors at its official public opening on May 18, 2024, promising an enriched educational experience that honors the complexity of historical narratives. Bellevue House National Historic Site is located at 35 Centre Street in Kingston, Ontario.



AKWESASNE CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING FOR BORDER SERVICES OFFICERS

The Akwesasne Rights & Research Office (ARRO) has been conducting Akwesasne Cultural Awareness Training for new Border Services Officers (BSOs) with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The purpose of this training is to improve relations with the BSOs and Akwesasronon.

During this training, BSOs are provided with:

- The history of Akwesasne, including a bus tour passing by MCA buildings and local businesses.
- Creation story and wampum belt presentation with a showing of sacred item replicas that may frequently cross the border.
- Information on intergenerational trauma and the effects of the residential school system.
- Policing and international border presentations by the Chiefs of Police for the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department (SRMTPD).

- Panel Q&A with MCA and SRMT chiefs.

ARRO understands that crossing the border that divides our community is not something we enjoy doing. However, through educating new BSOs we are hoping that we can bridge that gap and create better relationships with officers to make crossing the imposed border a better experience for our community as a whole.

ARRO will work collaboratively with CBSA to ensure that this training is held at a minimum twice a year.



AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE

TSITKATSINAKWAHERE/CAIRN ISLAND

Tsitkatsinakwahere, or Cairn Island, was historically used by Mohawks as a hunting, fishing, and camping site. However, in 1842 a cairn was constructed by the Highland Militia of Glengarry without the consent of Akwesasronon while the island was still designated as reserve land.

A cairn is typically erected as a memorial or boundary marker and can serve various purposes. In the case of Tsitkatsinakwahere/Cairn Island, the cairn is a symbol of significance to the area's Scottish-Canadian military heritage and the role played by the Glengarry Highlanders in the Rebellions of 1837-38.

In 1898, the cairn began to show signs of deterioration, prompting John Chisholm, a lawyer from Cornwall, to petition the Department of Indian Affairs for its restoration. Despite his efforts, the department did not contribute to the restoration, leading to a privately funded restoration in 1905.

The early 20th century saw an increase in governmental interest in Cairn Island, with William Wallace Cory, the Deputy Minister of the Interior, expressing a desire to control Tsitkatsinakwahere/Cairn Island for historical purposes. This culminated in the expropriation of Cairn Island by the Department of the Interior in 1922, placing it under the stewardship of the National Parks Branch, now known as Parks Canada.

In 2001, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) initiated the Additions to Reserve (ATR) process with Parks Canada. This process aimed to return Cairn Island to reserve status, acknowledging its importance as part of the traditional territory of the Akwesasne. The ATR process is a critical mechanism through which Indigenous can expand their communities, support economic development, and rectify past injustices.

It represents a step toward truth and reconciliation, providing a pathway for Indigenous to regain control over their traditional and treaty lands.

As the final steps of the ATR process have been completed, the community of Akwesasne eagerly anticipates the Ministerial Order that will officially return Tsitkatsinakwahere/Cairn Island to its rightful status as a reserve. This act will not only restore the island to Akwesasne but also serve as a symbol of MCA's commitment to honoring Indigenous sovereignty and fostering renewed relationships based on mutual respect and recognition of indigenous rights.



AKWESASNE RIGHTS & RESEARCH OFFICE



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ENTEWATATHÁ:WI - "WE WILL GOVERN"

OVERVIEW OF THE AKWESASNE-CANADA ENTEWATATHÁ:WI SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

The Nation Building Project was created through the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA). This project became known as Entewatathá:wi. The term Entewatathá:wi was initiated by former Chief William "Bill" Sunday. It is a Kanien'kéha (Mohawk) term that loosely translates to "we will govern".

The Mohawks of Akwesasne and Government of Canada have been actively negotiating a self-government agreement since 2013. The self-government agreement is commonly referred to as the ESGA, a shortened acronym for the official name of the agreement which is the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement.

