



Kawehno:ke District Chief

Vanessa Adams

Monthly Report

REPORT START DATE:	March 2024	REPORT END DATE:	May 2024
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Portfolios/Attendance	Meeting Date/Updates
Department of Health (DOH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 11, 2024
Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 28, 2024, April 18, 2024, May 16, 2024
Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 6, 2024 • March 13, 2024, AMPC Community Meeting • April 10, 2024, AMPC Portfolio • April 11, 2024, canceled April 30, 2024
Economic Development (Ec Dev)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 20, 2024, canceled. • April 9, 2024/April 30, 2024 • May 10, 2024

Committees/WTG	Brief Updates
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Cannabis Working Task Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting April 30, 2024, with Economic Development
AFN Child Welfare Compensation ZOOM Meeting March 27, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Claims Process for compensation. • The First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle (FNCFSJP) Settlement. • Approved by the Federal Court on October 24, 2023. • The Claims Process will explain who can make a claim, how claims are to be made. • The timing for claims, how the Administrator will review claims for eligibility, and distribution of compensation.

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<p>JTBA (Jay Treaty Border Alliance) Collaboration Initiative (Co-convenor with Cynthia Pye CBSA)</p> <p>This is a national table with members from across Canadian Border, FN Communities represented.</p> <p>April 4, 2024, Tsi Snaihne</p>	<p>JTBA- CI Governance table virtual meeting April 30, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented an update on work the Border Experiences Table is doing at the JTBA Leadership Circle for Chiefs and Gov't Partners. JTBA-CI Border Crossing Experience Technical Table 12/12/2023. Border Crossing Experience Technical Table Border Crossing Issues include but not limited to: Adverse impact on family and cultural connections, Acceptability of identity documents at ports of entry, issues with treatment by CBSA officers, Restrictions on trade and personal goods, Location of Ports of Entry, United States Customs and Border Protection (US CBP). JTBA Collaborative Initiative High table action items including accelerating work of the tech tables, Right of Entry. These meetings coincide with COO/AFN gatherings for in person and occur virtually (online) as needed to meet the mandates of the Collaboration.
<p>Chiefs of Ontario Indigenous Identity Fraud Summit May 14-15, 2024</p>	<p>Participated via Zoom discussion included David Chartrand President, MMF – the National Government of the Red River Métis, Co-Host • Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare, Chiefs of Ontario, Co-host</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session One: Indigenous Identity Fraud • At the individual level in all its manifestations: Dr. Pam Palmater • At the community/nation level and its impacts: Dr. Darren O’Toole. Bill C-53 and the MNO First Nations in the Ontario region have long opposed self-proclaimed “Métis” rights assertions in their Ancestral and Treaty territories, particularly assertions of harvesting rights, the right to consultation and accommodation, and the 2017 recognition of six so-called new “historic Métis communities” in the region. The Chiefs of Ontario maintain that no Métis communities existed on their territories historically, and that Bill C-53 wrongly recognizes those false claims. This session will explore these assertions and how they’re impacting First Nations in the Ontario region. • Chief Scott McLeod, Nipissing First Nation – Overview of Issue and Ontario Response • Councillor Ian Duckworth, Caldwell First Nation • Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier, Temagami First Nation • Chief Greg Sarazin, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation • Chief Linda McVicar, Animakee Wa Zhing #37 • Grand Chief Savanna McGregor – Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation.

