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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATES OPENING OF SATELLITE TSI SNAIHNE MEDICAL CLINIC



The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic (TMC) was held at Iakhihsohtha Lodge on January 22, 2025, marking the official opening of the much-anticipated satellite clinic—a major step in bringing healthcare closer to Tsi Snaihne residents. Read more on page 20.

UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS & SPECIAL DATES:

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

February 27, 2025 · 6 p.m.
Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center

The MCA General Meeting will be a hybrid event (in-person and virtual).

To receive the Zoom link, please email meetings@akwesasne.ca

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE 2024-2027

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Leonard Lazore

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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

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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.

FIVE THINGS

OUR MONTHLY LIST OF FACTS, REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- 1 The Akwesasne Justice Department invites community members to check out their new public information series, designed to clarify how laws are made in Akwesasne. Part one of this series introduces the flowchart outlining the Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulation (ALEPR). Read more on page 13.
- 2 Need assistance with a concern at your child's AMBE school? Refer to page 16 for a step-by-step guide on who to contact for support.
- 3 MCA is looking to connect our staff with volunteer opportunities as part of their commitment to giving back to the community. If your business or organization is in need of volunteers, please reach out to us with details. More information available on page 17.
- 4 MCA's Health Promotion & Prevention Program is hosting free pool fitness classes at the Cornwall Aquatic Centre from Feb. 24 - Mar. 27! Open to Akwesasronon ages 55 and older. For more information, view flyer on page 19.
- 5 Keep your health in check with convenient blood work clinics in the districts of Kana:takon, Kawehno:ke, and Tsi Snaihne. The Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic is now offering appointments at their satellite office located at Iakhihsohtha Lodge. More information on blood work clinics available on page 21.

NEWS

OFFICIAL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR TSIKARISTISERE TRUST

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud to announce the successful signing ceremony of the Tsikaristisere Trust, which took place on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the Tsi Snaihne Recreation Center. This event marked the formal establishment of the trust, with Trustees and Council members officially signing the documents in the presence of community members.

In 2015, Canada presented a Land Claim Settlement Offer to the Mohawks of Akwesasne, including the opportunity to reclaim 18,282 acres of land through Canada's Additions to Reserve Process and a monetary settlement of \$239,808,436.00. This settlement addressed claims related to the historically leased lands known as Tsikaristisere, or 'Dundee.'

Following negotiations, the final agreement was put to a referendum vote, conducted online and by ballot from October 1 to December 8, 2018. The community approved the settlement, with the results validated on January 7, 2020.

The creation of the Tsikaristisere Trust marks a major milestone in this journey, reflecting a commitment to responsibly manage the settlement's resources. The Trustees are tasked with holding, managing, and investing the Trust Property in accordance with the terms of the agreement for the benefit of the Beneficiaries. A primary priority of the Trust is the purchase of land to be set apart as reserve land for the Mohawks of Akwesasne under Article 3.2 and 5.0 of the Settlement Agreement and additionally, through community consultation, the following areas were identified as community needs and priorities:

- Land management activities and programs, including the Additions to Reserve process;
- Education or training;
- Advancement of culture, heritage, and/or language;
- Environment;
- Green energy initiatives;
- Economic development;
- Housing;
- Indigenous rights;
- Infrastructure;
- Public safety;
- Emergency;
- Social welfare, health, and/or wellness;
- Sports, recreation, and/or the arts; or
- Other essential public services.

Since the initial payment from Canada, the settlement fund has been in the RBC and as of December 31, 2024, is now valued at \$259,683,600.93. These funds are now able to be transferred to the Tsikaristisere Trust, where they will grow at a significantly quicker pace.

Grand Chief Leonard Lazore addressed the significance of the moment, stating: "Tonight marks a milestone in our journey to reclaim what rightfully belongs to our people. This trust represents more than just a financial step; it embodies our people's rights, our collective vision for the future, and the power of what we can achieve when we come together."

Acting Executive Director Shannon Roundpoint added: "When Akwesasne began discussions on the settlement of the Tsi Karistisere claim, the return of land and access to funds for important community needs were the driving hopes that are now becoming a reality. Thank you to the trustees for stepping up into a role that will pave the path for future generations; it will be rewarding for them as well as the community. We also extend our appreciation to the community members who have stayed engaged in this process, and to the technical team for their hard work."

For more information about the trust, please contact the Internal Technical Team (ITT) at itt@akwesasne.ca or ARRO Program Manager Cheyenne Lazore at 613-575-2250 ext. 2134.



Pictured from L-R are the Tsikaristisere Trustees: James Lazore, Connie Lazore, Ryan Jacobs, Susan Sunday, and Lloyd Benedict Jr.

MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE HOSTS IROQUOIS CAUCUS STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

From January 15–17, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne (MCA) hosted the Iroquois Caucus Strategic Planning Session. Elected leaders from Haudenosaunee communities in Ontario and Quebec, as well as their technical teams, gathered to discuss shared priorities and strengthen collaborative efforts.

The Iroquois Caucus represents the Haudenosaunee communities: Kahnawa:ke, Kanehsata:ke, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Six Nations of the Grand River, and Oneida Nation of the Thames. Together, they work to protect their rights, land, language, culture, and resources, while advocating for their jurisdiction and addressing shared challenges.

The Caucus operates on the principles of Haudenosaunee governance, following the Two Row Wampum philosophy of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and shared responsibilities. It works collaboratively with provincial, federal, and First Nations organizations to address common issues.

The Strategic Planning Session focused on key topics, including:

- A political overview of current issues facing the communities.
- Strengthening the Iroquois Caucus and enhancing its capacity.
- Addressing the Caucus' priorities.
- Implementing the Iroquois Caucus Strategic Plan.

Leaders emphasized the importance of turning strategies into action and collaborating to create positive outcomes. The session was an opportunity to come together, share knowledge, and strengthen efforts to protect and advance the interests of their communities.

MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore highlighted the value of these gatherings, stating: "These sessions are an opportunity to come together, share our collective knowledge, and plan for the future of our communities. By uniting our efforts, we strengthen our voice and ensure the protection of what matters most to the people we serve."



MCA APPOINTS INTERIM CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Acting Executive Director is pleased to announce that Cheryl Jacobs has been appointed interim Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) effective January 20, 2025. She will serve in this role until December 2026, completing the 3-year term of the former CEO who has recently resigned. We thank Ms. Jacobs for agreeing to fill this emergency need and ensure continuity of election services. The role was first offered to active Deputy Electoral Officers (DEOs). However, none were able to take on the role at this time.

In accordance with the Akwesasne Election Law, a new callout for CEO and DEOs will occur when an MCA General Election has been called and they will be appointed six months prior to the election.

The following DEOs appointed during the last call out and MCA General Election are currently still active. They are:

- Hawi Benedict
- Cheavee Willie
- Sophia Thompson
- Arlene David

- Ashley Thompson
- Mary Ann Jacobs
- Dakota Caldwell
- Margaret Thomas-Jock

We would like to thank the DEOs for continuing their appointment, fulfilling a valuable role in the community. Additionally, we express our appreciation to the former CEO for their effort and time dedicated to the MCA General Election.

For questions or further information, please contact Executive Services at 613-575-2250.



SIBC TOLL INCREASE ADDS MORE BARRIERS FOR AKWESASNE



The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is once again expressing disappointment following the recent announcement from the Seaway International

Bridge Corporation (SIBC) of another toll increase on our main crossing. This decision, set to take effect on April 1, 2025, places an added burden on our people, impacting daily life, economic opportunities, and access to essential services. It is a step backward that disregards the challenges faced by our community and runs counter to the principles of reconciliation.

The Seaway International Bridge is more than just a crossing — it is an essential lifeline for Akwesasne. Families, businesses, service providers, and community members rely on this bridge daily for work, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. By increasing toll fees yet again — and without consulting Akwesasne — SIBC has imposed yet another financial strain on our people and created further barriers to the community's growth and prosperity.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is deeply frustrated by this announcement, particularly given that tolls were already raised in April 2024. These continued increases have a direct and harmful impact on Akwesasne residents and businesses, affecting

everything from service delivery and local commerce to participation in regional sports and access to transportation services such as taxis.