The purpose of the ESGA is to implement aspects of the inherent right of self-government of the Mohawks of Akwesasne on Akwesasne Lands with respect to Members or individuals entitled to be Members, based on the recognition that the inherent right of self-government is an existing Aboriginal right within section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The ESGA will allow for the recognition of new and expanded jurisdiction and authority for the Mohawks of Akwesasne. The ESGA recognizes the jurisdiction and authority of the Mohawks of Akwesasne in the several areas, such as the application of Akwesasne Laws, education, membership, lands and lands management, enforcement of Akwesasne Laws, adjudication of disputes under Akwesasne Laws, and administration of justice.

Jurisdiction involves the recognition of the law-making powers of the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Authority involves the executive powers necessary to perform the administrative functions to implement Akwesasne Laws. For example, in 2016 the Mohawks of Akwesasne created Akwesasne Tekaiat'orehthà:ke

Kaianeréhsera (Akwesasne Court Law) using the inherent right process. The Akwesasne Mohawk Court has since been established but is not fully recognized by Canada and its provinces. Under the ESGA, the Mohawks of Akwesasne have jurisdiction with respect to the enforcement of Akwesasne Laws and Akwesasne Court decisions.

As the MCA is governed by Canada's Indian Act the majority of Akwesasne's affairs are currently dictated by the policies of the government of Canada. The Indian Act is a piece of colonial legislation that is paternalistic and diminishes the inherent governing powers of the Mohawks of Akwesasne as an Indigenous People. The Indian Act and related laws do not reflect the values, needs and priorities of the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

If the ESGA is ratified, the MCA will be fully accountable to the Mohawks of Akwesasne for community decisions. Akwesasne laws reflecting our culture, values and priorities will be enacted. Akwesasne affairs will no longer be dictated by the Minister of Indigenous Services under Canada's Indian Act.

However, it is important to remember that there are a few aspects of the Indian Act that protects and benefits the Mohawks of Akwesasne. Protection of Akwesasne Lands, protection from property seizure, and tax exemption will be retained from the Indian Act for the continued benefit for the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

Upon completion of the ESGA, a referendum will be called. The membership of the Mohawks of Akwesasne will have the opportunity to vote on the Akwesasne-Canada Entewatathá:wi Self-Government Agreement.

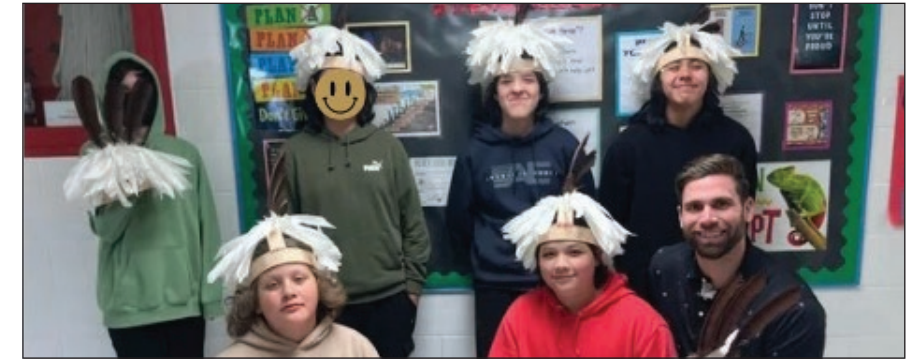
AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

GRADE 8 STUDENTS PREPARE FOR JUNE GRADUATION

Graduation season is upon us and the AMBE Grade 8 students from AMS and Tsi Snaihne School had the wonderful opportunity of creating their own traditional wear for their upcoming graduation ceremony in June.

With the help and guidance of Two House Design-Crafters, the young men learned how to craft their own kastowa and rattle for graduation. The young women designed and sewed beautiful ribbon skirts with assistance from Alice & Ruthie of AMBE Mohawk Language & Culture, and AMBE Transportation Supervisor Michelle Ransom.

Niawenhkó:wa to everyone involved in assisting the students. What a meaningful and creative way to close our their years as AMS/Tsi Snaihne students.



WHAT TO SAY TO KIDS INSTEAD OF "BE CAREFUL!"