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External Committees/Tables/Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Treaty Border Alliance- Co-convenor CBSA Border Experience table with CBSA Cynthia Pye • Final Settlement Agreement Chiefs Advisory-FSA Committee on Social – Working Group Member • COO Chiefs Committee on Social IFN Representative • Independent First Nations Executive Committee Member • MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Initiative Working Circles- Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development
MCA-CBSA Border Collaboration Working Circles Port of Cornwall, Leadership, Economic Development	<p>Discussions included Pre-clearance, Domestic Lane, Staffing increases in 2023-24 information on recruitment and Port specific orientation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting May 15, 2024, CBSA provided general updates on Strike Planning, and we argued the need to decrease the impact to Akwesasne Community and to create communications plan, strike vote May 23, 2024, CBSA stated no impact to Domestic Lane. But be aware strike actions include increased delays due to CI's asking ALL mandated questions in the PIL to all travelers and the impact is longer wait times and increased summer traffic creates delays for Akwesasronon. • CBSA Cultural Awareness training is ongoing next dates April 3-4, 20 available spots (filled) this is encouraging as this training is vital to our daily encounters with CBSA officers on PIL. • Operational Updates -After hours availability – Summer Action Plan to include -5 lane plan during peak periods to improve access to the Domestic Lane, expect three lanes between 7 am - 8am and lunch periods, four to five lanes from 3:30 pm - 6:30pm (daily). We have asked for increased lanes during the morning hours on weekends to help our young athletes needing to attend practices on Kawehno:ke. • Commitment and mutual expectations towards lines of communications. • Domestic Lane questioning. • Complaints about increased secondary examinations and declaration verifications are being reported. CBSA stated adjustments and certain themes are being responded to in relation to Akwesasne Resident Remission Order and declaration verifications these complaints have been brought to the Port specific table by Chief Julie Phillips-Jacobs and myself for practical solutions. CBSA has committed to providing officers with an ARRO information Blitz, meaning providing education concerning the Remission order, limited risks when it comes to declarations made under the remission order. For more information, please see the Akwesasne Remission order. *In the meantime, if you feel that the actions of the Customs Inspector are inappropriate, please make note of the <u>time and the lane</u>

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number, make your way inside to speak to the Superintendent on duty or call 613-930-7137 to make that supervisor aware of the situation, so that it can be taken care of immediately. Also, contact the CBSA Regional Indigenous Advisor John Bay at 613-330-3692. Complaints can be submitted online and if you need assistance with the online complaints process, please reach out to John Bay.

- Community relationship building continues to be a part of this working table.

- Making the shift to intergenerational healing: building the bundle to create wellness for ourselves. Recognizing that there are so many factors that broadly contribute to the health and well-being of our First Nations.
- Discussions on the challenges of navigating the social determinants of Health on all levels – Justice, Policing, Housing, Education, Social Services, Environment, Culture, and Language. With four rounds of workshops, plenary discussions, panels, and presentations evening presentations tradeshow the opportunities were endless to learn share and speak with FN from across Ontario.
- Key initiatives and activities within the department, including departmental reorganization, completion of accreditation, strategic planning, regional health survey rollout, and communications initiatives such as the organization of radio talk shows focused on topics like Mental Health, Primary Care, and Home and Community Care. In the coming month, we will focus on the following topics:
 - Department wide meeting
 - New Quebec Family Physician Dr. Amy Daradich
 - DOH Priorities Survey May 9, 2024
 - Health Fair May 9, 2024
 - National Nurses Week May 6-10, 2024
 - Paperless Project transitioning to a fully digital format for our forms and documents Adobe accessible for individuals with visual impairments. The scope of forms and documents include but not limited to intake, referral, consent to release and other health related documents.
 - Posting for all Acting positions
 - Addressing immediate challenges/concerns – admissions at LTC
 - RedMane - seeking funding.
 - Land-Based Healing lease agreement.
 - A2z Contract and Accreditation

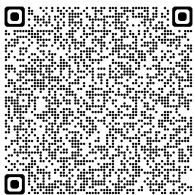
Chiefs of Ontario First Nations Community Wellness Conference

Health Conference


March 18-22, 2024

Department of Health (DOH)