Grand Chief Leonard Lazore criticized the decision, stating:

"This toll increase places yet another burden on Akwesasne and is a disappointing step away from reconciliation and community development. The bridge is vital to our economy and way of life, yet these repeated toll hikes make it harder for our businesses to succeed, for our families to stay connected, and for our community to thrive. We value strong partnerships with our neighbours and stakeholders, but decisions like this undermine those relationships. Consultation and collaboration must be a priority moving forward."

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne urges the Seaway International Bridge Corporation and the Federal Bridge Corporation to reconsider this decision and engage in meaningful dialogue with Akwesasne. It is essential that the needs and voices of our community be acknowledged in decisions that impact us so profoundly.

MCA remains committed to advocating for Akwesasne's best interests and will pursue all available avenues to oppose this toll increase.

AKWESASNE LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL BORDER IMPACTS

On February 4, 2025, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne participated in a Zoom meeting with representatives from the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP), and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to discuss concerns regarding tariffs and their potential impact on daily border crossings for Akwesasne residents.

As a collective, the following has been confirmed:

» There will be no changes to our ability to cross the border under the current Remission Order.

CBSA confirmed that the current Remission Order for Akwesasne residents remains unchanged. This order allows residents to freely cross the border for shopping, personal use, business, and community service purposes. It applies to members residing in the City of Cornwall and the islands of Akwesasne.

Additionally, personal goods purchased in Canada and transported to the districts of Tsi Snaihne and Kana:takon will not be

subject to potential tariffs under the Remission Order.

» There may be potential impacts such as increased border wait times due to ongoing policy changes.

» MCA is committed to meeting regularly and proactively with SRMT, USCBP, and CBSA to ensure our inherent right to border mobility is not hindered by the actions of the Canadian and U.S. governments.

Council has requested that both USCBP and CBSA provide a written summary of these discussions for further distribution to the community. Updates will be shared once available.

As border-related policies continue to evolve, maintaining strong communication between all parties remains essential.

For more information, please contact Mohawk Government at 613-575-2250.

COUNCIL AND MOHAWK GOVERNMENT

COUNCIL WEEKLY MEETING REPORT

SUBMITTED BY: GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE



January 6, 2025

Discussion Items:

- Create standard protocol for passing of community dignitaries
- Tsi Snaihne District meeting update by Tsi Snaihne Chiefs
 - » Discussed Jordan's Principle
 - » Discussed the Community Support Program
 - » Community presentation request about Non-Insured Health Benefits
- January General Meeting Planning
- Rules of Order
- Iroquois Caucus Planning – Agenda review and preparation
- Invitation to QC Bill-81 Info Session on Environment
- Community member request for MCA legal support
- Grand Chief and Council atten-

dance at Iohahi:io Trades Building opening January 16th

- Council discussed roads improvement
- Development of a Youth, Elders, Culture and Language MCR
- Improvements to Council Reports in MCA newsletter
- NYS Land Claims Communication
- Clarification of Chiefs Meeting Agenda Sponsors
- Hydro Pole installation concerns in District of Tsi Snaihne
- Review of unauthorized audio recording concerns

MCR's: 2024-2025 #346 Decertification – Defendant Class in NYS Land Claims Litigation

January 13, 2025

Chiefs Roundtable Update:

- Chiefs of Ontario meetings
- Justice portfolio's work on Child Rights Law
- AMPS strategic planning
- Governance and Finance committee meetings
- Economic Development meetings
- CBSA circles
- Ontario FNCSS settlement

agreement

- OPG Agreement

Discussion Items:

- Governance Committee Update, the goal is to have live meetings that are set to begin on April 7th
- February General Meeting is to take place in Tsi Snaihne on February 27
- Positivity Initiative "28 Days of Positivity", coordinated by MCA Communications Unit, will run from February 1-28, 2025
- Mohawk Culture and Language School support
- St. Regis Church fuel supply support
- Safety of children sliding down-side of the American bridge
- Homeless individuals
- AFNQL Nomination

Presentations:

- Public Safety – AMPS presentation of Investigative Unit
- **MCRs:** Council Meeting Minutes December 30th; Council Meeting Minutes – January 6th; New Financial System Implementation; Caisse Populaire Signing Authorities; BMO Signing Authorities Canadian Bank Account; 2023-2024 Ac-

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cept the Consolidated Financial Statements. MCA Audit; ISC Amendment No. 152 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; ISC Amendment No. 153 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; ISC Amendment No. 154 to Funding Agreement No. 1920-ON-000024; Indigenous Institutes Equipment Renewal Fund; Akwesasne Court Submit Intervenor Status in Supreme Court of Canada

January 20, 2025

Discussion Items:

- CBSA Working Circle Chief Appointment
- Change to Tuesday Council Meetings
- Increase funding allocation for annual Akwesasne Winter Carnival
- Iroquois Caucus Strategic Planning Session
- Update from Governance Committee

- Website/Portal Plan by Gov-Stack
- Iroquois Caucus Council Conduct
- SRMT Meeting

Presentations:

- AMBE Organizational Chart Additions
 - » Position added to Maintenance
 - » Org. Chart Title Change: Early Learning Program
- Elders Services Improvement Proposal
- SIBC Bridge

MCR's: CMM dated December 23, 2024; CMM dated January 13, 2025; Tsiokwanonhso:te resident trust BMO signing authorities; BMO signing authority US bank account; Akwesasne Settlement Trust BMO signing authorities; Iakhihsohtha resident trust BMO signing authorities; Akwesasne Youth Council representatives

January 28, 2025

Discussion Items:

- Debriefing from SRMT/MCA meeting
- YECL budget increase, Charter, and terms of reference
- JTBA Technical Table
- Executive Committee Update
- FNCFS First Nations Child Final Settlement Agreement
- Toll increase

Presentations:

- Akwesasne-Canada Political Protocol

MCR's: Nursing Compensation Policy-Updated 2025; AMBE Org. Chart Update; Communications Working Group; Housing Upgrade Application-Rescind Approved Renovation Loan; New Construction Application Approval FY 2024-2025; Request to Increase Funding "Elders Emergency Fund"

Contact Us!



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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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KANA:TAKON DISTRICT CHIEF FALLON DAVID UPDATES



Monthly Report:
December 2024-January 2025

Portfolios:
Dept. of Health, Dept. of Community & Social Services, Akwesasne Justice Department, Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Economic Development

Selected Committees:
Special Needs, Beautification, Hydro Québec, Youth, Elders, Culture and Language, CBSA, PAT, Dundee Port of Entry

MONTHLY NOTABLES:

- AFN Special Chiefs Assembly was held December 3-5, 2024. I attended via Zoom for December 3rd and 5th. On December 4th, Lisa Francis-Benedict and I travelled to Ottawa, ON to attend in-person.
- Attended the Holiday Dinners on December 9 (Kana:takon Recreation), December 11 (Kawehno:ke Recreation), and December 12 (Tsi Snaihne Recreation). All holiday dinners were very well attended by the community.
- Attended the Kana:takon Recreation December to Remember fundraiser from December 13-15, 2024. Laura Thompson, her family, and the Kana:takon Recreation crew did a fantastic job.