Help Your Child Foster Awareness by Saying:

- Notice how... these rocks are slippery, that branch is strong.
- Do you see... the poison ivy, your friends nearby?
- Try moving... your feet carefully, quickly, strongly.
- Try using your... hands, feet, arms, legs.
- Can you hear... the rushing water, the singing birds, the wind?
- Do you feel... stable on that rock, the heat from the fire?
- Are you feeling... scared, excited, tired, safe?

Help Your Child Problem Solve by Saying:

- What's your plan... if you climb that boulder, cross that log?
- What can you use... to get across, for your adventure?
- Where will you... put that rock, climb that tree, dig that hole?
- How will you... get down, go up, get across?
- Who will... be with you, go with you, help you if?

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH NOTIFIES THE COMMUNITY ON ENTRY PROCEDURE CHANGES FOR KANONHKWA'TSHERI:IO

The Department of Health is notifying the community of upcoming entry procedure changes for the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility. These changes are in an effort to enhance safety and security measures for community members and MCA staff within the health facility. The new entry procedure will take effect on June 3, 2024.

On June 3rd, the KHF main entrance will have a security door which requires you to be granted access by the receptionist desk. When entering the health facility, please report to the receptionist desk and inform them of your destination within the building.

The Sweetgrass Lane entrance (the doorway between KHF and AMPS) will be accessible via a Ring Camera security service. Any community members accessing the building through Sweetgrass Lane will have to request access by an intercom system, which then informs the reception desk of the requested en-

try. Reception will inquire about your destination and appointment time, and then grant you access. All entries through Sweetgrass Lane will be on camera and recorded.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation with the new entry procedure.

Any questions can be directed to the Department of Health Administration at 613-575-2341 ext. 3300.



NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS UNVEILS NEW MEDICAL TRANSPORT VAN

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Non-Insured Health Benefits Program (NIHB) is notifying the community that they have purchased an updated medical transportation van. The new van is expected to be in service by June 2024 after undergoing certain specifications to accommodate medical transport requirements and safety standards.

The new medical transport van can accommodate up to four wheelchairs and also has a new hydraulic lift for easier wheelchair accessibility. The new van also has upgrades for a smoother and quieter ride for the drivers and clients.

The Non-Insured Health Benefits Program looks forward to putting the new van on the road and into regular use for its clients.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DOH PRIORITIES SURVEY

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health (DOH) is conducting a survey to identify community priorities and shape future health programs and initiatives. We want to hear from YOU!

This survey is confidential, and your responses will be used solely for the purpose of improving community health services. We appreciate your time and thoughtful responses.

A draw for \$50 gift cards will be made among all respondents. To register, follow the link at the very end of the survey.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOSTS HEALTH FAIR

On May 9, 2024, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Department of Health, in collaboration with Cornwall Community Hospital and Arrowhead Pharmacy, hosted a Health Fair at the Kawehno:ke Recreation Center.

It was an enriching day, offering community members the opportunity to gain essential information about the programs and services provided by the Department of Health and external organizations present. Various health screenings, including blood pressure checks, cancer screenings, glucose tests, and more, were conducted, empowering individuals with essential health information.

Attendees seized the opportunity to engage in discussions about common health concerns and

issues, while also receiving education on preventative practices and available support services.

Community members were pleased to learn about the return of the Green Food Bags from MCA's Community Health Services: Health Promotion and Prevention Program (beginning June 2024). Lucky winners were selected to receive Green Food Bags filled with a variety of delicious vegetables. Additionally, attendees had the chance to win some great door prizes by visiting each booth and collecting stamps on their "passport."

Niawenhkó:wa to all those who contributed to the success of the Health Fair, as well as to the community for attending!



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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613-575-2341 ext. 3340

Community Health:
613-575-2341 ext. 3220

Jordan's Principle:
613-575-2341 ext. 2650

Wholistic Health and Wellness:
613-575-2341 ext. 3115

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

Iakhihsotha Lodge:
613-575-2507

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOSTS HEALTH FAIR



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ARENA PLAYGROUND & SPLASH PAD PROJECT TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT

The MCA Department of Economic Development would like to inform the community that the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena Playground & Splash Pad Project is scheduled to commence the first week of May 2024.

This project is expected to last approximately 8-10 weeks with an anticipated completion date in July 2024.

