



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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ACTING GRAND CHIEF APPOINTED

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is announcing that Kana:takon District Chief Cindy Francis-Mitchell has been appointed as the Acting Grand Chief of MCA. Council passed a resolution on July 15, 2024 approving the appointment, following Grand Chief Abram Benedict's decision to "step away" from the role while he begins his new duties as Regional Chief of Ontario.

The MCA General Election of 2024 has been appealed, resulting in a delay to the swearing-in of a new Council. Acting Grand Chief Francis-Mitchell will represent the community and fulfill day-to-day Grand Chief duties until a new Grand Chief is sworn in.

The election appeal process is underway. Appeal hearings are scheduled for July 16 & 17, 2024. The Akwesasne Election Appeal Board will make decisions on each appeal and determine the next steps for the election.

We would like to thank the community for their patience as we navigate through the election appeal process, as set out in the Akwesasne Election Law.