- Attended Akwesasne Strategic Planning Community Session at the Kana:takon Recreation Center.
- Attended the Circle of Leaders training. This was a good training as it provided necessary tools to help work with others in the workplace who may have differing personality types. It was interesting to see what approaches to take when dealing with others.
- Kana:takon District Meeting was held January 20, 2025 at the Kana:takon Recreation Center with only one community member in attendance.
- Attended a meeting with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe on January 2, 2025, regarding us working together on some possible upcoming initiatives. These meetings will take place quarterly with the next meeting scheduled in April.
- Attended the Satellite Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic ribbon-cutting ceremony. The satellite clinic is now open to community members. This is a great step forward for the health of our community with the ability to access clinic services in all three districts.
- The Dundee Trust signing took place on January 23, 2025. The trust officially has all of its members. The community was able to partake in a meal as well to watch the event.
- Attended the *Beans* movie showing at the Aultsville Film Festival in Cornwall. This event had a great turnout. It was beautiful to see our very own Kiawentiio Tarbell as the star of the movie. She is an amazingly talented young lady.
- Attended Governance Training from February 4-6, 2025 with Carol Hopkins at the Kawehno:ke Recreation. This was taken by all of Council. Governance training is essential for ensuring that individuals in leadership and decision-making positions understand their roles, responsibilities, and the broader

implications of their actions within an organization. It fosters transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct, helping leaders navigate complex legal and regulatory frameworks while aligning with organizational values. By equipping board members and executives with the tools to make informed, strategic decisions, governance training reduces risks, enhances organizational performance, and builds stakeholder trust. Moreover, it promotes a culture of continuous learning, enabling organizations to adapt to evolving challenges and governance best practices. Ultimately, effective governance training is crucial for sustaining long-term success and stability.

PORTFOLIO UPDATES:

Dept. of Public Safety — The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service presented their Strategic Plan to the community in all three districts on January 6, 8, and 9, 2025 at all three district recreation centers. A2Z Strategic Consulting was present to answer any questions about the strategic plan and to take all feedback into consideration. In January 2025, AMPS conducted an online survey, giving community members the opportunity to share their feedback and help AMPS better understand the community's current needs. I attended Police Commission meetings on behalf of my district and brought all community concerns to the meeting. We had a Portfolio meeting that took place on January 31, 2025. I have had conversations with the Acting Chief of Police regarding the blue envelope initiative for community members who have autism and to see if this is something that AMPS can do. The blue envelope can be kept in a person's home or carried with them, so in case of an emergency or police interaction, officers can quickly understand the needs of the individual with autism, potentially preventing misunderstandings

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or escalated situations. This initiative helps raise awareness among law enforcement agencies and fosters a more understanding, patient approach when dealing with individuals on the autism spectrum. It is part of broader efforts to improve how police respond to individuals with various mental health or developmental conditions. Acting Chief of Police said that this is something that they are willing to incorporate into their strategic plan on our vulnerable community population.

Akwesasne Justice Dept. — Space needs continue to be a concern for the Akwesasne Justice Department. This is currently being assessed and hopefully a solution is in the very near future as they wait for the Sunday Warehouse building to be complete. The Legislative Oversight Committee now has all members and has begun meeting. I have attended both of the scheduled meetings and I will be sitting on the Residency Law as well as the Child Rights Law. The Oversight Committee on Legislative Development (OSC) is requesting feedback from community members to determine which three Akwesasne Laws should be prioritized for 2025. Each year, the OSC collaborates with the Akwesasne Justice Department Portfolio Chiefs to identify, this survey will be available to the community online and your input is very valuable. More information will be provided to the community on the Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulations so that the community can have a better understanding of the proper processes that need to be taken in law amendment and development.

Dept. of Economic Development — We had our first portfolio meeting where the Economic Development Director did an impressive job of highlighting all areas of her program. Connections are still taking place with Ontario East and they are aware of those houses who are signed up but have yet to have a line dug to their home. In most cases these homes were difficult to access but they will be connected as soon as they

can. The Economic Development portfolio along with Economic Development Director had an informative meeting with Public Service and Procurement Canada to discuss upcoming opportunities. Public Services and Procurement Canada has made efforts to engage and promote the inclusion of Indigenous populations in government procurement processes. These efforts are aimed at improving economic opportunities for Indigenous businesses and communities, fostering partnerships, and ensuring that procurement practices contribute to reconciliation.

Dept. of Community & Social Services — The First Nations Child and Family Services Jordans Principle Settlement will officially open for claims on March 10, 2025. The Federal Court approved the First Nations Child and Family Services and Jordan's Principle Settlement Agreement on October 24, 2023. This agreement aims to provide compensation to individuals harmed by the discriminatory underfunding of the First Nations Child and Family Services Program and those impacted by the federal government's restrictive interpretation of Jordan's Principle. The \$23.34 billion settlement follows compensation directives from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal in 2019, which investigated systemic discrimination against First Nations children and families.

1,465 households benefited from the Akwesasne Heating Assistance Program. This funding has been dispersed to electric companies and fuel providers. Each household received \$1,500.00.

There has also been much concern about some of our homeless community members in the City of Cornwall. The Community Support Program (CSP) has reached out to them and provided back packs with supplies as well as options were given on how CSP can assist with shelter. There is also the Persian Manor in Cornwall where there are a number of rooms designated to Akwesasne residents.

Dept. of Health — On January 22, 2025 the Satellite Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic opened its doors to the community. Blood work clinics are now available in all districts at the Akwesasne Medical Clinic (Kana:takon), Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic and Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic in Iakhihsohtha Lodge. Jordan's Principle also has a satellite office at Iakhihsohtha Lodge in Tsi Snaihne (Jan. 23-Feb. 27, Thursday's only, by appointment only). Some changes have been made to the Special Need Policy Fund and now include members of Akwesasne who reside in the Cornwall area. Having blood work clinics available in all three districts as well the Satellite Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic is a huge step forward for our community's health needs.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Special Needs Committee — The Special Needs Committee has been formed by Chief Lacey, Chief Vanessa, Chief Teresa, and myself. We held our first meeting to discuss priorities in this area, which are lacking, and I am committed to ensuring that special needs programming does not fall through the cracks. It is essential that our community members with special needs are a priority and receive the care they deserve. I look forward to collaborating with departments to help fill the existing gaps.

Youth, Elders, Culture and Language — The first official meeting was held on January 22, 2025, in which we discussed our plans moving forward with this committee. All youth council members have been accepted and an upcoming swearing-in ceremony will take place. Currently looking at the process for an Elders Committee. We will be developing a charter, along with policies and procedures for this committee. We also spoke of some requests that have been brought forward for language programs and a Request for Proposal will be going out to the community and the next couple of weeks.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION



FACEBOOK STATS

Facebook Posts with the Most Likes in January

1. Traditional Songs, Steps & Skills (Video)
2. Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Celebrates Opening of Satellite Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic
3. Honouring Our Activity Professionals at Iakhihsohtha Lodge
4. Water/Wastewater Program Honored with National Recognition
5. MCA Appoints Interim Chief Electoral Officer

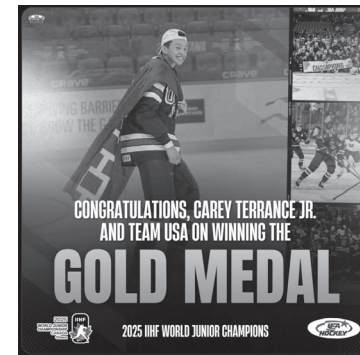
Facebook Posts with the Highest Reach in January

1. RFP: AMPS Amphibious All-Terrain Vehicle — 55,549 Reached
2. Power Outage Update — 7:00 PM — 13,773 Reached
3. Low-Hanging Power Line on River Road (Tsi Snaihne) — 13,074 Reached
4. Traditional Songs, Steps & Skills (Video) — 11,839 Reached
5. Power Outage Update — 5:45 PM — 10,968 Reached