January 2024 Portfolio Update



Amber Montour ext. 3101

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<p>Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS) November 2, 2023</p>  <p>Joseph Morin-Lauzon ext. 3307</p> <p>Special Needs Meeting April 16, 2024</p> <p>First Nations Health & Social Emergency Training Conference April 23-26, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending Chiefs of Ontario LTR/FSA (Long-Term Reform/ Final Settlement Agreement Meeting as a member of the IFN Committee on Social May 28-30, 2024) • Attended IFN Child Welfare Networking Session May 22-23, 2024. Updates and discussions on Prevention Focused Customary Care, Community based Prevention Implementation, Customary Care Engagement, Information on the Final Settlement Agreement. • DCSS has been meeting with RedMane often for decision making, project management, and risk mitigation after the design meetings with staff and supervisors are completed. Date to go live is still set for April 2025. • A list of capital projects has been created and a letter of intent will be sent to ISC to make them aware of the ongoing need for capital funding for years to come in Akwesasne. • We also discussed with capital available for purchases of housing for categories such as “Family reunification homes, parent model homes, crisis homes, and transitional housing. The idea of a Social Housing Program within DCSS with the intent to assist our community members who are transient or who are under housed to be assisted through this program to obtain stable housing. • AFWP welcomed New PM, Shara Francis-Herne, and new Outreach Supervisor, Chantal Vachon. The Celebration of Life Conference took place at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort from November 2-3, 2023. • Discussed need for community special needs fund policy presentation this will take place on May 2, 2024, strategic plan review (scheduled all day) to be rescheduled at the Department of Social’s request. • Opening remarks by Elders Olive Elm and Dave Root • Discussions/presentations followed on Youth Perspectives in Crisis Community Experiences Best Practices and Insights, Mental Health and Wellness, Emergency Planning and response. • ISC Emergency Management and Support Resources • Naloxone Training • Cultural Understanding of Grieving • Point of Care Harm Reduction • Community Round Table • Emcee/ Presenters: Diane Hill, Emmy Lazore-Mitchell, Carol Hopkins, Asha Frost, Tehahenteh Frank Miller, and Joe Pitawanakwat Creators Garden

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<p>Dundee Trust Meeting Presentation at Council Meeting</p> <p>Public Safety Portfolio Meeting May 2, 2024</p> <p>Economic Development Portfolio Kylee Tarbell ext. 1800</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsikaristisere Trust Agreement Trust overview with Cam Cameron and Joshua Shoemaker — Presentation provided an overview of the trust, operating structure, interpretation, creation, purpose, responsibilities, allowed uses, conflict of interest, and transparency. • Meeting and community tour with Minister of Public Safety at Iohahi:io. Police Week events took place throughout Akwesasne. Niawen:kowa for the array of safety events and educational opportunities for community members. • Met with the drone company, Innovating Aerial Intelligence Volatus Aerospace. Youth STEAM programs, search and rescue, recovery, prevention and search for lost hunters/individuals. • Regional Lobbying Strategy Re; SIBC and Customs Local Chambers of Commerce Cornwall Economic Development revive round table to work on certain initiatives and develop strategies to help Economic Development and local businesses. Round Table Meetings to begin in May/June 2024. • For questions, concerns or updates regarding Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH), please email ffth@akwesasne.ca, EV Ambassadors evteam@akwesasne.ca, business inquiries; MCA Department of Economic Development ecdev@akwesasne.ca or call 613-575-2250 ext. 1802.
<p>Border Partners MCA/SRMT USCBP-CBSA April 2, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border wait times, staffing updates COVID status and restrictions. • Upcoming information/events that may affect traffic flow. • Community Impact — Questions and concerns from both Councils regarding construction causing delays.
<p>Niawen:kowa Kawehno:ke & Akwesasne</p>	<p>Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the Community of Akwesasne and Kawehno:ke for the opportunity to serve as your District Chief for the past three years. I have strived to serve my community and be a strong advocate for the people of Akwesasne. I extend my gratitude to the many people working for the organization of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. Serving as your District Chief has truly been my honor.</p> <p>Have a wonderful summer if you have any concerns or questions please reach out if I can be of service.</p>

Contact information

Sending my heartfelt condolences to all Akwesasronon experiencing and mourning the loss of loved ones.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and we can schedule a time to discuss any of the items I have reported on.

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