As we embark on this exciting venture, it is imperative to prioritize the health and safety of all individuals involved, including the workers, community members, and visitors. Therefore, strict adherence to health and safety protocols will be enforced throughout the project. This includes but is not limited to:

1. Ensuring no access to the construction area except workers.
2. Safe storage of equipment, tools, and in construction areas.
3. Enforcing distancing measures to portions of the walking trail and limiting the number of individuals near site when possible.
4. Conducting regular safety inspections to identify and mitigate any potential hazards.

Please note that during the construction period there may be some disruptions to the surrounding areas, particularly the walking trails adjacent to the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and assure you that we will strive to minimize disruptions as much as possible.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and understanding as we work to enhance our community's recreational facilities.



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The office of Economic Development is located at:
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Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 1802 Email: ecdev@akwesasne.ca



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

ACFS HOSTS FUN-FILLED SAFETY EVENT

On May 15, 2024, the Akwesasne Child and Family Services partnered with the Tsi Snaihne School Parent/Teacher Committee, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and Iakwashatste Youth Fitness for the Spring into Safety event.

Community members were welcome to participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including frisbee golf, Kan Jam, Cornhole, volleyball, lacrosse, and more. Attendees had the chance to win various prizes and indulge in the delicious complimentary snacks.

With a focus on safety awareness as we transition into the warmer months, the event provided valuable insights into topics such as sun safety, bicycle safety, and ATV safety, courtesy of the AMPS SAVE Unit as part of their Police Week 2024 programming.

Great job to all involved in organizing this event! It proved to be a great opportunity for the community to come together, learn essential safety practices, and enjoy some wholesome fun.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

PATRICK DAVID NAMED WATER OPERATOR OF THE YEAR



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne would like to congratulate Patrick David for recently being named "Operator of the Year" by the Aboriginal Water & Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO).

Mr. David is the Operator in Charge (OIC) of the St.

Regis Water Treatment Plant, part of MCA's Water/Wastewater Program. As an OIC, he is tasked with maintaining the water plant's water-making ability and flow to the community on a daily basis.

This year, Mr. David ensured that safe potable water was delivered to homes throughout the period of unknown water leakage that was eventually located and repaired.

MCA's management and Council nominated Mr. David for the AWWAO's Paul Strohack Operator of the Year Award, and he received the honor at the annual Aboriginal Water and Wastewater Association of Ontario conference held in Sault Saint Marie from April 16-18, 2024.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. David on his award and showing our thankfulness to him for the important job he performs for our benefit.

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

FOUR WAYS TO HELP THE PLANET

Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22, 2024, to serve as a global reminder to raise awareness about environmental issues and challenges facing our planet and to educate people about the importance of protecting the environment. The MCA Environment Program would like to share different ways you can help Mother Earth!

CONSERVE WATER: Little things make a big difference. Turn off the water when you are brushing your teeth. Check to make sure you don't have leaky faucets.

Saving water today ensures a brighter, sustainable tomorrow. Let's preserve this precious resource for generations to come!

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE: Cutting back on waste means less strain on our planet. Giving items a second life isn't just eco-friendly, it's smart! Let's

reimagine, repurpose, and reduce waste together. Turning trash into treasure is more than a trend — it's a responsibility.

POWER DOWN: Simple actions like turning off lights when they're not needed, unplugging electronics when they're not in use, using energy-efficient appliances, and adjusting thermostats to conserve energy help the planet!

EAT GREEN, LIVE CLEAN: Choosing sustainably grown and locally sourced food reduces the environmental impact of agriculture, including minimizing water usage, lowering carbon emissions from transportation, and protecting biodiversity through responsible farming practices.

For more ideas or to volunteer, contact the MCA Environment Program at 613-575-2250.

SMALL CHANGES, BIG RESULTS!

What you can do to help mother earth?



If everyone works together to make small, eco-friendly changes, there can be big results for a healthier planet!

REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOT-PRINT



Walking, biking and carpooling help decrease habitat destruction and climate change impacts on wildlife.

Conserve natural resources: recycling reduces the need to extract resources such as timber, water and minerals for new products.