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Top Post in January



YOUTUBE STATS

Highest Viewed Video on the MCA YouTube Channel for January

Green Food Bag Recipe: Shepherd's Pie



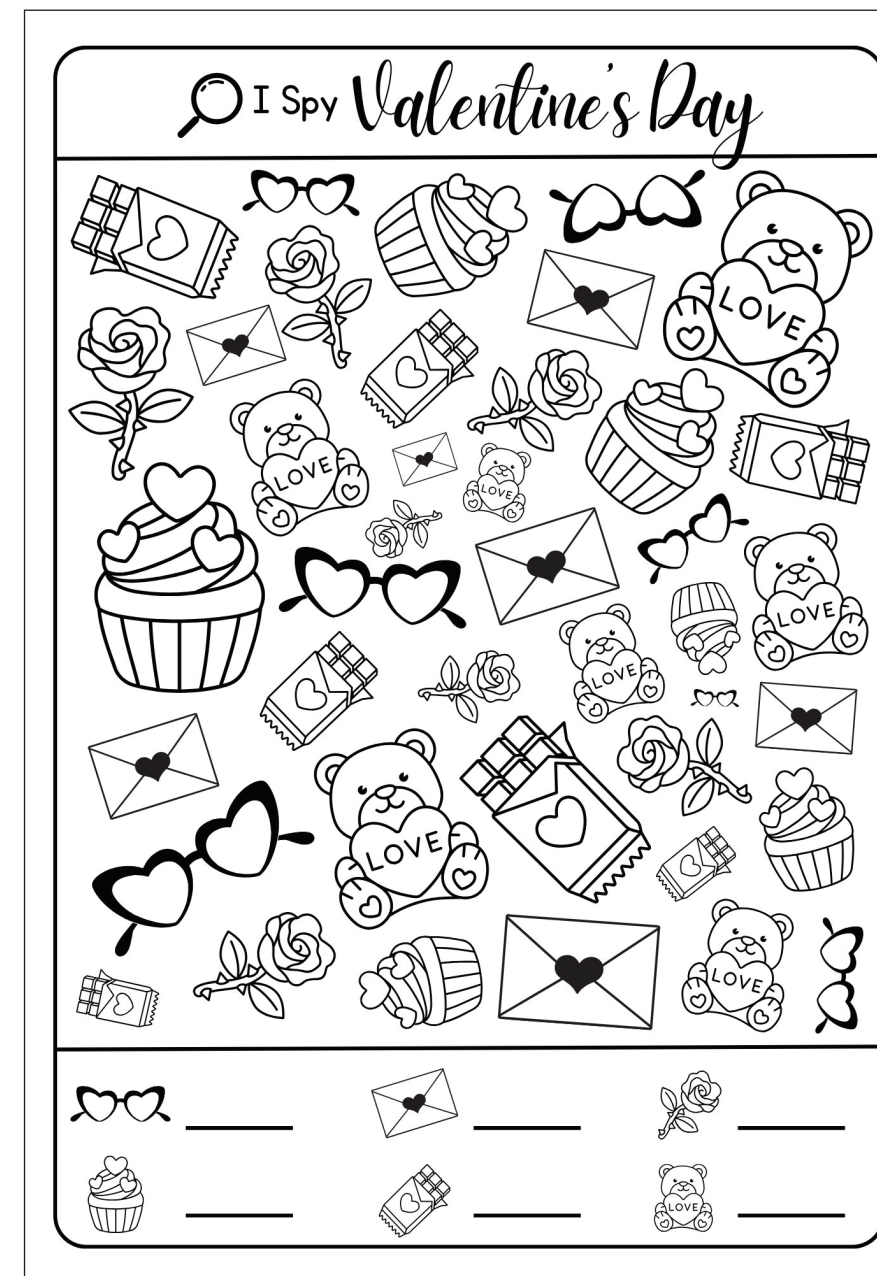
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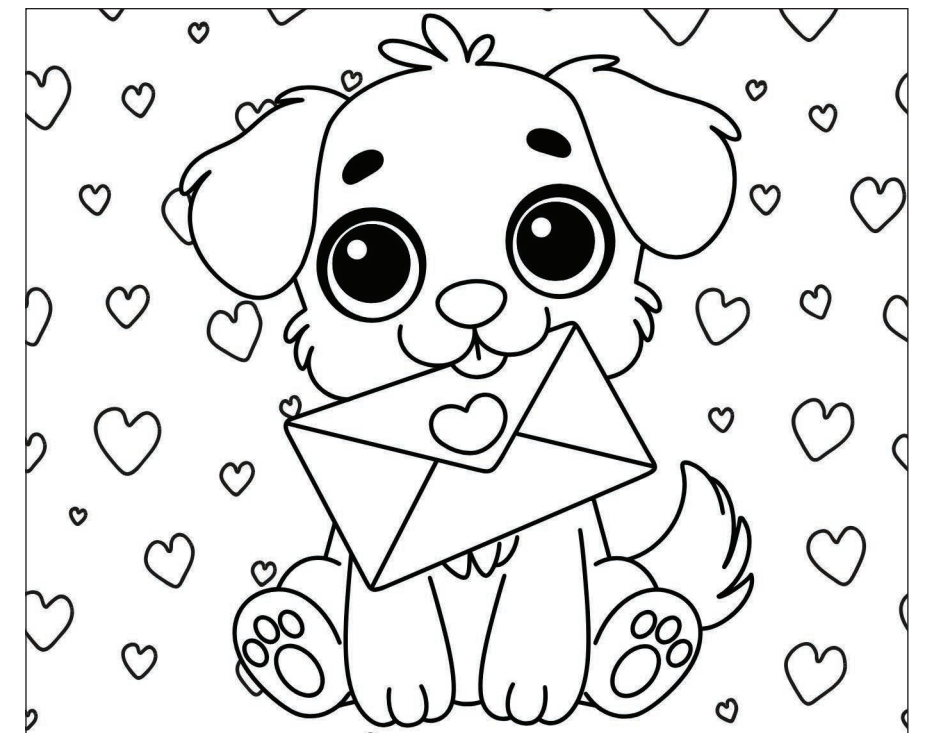
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| 1. Tekonnonhwará:tons Kanoronhkwáhtshera Awenhnisera — Happy Valentine's Day | 9. Tsi nén:we enkonnorónhkhwakwe — I will love you forever | candy for you |
| 2. Ronwaia'tanentaktónhne (Wiskhaton Awenhnisera) — Friday (the 5th day) | 10. Enkonhiationhserahní:non'se — I will buy a card for you | 16. Ska'neróhkwa otsikhè:ta — Box of candy |
| 3. Kaié:ri iawén:re ne Enniska — The 14th of February | 11. Kanoronhkwahntsha Aohiatónhsera — A Valentine's card | 17. Awé:ri nikaieron'tò:ten — It is heart shaped |
| 4. Konianonhtónnion — I am thinking of you | 12. Enkontsi'tsiahní:non'se — I will buy flowers for you | 18. Nè:'e kí:ken wa'konhni:non'se — I bought this for you |
| 5. Konnòn:wes — I like you | 13. Katsi'tsianó:ron (teiohnonwarón:ton otsi:tsia) — Rose - a precious flower (a flower with thorns) | 19. Niá:wen tsi nahò:ten wahsekháhrhahse — Thank you for your gift |
| 6. Konnorónhkhwa — I love you | 14. Skenthòhkwa otsi:tsia — A bouquet of flowers | 20. Konia'tíhsaks — I miss you |
| 7. Kwanorónhkhwa — We love you | 15. Enkontsikhe'tahní:non'se — I will buy | 21. la'ténkta'ne enkoniatken'sé:ra — I will stop to see you |
| 8. Í:se ó:ni konnorónhkhwa — I love you too | | |

CHILDREN'S PAGE



COLOR THE PUPPY!



YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

- What did the icy road say to the car?
Want to go for a spin?
- What did one volcano say to the other?
I lava you!
- What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts.

Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement

Below is the current information regarding the Federal Indian Day School Class Action.

For more information visit: www.indiandayschools.com/en/

Status of Claims from Akwesasne

	Number of Claims
Paid	1,934
Eligible for Payment	16
Denied	53
In Process*	95
Total	2,098

*Of these claims, 74 have missing information.

Missing Information

The deadline to submit missing information for the Federal Indian Day School Class Action Settlement is June 27, 2025. Missing information can be any of the following:

Missing Claimant Name	Missing Claimant, Witness or Guarantor Signatures
Missing Date of Birth	Missing Personal Narrative
Missing Identification	Missing Supporting Documents
Missing Mailing Address	Missing Sworn Declaration
Missing School Name	Missing Representative Information
Missing School Years	
Missing Level Selection	

Local Support

Akwesasne Rights and Research Office (ARRO)

Available by appointment for submitting missing information or contacting administrator or class counsel.

