

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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MCA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF AMPS CHIEF OF POLICE SHAWN DULUDE

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) is announcing the retirement of Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) Chief of Police Shawn Dulude, effective August 16, 2024, after seven years of dedicated service to the Akwesasne community. Chief Dulude joined AMPS in 2017 and led in advancing AMPS' mission to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the community. His leadership was characterized by a commitment to enhancing community relations and fostering a culture of professionalism throughout the service.

Chief Dulude's leadership resulted in several key accomplishments, including: implementation of modern policing strategies (body cameras, in-car cameras and data management systems that improved operational efficiency and transparency); crisis management and response during several major incidents; and securing additional funding that enabled increased marine unit patrols, resulting in improved coverage and response capabilities on local waterways and strengthening of the department's ability to enforce regulations and maintain public safety.

In his parting message, Chief Dulude expresses his gratitude to the officers and staff of AMPS, as well as the residents of Akwesasne, for their support throughout his tenure.

"It has been an honour to serve as the first non-Indigenous Chief of Police for the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service" Chief Dulude said. "I am proud of what we have accomplished together and am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated individuals. As I step into retirement, I am confident that the police service will continue to thrive and serve the Akwesasne community with excellence."

MCA wishes Chief Dulude well in his retirement and expresses appreciation for his service to the Akwesasne community. Staff Sergeant Ranatiiostha Swamp will serve as acting Chief of Police while MCA recruits a permanent incumbent for the position.

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