RECYCLE

VOLUNTEER



Volunteer your time with the MCA Environment Program to help aid in projects, clean-up efforts and citizen science projects.

GET READY FOR TURTLE SEASON: DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN ASSIST

From the end of May to mid-June, turtles will be nesting for the year. Many turtles will nest on the side of the road where the slant of the ditch aids in laying eggs.

What can you do to help when you see a turtle laying eggs?

- Stay back and give her 35 feet of space.
- Do your best to take photos from a distance.
- Please email melanie.alguire@akwesasne.ca or message the MCA Environment Facebook page to provide the time, date, and photos.
- The Environment Program will place a turtles nest protector on it.

What to do with an injured turtle?

If the injured turtle is found on the American portion of the territory, please contact:

Nicandri Nature Center (Massena, NY)
315-261-2243

If the injured turtle is found on the Canadian portion of the territory, please contact:

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (Peterborough, ON)
705-741-5000

Thank you in advance for your support in protecting native biodiversity!

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service marked Police Week from May 11-17, 2024, under the theme "Committed to Serve Together". This theme highlights the vital partnerships within and beyond law enforcement that are fundamental to effective crime prevention and public safety.

Throughout the week, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and community partners hosted a variety of engaging events. From the popular Kids for Fishing event, offering 30 youth and 10 special needs youth a memorable day of angling alongside seasoned professionals, to extending a helping hand during Mother's Day celebrations at Iakhihsohtha Lodge and lunch at Tsiionkwanonhso:te Long-Term Care facility. The Tota's were delighted to receive a heartfelt gift in honour of Mother's Day, courtesy of

the ACFS Community Support Program.

Additional events included a collaboration with SRMT A/CDP Program and SRMTPD providing educational presentation on the subtleties of Hidden Mischief to seniors and elders, outdoor games and activities with Kana:takon School students, a challenging game of kickball between AMPS officers and Tsi Snaihne School students and staff, a social at AMS and the AMPS SAVE Unit shared vital tips on ATV safety at the Spring into Safety event in Tsi Snaihne.

Niawenhkó:wa to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service for developing a great week of engaging programming and ACFS Community Support Program for your wonderful contributions.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE CELEBRATES POLICE WEEK



APRIL STATISTICS

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| 284 April | 8 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD | 1 1040 Traffic Complaint |
| 2 024 Break & Enter - Residence | 55 1004 Assist Public | 1 1045 Attempt Suicide |
| 2 027 Theft - Automobiles | 1 1007 Breach of Probation | 1 1049 Medical Aid |
| 1 028 Theft - Trucks | 1 1008 By-Law - Dogs | 4 1050 Youth Complaint |
| 1 038 Theft Under \$5000 - From Motor Vehicle | 3 1009 By-Law - Noise | 11 106 Provincial Statutes - Other |
| 4 040 Theft Under \$5000 - Other | 1 1011 By-Law - Other | 11 1063 Marine Patrol |
| 1 060 Arson | 2 1012 Civil Disputes | 1 107 Municipal By-Laws |
| 2 061 Bail Violations | 38 1013 Community Services | 2 205 Assault - Level 1 |
| 2 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000 | 4 1014 Crime Prevention | 1 206 Assault Weapon/CBH - Level 2 |
| 1 073 Criminal Code - Other | 2 1016 Domestic Dispute (Non-violent) | 2 212 Assaults - Other |
| 1 087 Cannabis - Possession | 3 1018 Escorts - Prisoner | 3 2222 Ride Program |
| 1 088 Cannabis - Trafficking | 1 1021 Insurance Report | 1 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency |
| 3 100 Immigration Act | 5 1023 Judge's Order (Court) | 2 705 Dangerous Operation MV |
| 3 1001 Alarms | 1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable | 1 711 Impaired Operation MV |
| 1 1002 Alerts | 2 1027 Property - Found | 4 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC) |
| 2 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance | 8 1029 Suspicious Persons | 32 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes |
| 3 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS | 12 1030 Suspicious Vehicles | 1 Incident Type Not Listed |
| 6 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other | 16 1031 Suspicious Circumstances | |
| | 6 1036 Warrant - Bench/First | |





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JUNE 9, 2024

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