Phone: 613-575-2250 ext. 2132

Mental Health Support:

MCA - Mental Health Services

Phone: 613-575-2341 ext. 3115

Email: MentalHealth@akwesasne.ca

SRMT - Mental Health

Kanikonri:iohne (Good Mind Counseling)

Phone: 518-358-3141 Toll Free: 1-800-647-7839

Settlement Contact Information

Gowling WLG

(Class Counsel)

Free legal advice concerning reconsiderations, appeals, and missing information.

Phone: 1-844-539-3815

Fax: 1-613-788-3629

Email: dayschools@gowlingwlg.com

Hope For Wellness

(Mental Health Support)

Support is available to class action members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Phone: 1-855-242-3310

Website: www.HopeForWellness.ca

Deloitte

(Claims Administrator)

Questions regarding the administration of the Settlement, and processing of Claim Forms.

Phone: 1-888-221-2898

Fax: 1-416-366-1102

Email: indiandayschools@deloitte.ca



MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

JULIA BENEDICT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Nearly three years ago, the Akwesasne Justice Department welcomed Julia to the team. She continues to thrive in her role as the ultimate assistant of the Akwesasne Representative & Advocacy Program (ARAP). She serves as

the main administrator for all organizational matters of the program, including preparing Mohawk Council Resolutions (MCRs), briefing notes, memos, letters, and correspondence. Julia is also a valuable asset in managing expense reports, strategic planning, and developing contracts, while overseeing all of ARAP's financial records.

For the community, Julia is available to provide Commissioner of Oath services and notarize documents as needed. Her impressive educational background includes an Ontario College Diploma in Law Clerk

and an Ontario Graduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies. She is proudly licensed as a P1 Paralegal with the Law Society of Ontario, and most recently, she became an Ontario Notary Public in November 2024.

Julia has said she takes pleasure in all aspects of ARAP: "Whether it's assisting a client to purchase clothing for their children, helping the Band Representatives facilitate workshops, or simply drafting correspondence for intra/inter-departmental matters, it feels good to be there whenever someone in my program needs help. ARAP does valuable and meaningful work, and I am there to assist in providing services that keep the program strong and running. I really enjoy being a cog in the system that makes things happen."

Niawenhkó:wa, Julia. The entire Akwesasne Justice Department commends you for consistently proving that you are a great team player who is always able and willing to help your fellow co-workers and community members. Keep up the great work!

AKWESASNE LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT REGULATION FLOWCHART

The Akwesasne Justice Department invites community members to check out our new public information series, designed to clarify how laws are made in Akwesasne. Part one of this series introduces the flowchart outlining the Akwesasne Legislative Enactment Procedural Regulation (ALEPR). The ALEPR ensures transparent and accountable procedures for the development, ratification, enactment, amendment, and repeal of Akwesasne Laws.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is committed to engaging the community in the lawmaking process. This regulation ensures that Akwesasne Laws

reflect the values, customs, and aspirations of the Mohawks of Akwesasne, while upholding principles of natural justice.

To view the flowchart, please visit: www.akwesasne.ca/akwesasne-legislative-enactment-regulation-flowchart

Flowchart can also be viewed by scanning the QR Code.





OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

Services provided by OVS:

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Indian Status/Registration

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Lands
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Estates
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Membership/Residency
- 
Leasing

CONTACT US

CIA #3 Building
101 Tewesateni Road (Kawehno:ke)
Akwasasne, ON K6H 0G5

Tel: 613-575-2250 ext. 1013
Email: ovs.office@akwasasne.ca

BUILDING FUTURES: CELEBRATING THE UNVEILING OF THE KAHERI:IO TRADES TRAINING FACILITY

The Mohawk Council of Akwasasne is proud to celebrate the unveiling of the Iohahi:io Trades Building, Kaheri:io, which was held on January 16, 2025. This modern facility represents a transformative step in empowering Akwasasronon with practical, hands-on training opportunities, ensuring a skilled workforce ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

Purpose-built to provide education in woodworking, welding, construction, and other trades, the Kaheri:io Trades Training Facility embodies innovation, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence. Its creation was made possible through the partnership of Akwasasne Career & Employment Support Services (ACCESS), the Department of Community & Social Services (DCSS), and the Department of Infrastructure, Housing & Environment (DIHE). The building's creation also stands as a testament to the strength and potential of students, as many played an active role in its construction.

Recently, the building was doubled in size thanks to the support of ACCESS, CSP, and DCSS funding. This expansion added two washrooms, a classroom, and a new room designed to house 10 welders. This addition to the building was a collaborative effort, with students who had been trained in trades such as masonry and carpentry working alongside tradespeople as mentors and instructors. These students gained hands-on experience in real-world projects, further solidifying their training and skill development.

The building, located next to Iohahi:io in Tsi Snaihne, currently hosts a Welding course in the evening and a Pathways to Trades course during the day. Iohahi:io is also exploring pre-apprenticeship programs, as well as pre-employment offerings, to continue expanding opportunities for the community.

The grand opening brought together community leaders, staff,

and officials to celebrate this milestone. Remarks were delivered by Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, alongside Norma Sunday (Associate Director of Post-Secondary & Continuing Education), Russell Roundpoint (Executive Director of ACCESS), Leslie Papineau (Director of DIHE), and Donna Lahache (Director of AMBE). Attendees, including representatives from Iohahi:io, ACCESS, the Community Support Program (CSP), and MP Eric Duncan (SD&G), joined a guided tour led by Trades Training Coordinator Ron Lazore. The event concluded with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque and a ribbon cutting to mark the official opening of the facility.

Grand Chief Leonard Lazore highlighted the profound impact of the facility in his remarks: "It's exciting to see how this new facility is already being utilized to host trade courses. Building a strong labour force is not just about meeting the needs of today, but also about preparing for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow. This facility will provide our community members with the tools, resources, and training they need to succeed and build sustainable futures."

"It's equally inspiring to hear that students have played an active role in the construction of this project," added Grand Chief, reflecting on what it took to bring the building to life. "This hands-on experience not only helps them develop valuable skills but also provides a sense of pride for everyone who contributed. By participating in opportunities like this, they are truly building their futures—brick by brick."

The Mohawk Council of Akwasasne congratulates the staff of the Iohahi:io Akwasasne Education and Training Institute and the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education for their vision, dedication, and achievements. Kaheri:io is more than just a building; it is a beacon of what can be accomplished through collaboration, determination, and shared purpose. Together, we are empowering Akwasasronon to construct sustainable and successful futures.



Pictured L-R: Gary Cole, Kawehno:ke District Chief Lacey Pierce, MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore, Tsi Snaihne District Chief Sarah Lee Sunday-Diabo, Associate Director of Post-Secondary Education Norma Sunday, ACCESS Executive Director Russell Roundpoint, and MP Eric Duncan (SD&G).



Exterior of the new Iohahi:io Trades Building, Kaheri:io, located on Iohahi:io Rd. in Tsi Snaihne.

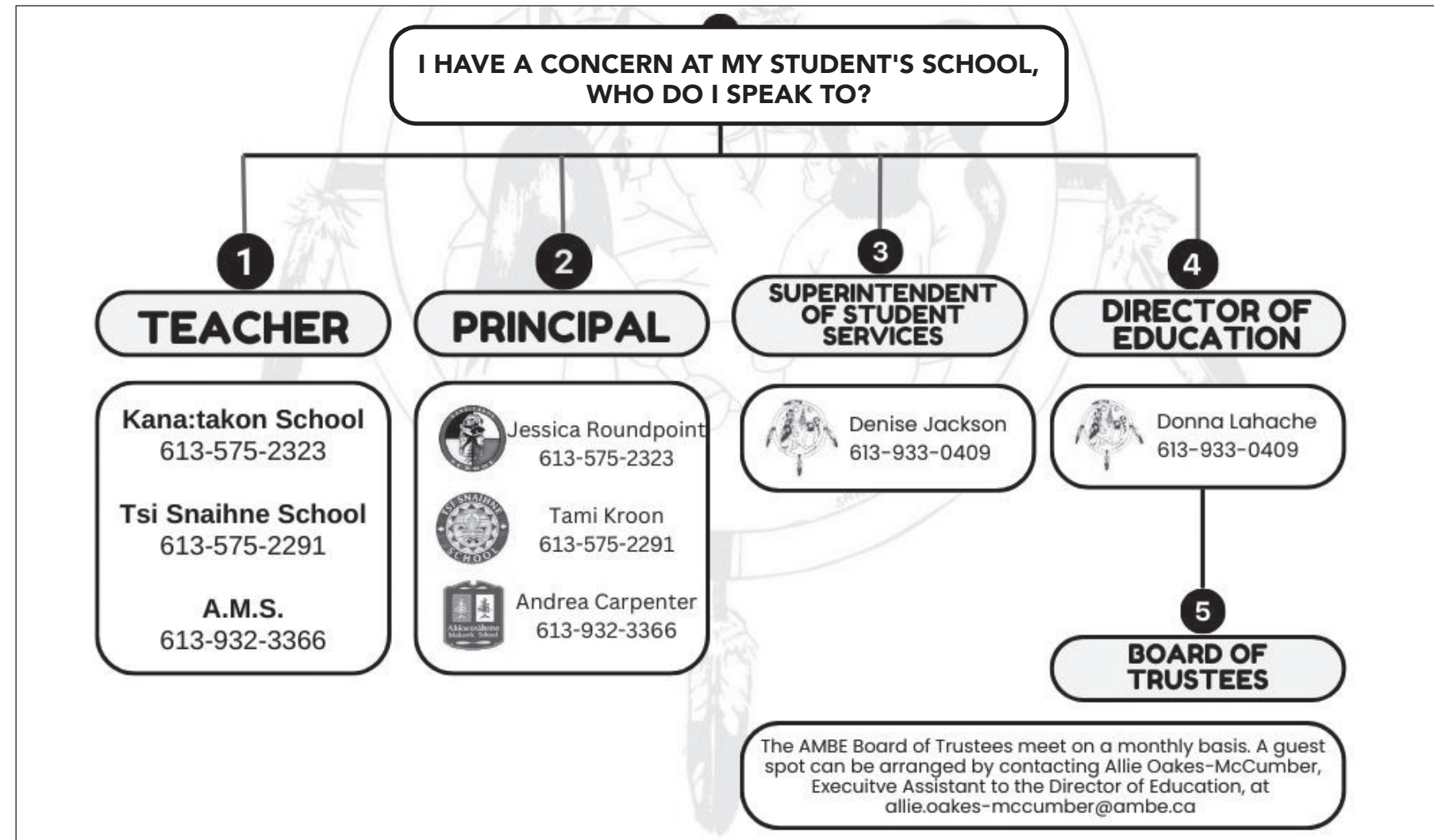
AHKWESAHSNE MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION

HAVE A CONCERN AT YOUR STUDENTS AMBE SCHOOL?

Here is a step-by-step guide on who to contact to help resolve a concern.

1. Speak to your students teacher. AMBE educators are the first step in assisting in any concerns regarding your student, they are in the classroom and see your student daily.
2. Have further questions? No problem, reach out to your students school principal.
3. Looking for a bit more? Reach out to Denise Jackson, Superintendent of Student Services. Mrs. Jackson has been an educator and principal
4. Donna Lachache, Director of Education, should be your last contact before reaching out to Allie Oakes-McCumber, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education.
5. With Allie, you can set up a meeting with the AMBE Board Of Trustees. In your request, please outline the situation of concern, the steps you've followed to reach this point and your contact information.

within AMBE for many years prior to her position as Superintendent of Student Services.



HUMAN RESOURCES

CALLOUT FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is looking to connect our staff with volunteer opportunities as part of their commitment to giving back to the community. If your business or organization is in need of volunteers, please reach out to us with details. We will share this information with our employees, who may be interested in giving their time to support your organization.

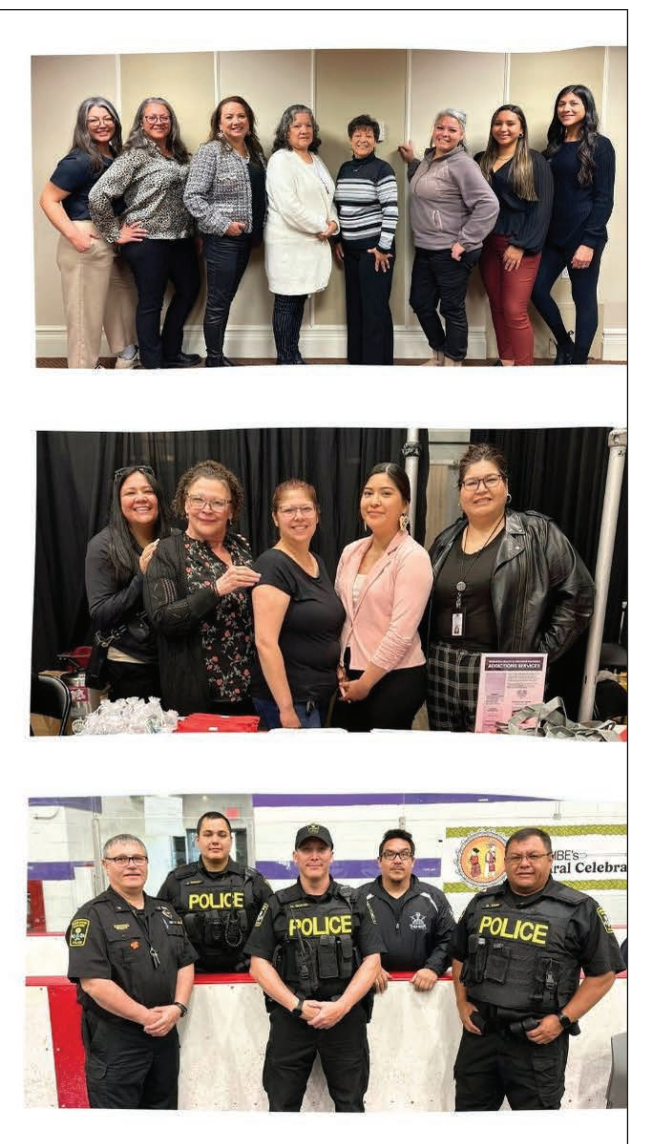
To submit opportunities or for more information, please contact: kora.mitchell@akwesasne.ca or communications@akwesasne.ca.



WE ARE HIRING
Join our Team!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

www.akwesasne.ca/employment



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MCA GREEN FOOD BAG PROGRAM

The MCA Department of Health's Community Health Services is proud to offer the Tetewatska:hon — Green Food Bag Program. This initiative provides fresh produce and other goods to Akwesasne at an affordable price.

How It Works

Cost: \$20 per Green Food Bag (limit of 2 bags per person).

Payment: Due at the time of order. Accepted methods:

Cash: Submit payments to the Community Health Services office at the Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility.

E-Transfer: Send payments to etransfer@akwesasne.ca.

Include the following in the message section:

- "Green Food Bag"
- The month you are ordering for
- Your name and contact number

Limited Quantities: Quantities are limited each month, so don't wait to place your order! If the limit is reached, your order will roll over to the next month's list. See the schedule for 2025 below.

What's in the Bag?

Each month, the Green Food Bag features a variety of fresh, seasonal produce and other items. Past bags have included:


- Onions
- Apples
- Potatoes
- Carrots
- Cucumbers
- Bananas
- Lettuce
- Cereal and more!

Pickup Information

Pickup happens at Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Healthy Facility.

Bring Your Own Bags: Please bring reusable bags when picking up your order, as bags will not be provided.

For more information, contact Community Health Services at 613-575-2341 ext. 3220.



TETEWATSKA:HON

GREEN FOOD BAG SCHEDULE

ORDER DEADLINE:		PICK UP DATE:	
March 7, 2025	August 1, 2025	March 19, 2025	August 20, 2025
April 4, 2025	September 5, 2025	April 16, 2025	September 17, 2025
May 9, 2025	October 3, 2025	May 21, 2025	October 15, 2025
June 6, 2025	November 7, 2025	June 18, 2025	November 19, 2025
July 4, 2025	December 5, 2025	July 16, 2025	December 17, 2025

MCA Community Health Services: Health Promotion and Prevention Program

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Hosted by Community Health Services
Health Promotion and Prevention Program

POOL FITNESS

At the Aquatic Centre in
Cornwall

Free!
For ages 55 and up

A great aerobic workout designed to enhance balance and strength as well as increase cardio-respiratory fitness. This class is geared towards the shallow water Aquafit beginner, older adults, or adults struggling with rehabilitation, arthritis or muscle and joint ailments.

This event is for all Akwesasne Community Members

DATES & TIMES

- February 24 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- February 27 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- March 3 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55p.m.
- March 6 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- **March 11 — 10:00 a.m. - 10:55a.m.
- March 17 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- March 20 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- March 24 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
- March 27 — 1:00 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

Please note the time change for March 11th

For more information

Contact Us

📞 613-575-2341 Ext 3241

🌐 Cullen.Jacobs@akwesasne.ca

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATES OPENING OF SATELLITE TSI SNAIHNE MEDICAL CLINIC

Despite the frigid temperatures, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic (TMC) radiated warmth as years of hard work and dedication finally came to fruition. This milestone event, held on January 22, 2025, marked the official opening of the much-anticipated satellite clinic, a significant step in bringing healthcare services closer to the residents of Tsi Snaihne.

MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore commended the perseverance and teamwork of everyone involved. "This clinic represents a major step forward in ensuring the residents of Tsi Snaihne have access to vital healthcare services close to home. It is a testament to the hard work of the Department of Health, the Health Portfolio Chiefs, and all those who have worked tirelessly on this project."

It was only fitting that Karen Loran had the honor of cutting the ribbon. As a former Tsi Snaihne District Chief and Health Portfolio holder, Karen worked tirelessly over the years, advocating and lobbying for this initiative. Her participation in the ceremony symbolized the culmination of years of dedication and commitment to making this vision a reality.

The Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic will temporarily operate out of a dedicated space in lakhihsohtha Lodge, with its entrance located at the far end of the building. To ensure the safety of lakhihsohtha residents, the clinic has a separate, secure entrance, designated parking, and strict safety protocols. This design ensures that patients and residents can benefit from this service without compromising health and safety.

The TMC will provide a variety of services, including primary care, blood work clinics, immunizations, diabetes prevention and care programs, Jordan's Principle services, and mental health appointments.

"The opening of the Tsi Snaihne clinic is an example of service delivery that we strive for," said Acting Executive Director Shannon Roundpoint. "Our health department and leaders past and present recognize that there is a strong need to support residents of Tsi Snaihne who are burdened by the remote location of the district. It should not cost community members an hour of travel time to receive basic health services, and I commend all those who recognized this and worked to provide a solution. In addition to supporting residents of Tsi Snaihne, the satellite clinic's services like bloodwork and same-day appointments will serve all community members and is another need the team has heard and addressed."

Amber Montour, Director of Health added, "This clinic is more than a facility; it is a promise. A promise that our elders will receive care close to home, that families will have access to preventive services, and that every individual will be treated with dignity and compassion."

Nia:wen to everyone involved in bringing this essential service to the residents of Tsi Snaihne.

To view the February calendar for the Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic, please visit: www.akwesasne.ca/doh/medical-clinics/

To book or schedule an appointment, please call 613-575-2341 ext. 3215.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CLINICAL CARE SERVICES ANNOUNCES NURSE-LED CLINICS

The MCA Department of Health's Clinical Care Services (CCS) is notifying the community that they will soon be launching nurse-led clinics within the Akwesasne Medical Clinic (AMC) and the Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic (TMC).

Nurse-led clinics will take place on Fridays, with the possibility of additional weekdays in the future.

The nurse-led clinics will consist of the following services:

- Vitals check
- Urine dip for UTIs or pregnancy
- B12 injections
- Mini-mental health exams
- Driver's license assessments
- Blood sugar checks
- Rapid strep test (only available at AMC at this time)

Certain types of visits will require a referral from your primary care provider. Community members can call the Akwesasne Medical Clinic to inquire on your eligibility for an appointment.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL THE
AKWESASNE MEDICAL CLINIC**

**613-575-2341
EXT. 3215**



BLOOD WORK CLINICS NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL DISTRICTS

Keep your health in check with convenient blood work clinics in Tsi Snaihne, Kawehno:ke, and Kana:takon. The Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic is now offering appointments, alongside the ongoing services at the Kawehno:ke and Akwesasne Medical Clinics.

Locations:

- Tsi Snaihne Medical Clinic (lakhihsohtha Lodge, separate entrance)
- Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic
- Akwesasne Medical Clinic (Kanonhkwa'tsheri:io Health Facility)

Schedule your appointment:

- Tsi Snaihne & Akwesasne Medical Clinics: 613-575-2341 ext. 3215
- Kawehno:ke Medical Clinic: 613-932-5808



Take a step towards better health — book your blood work today!



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

PROTECTING THE CIRCLE

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACHES TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join us for an event that unites survivors, community members, service providers, social workers, elders, knowledge keepers, and community partners to address the impacts of human and sex trafficking and its connection to the MMIP movement.

MARCH 6, 2025
8:00AM - 4:00PM
RAMADA CORNWALL, ON



Scan to sign up!

PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER FOR EVENING WORKSHOPS FROM 5:00PM - 8:00PM

REGISTER BY: FEBRUARY 27, 2025

AKWESASNE FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM
 613-937-4322
 AFWPOUTREACH@AKWESASNE.CA




MCA EC DEV STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY PRESENCE AT WORLD JUNIORS

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is pleased to highlight the remarkable efforts of the Department of Economic Development in fostering community involvement with the 2025 World Junior Hockey Championships. The team worked diligently in collaboration with Hockey Canada to ensure that Akwesasne was meaningfully represented and engaged at this prestigious event.

One of the key accomplishments was the successful organization of the Ticket Donation Program, which allocated 150 tickets to local youth organizations, such as the Akwesasne Minor Hockey Association and the Cornwall Typhoons. These tickets allowed young athletes and community members to attend the Latvia vs. USA game, providing them with an unforgettable experience and inspiring future generations.

MCA Economic Development also played a key role at the Fan Fest, hosting a booth that welcomed attendees. This initiative offered a valuable opportunity to showcase Akwesasne's culture and hospitality to visitors from around the world.

In addition, Economic Development staff were actively involved in recommending Indigenous artists to contribute to the championships. Their input helped select artists who designed game MVP awards, signature jerseys, and a commemorative mural, ensuring Indigenous representation was at the forefront of the event. MCA Grand Chief Leonard Lazore had the honor of presenting the Player of the Game award during the bronze medal game, while Chief Greg Sarazin of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan presented the Player of the Game award during the gold medal game.

The team also collaborated with the MCA Communications Unit to create a land acknowledgment video and a welcome

message featuring Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke. This work emphasized Akwesasne's connection to the event and the recognition of its territory.

Kawehno:ke District Chief and Economic Development Portfolio Holder Vanessa Adams noted, "We are proud of the work done by the Economic Development team. Through their dedication and collaboration, Akwesasne was prominently represented on the international stage. We thank the Department of Economic Development for their incredible effort in bringing our community together for this prestigious event."

The MCA is deeply grateful to the Department of Economic Development team for their hard work and vision. Their contributions to the World Junior Hockey Championships not only strengthened Akwesasne's presence but also created opportunities to celebrate our community and culture.

Congratulations to the Director of Economic Development and their staff for this tremendous achievement!



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These paddles were presented during the game MVP awards.



Youth from the Ticket Donation Program were thrilled to cheer on Akwesasne's own Carey Terrance Jr., who represented Team USA and went on to bring home the gold medal!



Tsi Snaihne District Chief Tesha Rourke collaborated with the MCA Communications Unit to create a land acknowledgment video and a welcome message.

DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE & 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 INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

WATER/WASTEWATER PROGRAM HONORED WITH NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne is proud to announce that the Water/Wastewater Program has been nominated for the prestigious 2024 National First Nations Water Leadership Award!

This recognition highlights the exceptional dedication and leadership demonstrated by the following individuals:

- John Adams
- Clayton Barnes
- John 'Tate' Lazore
- Pat David
- Keith Mitchell
- Tom Oakes
- Conway Thompson
- Shane Francis
- Craig Cree

The National First Nations Water Leadership Award honours individuals or organizations that showcase excellence in advancing safe, clean, and reliable drinking water for First Nation communities—both today and for generations to come.

The nomination was put forth by Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict, recognizing the teams leadership qualities, innovation, knowledge, creativity, and collaboration. Their professionalism, expertise, and unwavering commitment to ensuring access to safe drinking water in Akwesasne are a source of pride for the entire community.



Pictured L-R: Tom Oakes, Shane Francis, Craig Cree, Keith Mitchell, and Pat David. Missing from photo: John "Tate" Lazore.

Leslie Papineau, Director of the Department of Infrastructure, Housing, and Environment, noted, "This nomination is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and expertise of the Water/Wastewater Program staff. Their efforts ensure that our community has access to safe and reliable drinking water, and this recognition is well-deserved. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the positive impact they continue to have on Akwesasne."

Shannon Roundpoint, Acting Executive Director, added, "We should all be incredibly proud of our Water/Wastewater Program team and the work they do to ensure we have safe drinking water. We are fortunate for the infrastructure, service and dedication that they provide. This national recognition highlights the vital role they have in our community and their commitment to generations of Akwesasronon."

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne applauds the Water/Wastewater Program for their tireless efforts and leadership. This nomination reflects their commitment to the community and their role as stewards of sustainable water infrastructure.

Nia:wen for your hard work, and congratulations on this well-deserved nomination!



Pictured L-R: Conway Thompson, and Clayton Barnes.



Water and Wastewater Program Manager John Adams

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

IAKHIHSOHTHA ELDERS & AMPS CELEBRATE LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

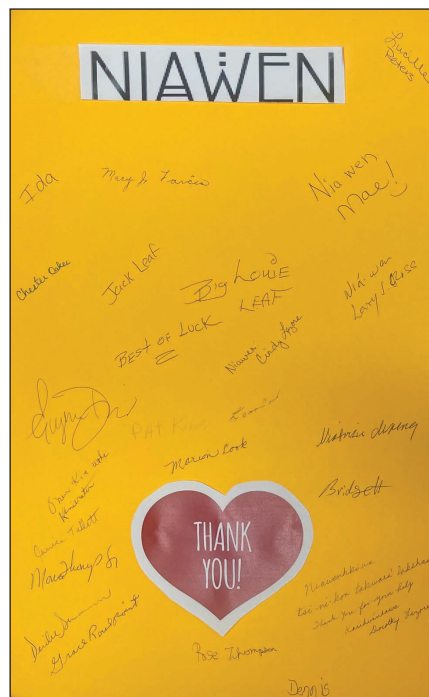
The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) extends a heartfelt niawenhkó:wa to the staff and residents at Iakhihsohta Lodge for hosting such a thoughtful appreciation event in honour of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 2025. Spending time with the totas was truly a privilege, as we shared stories and laughter over treats like strawberry shortcake, hot cocoa, and coffee.

A special highlight of the day was the thoughtful, handmade card created by the residents. Each signature was a reminder of the strong bonds we share with our community members. Your kindness and recognition mean so much to our officers.

At AMPS, we are deeply committed to keeping Akwesasne safe while building meaningful relationships with our community. Events like these remind us of the trust and mutual respect that form the foundation of our work. Together, we can continue fostering a safe and supportive environment for all.

Thank you again, Iakhihsohta, for this warm and memorable celebration!

If you ever have concerns or information about criminal activities, we encourage you to reach out to Central Dispatch at 613-575-2000. Your involvement is vital to maintaining the well-being of Akwesasne.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POTENTIAL HELICOPTER PATROLS IN AKWESASNE

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service (AMPS) is informing the community that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has deployed Black Hawk helicopters to assist in patrolling the Canada-U.S. border, including along the St. Lawrence River. These helicopters will coordinate with law enforcement agencies, including AMPS patrol units when operating in the Akwesasne area.

The helicopters will be based in Ottawa and will patrol the Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick borders. Their presence does not indicate a specific threat but is part of

broader border security efforts. While they may operate at low altitudes when necessary, efforts will be made to minimize noise disruptions. The RCMP has integrated these helicopters into its strategy alongside drones and surveillance towers for enhanced monitoring and are committed to local law enforcement partnerships.

AMPS remains committed to responding appropriately within our jurisdiction and ensuring community safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out, and we will work to address them.



AKWESASNE MOHAWK POLICE SERVICE

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

JANUARY 2025 STATISTICS

219 January	35 1013 Community Services	1 213 Other Sexual Offences
1 027 Theft - Automobiles	14 1014 Crime Prevention	2 3030 Admin - Assist Other Agency
2 060 Arson	1 1023 Judge's Order (Court)	1 6666 Assist Other Departments - Fire
2 061 Bail Violations	1 1023 MVC - Non-Reportable	2 705 Dangerous Operation MV
1 072 Mischief (Prop. Damage) Under \$5000	1 1029 Suspicious Persons	2 711 Impaired Operation MV
3 073 Criminal Code - Other	2 1030 Suspicious Vehicles	4 715 Fail to Stop/Remain (CCC)
1 098 Customs Act	15 1031 Suspicious Circumstances	12 721 Traffic - Provincial Statutes
2 100 Immigration Act	2 1035 Warrant - Committal	1 723 Traffic - Parking Violations
10 1001 Alarms	8 1036 Warrant - Bench/First	1 726 PD MVC Over \$1000 (Prop. Damage)
1 1002 Alerts	7 1041 Mental Health Act	
7 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Ambulance	3 1050 Youth Complaint	
3 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Cornwall PS	1 1052 Shooting Complaint	
1 1003 Assist Other Agencies - OPP	2 1056 Hazardous Conditions	
6 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Other	8 106 Provincial Statutes - Other	
7 1003 Assist Other Agencies - Tribal PD	6 1063 Marine Patrol	
27 1004 Assist Public	1 1065 Snowmobile Patrol	
1 101 Firearms Act	1 203 Sexual Assault with Weapon	
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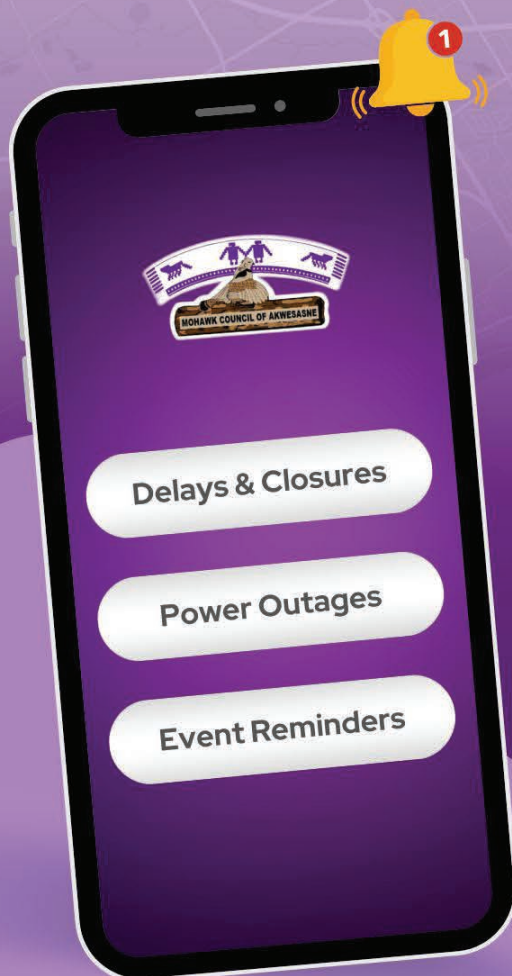
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