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WAHTA ATENHROS:SERA

Tsothohrha – December 2015

Time of Cold

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Children's After School Program Community Council Meeting	2 Baby Play Tutoring After School Program	3	4	5
6	7 Baby Play (Christmas Photos) Children's After School Program	8 Children's After School Program	9 Baby Play Foot Care Tutoring Cookie & Gift Exchange	10	11	12
13	14 Baby Play	15	16 Chair Exercises & Healthy Lunch Tutoring	17	18	19
20	21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Boxing Day
27	28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31 New Years Eve	New Years Day	

Please Save the Date...The Community Retreat will be held on January 29th, 30th and 31st.

Update from Chief and Council

From Chief Philip Franks on behalf of the Wahta Mohawks Council

It is that time of year again when we can say a new year is about to arrive. During the past year our community, and entire membership have had losses. Condolences go out to the family of Stewart Strength over his recent passing. Stewart, like others lived his life beginning here and ending here. Like many others he did not always live here so that he could have employment but he always maintained a close connection and a place to come to. And, like many others he chose later in life to come home. Stewart was a part of the community, one of many people who make up the unique fabric of Wahta. He will be missed.

Council is still dealing with many issues. As a quick update, the land claim settlement continues with our lawyer working to put forward the case with a new look at the compensation awarded. Most likely we will have more progress on this during the month of January.

The meetings with Hydro One and the agreement for providing land for lease to accommodate the transmission towers will continue. This is an interesting time in our intergovernmental relationships with the provincial and federal governments. In Ontario a renewed relationship was forged between the Liberals and the Chiefs of Ontario, while on the federal level we will see how a new Canadian government will approach First Nation issues. Council will continue to follow and be part of those processes.

Council is looking at the result of this past fall and will be having meetings on reports coming forth from,

a) our lands management department who administered the hydro brush cutting project under the tower lines to examine how the project went, what could have been done better, and create recommendations for the next time.

b) council will also review the end of season results from Iroquois Cranberry Growers to look at how renewed efforts to boost income have turned out. Along those lines decisions will also be made as to the governance of Iroquois Cranberry Growers and Mohawk Food Processors as was initially presented at the last general meeting. It should be expected this will come up in our next general meeting.

As members you will be hearing about consultations on our membership code, how that can be best suited to the membership, and how that might occur. Council will then move on the issues of governance.

A small piece of business to be taken on will be the creation of a human resources appeal board as prescribed in the Human Resources Policy. This board has never been formed and in the past Councils have taken that role. We would expect to fill that board with persons aware of human resource issues who can look at situations from a third party perspective.

Chief and Council would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and all the best in the coming year.

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

From the Chief, Council and Staff



Come Out and Join
In !!!

Pole Walking
Every Tuesday
&
Thursday

Foot Care Clinic

December 9th
(Wednesday)



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday,
December
15th
12pm



2015

Please RSVP by
December 1st
To
Sherry (250)
Or
Christine (273)

Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Annual Community Christmas Dinner

When: Friday December 11, 2015 @ 6:00PM

Where: Community Centre

Please **RSVP** by **Monday November 23rd, 2015**
by 12:00 Noon

To Colleen ext. 241, Sherry ext. 250,

Christine ext. 273

(705) 762-2354

Please note: we require you to RSVP for Santa's
elves (for children 0-16), catering purposes, and
to ensure that there is plenty of seating for all
who wish to attend.



Christmas Cookie
And
Gift Exchange



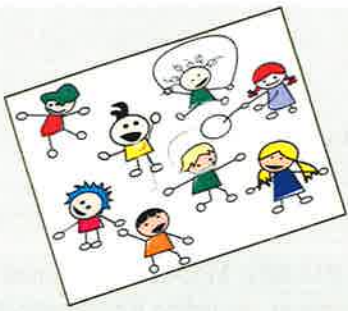
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th

11 am – 1 pm

*Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the
gift exchange*

HEALTH

SERVICES



NOTICE

TUTORING SESSIONS

Sessions Wednesdays,
December 2, 9, & 16 at the
Administration Building in the Library.

Please make sure the school is informed if you want your
child to be dropped off at the Administration Building for
the program



Baby Play

December 2, 7, 9,

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Please contact Colleen at
705-762-2354 ext. 241

PLEASE NOTE THAT

DECEMBER 7th is

CHRISTMAS PHOTO SHOOT



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

ATTENTION

ALL CHILDREN IN
KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES 1
THROUGH 8

After school programs run December 2, 7, 8
from 3:30 until 5:30. Call Colleen
705-762-2354 ext.241 for more information.

**ENGAGING WAHTA
CHILDREN, CREATING
POSITIVE CHANGE**



Community Shopping
Wednesday, December
2nd
in

Barrie 9:00 am

Please contact Christine at
705-762-2354 ext. 273



Women's Book Club
First Nations Authors

Will continue in February

Contact Christine at
705-762-2354 ext. 273

Chair Exercise
Wednesday, December
16th

at

10:30 am

Contact Christine at
705-762-2354 ext. 273



Kagita Mikam Employment & Training

Intake applications are ongoing for Kagita Mikam Employment & Training Programs. If you are unemployed, underemployed or out of school and would like to receive training to get back into the work-force then support is available upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.

Programs available through Kagita Mikam are: Purchase of Training, Targeted Wage Subsidy, Mobility Assistance, Youth Work Experience, Employment Assistance Supports and Self Employment Assistance. Funding for training for 1 year only. Members of Wahta Mohawks without status are eligible for funding. A Letter from Wahta Mohawks stating that you have membership must be provided. Members with status must provide status number and membership letter. For more information on the program please contact Kristal at 705-762-3343 x. 204 or by email at kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASUAL / ON CALL PERSON TO WORK WITH THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Wahta Mohawks is hiring a person(s) to work in the Maintenance department that can be available on a "on call" basis. The successful candidate must be available to work days, evenings and weekends and must provide the employer a clear criminal record check (CPIC) prior to employment.

Duties include but not limited to:

- Snowplow wing person
- Clean snow and ice from walkways and parking areas and roofs
- Operate industrial vacuum cleaners to remove scraps, dirt, debris and other refuse
- Wash windows, interior walls
- Empty trash cans and other waste containers
- Sweep, mop, scrub and wax hallways and gym
- Cut grass and tend grounds (trim branches, rake leaves, apply fertilizer)
- Clean and disinfect washrooms and fixtures
- Perform other routine maintenance jobs such as painting and drywall repair
- May move heavy furniture, equipment and supplies
- Ensure that security and safety measures are in place for Wahta band owned buildings
- Assist in routine maintenance and repair of equipment

Work Conditions and Physical Capabilities:

You must have the ability to work in diverse weather conditions. This position is physically demanding, must be able to lift 50 lbs, standing for extended periods, stooping, bending, perform repetitive tasks and pay attention to detail.

Interested members can bring in their resume to the attention of Martie Stanton, Human Resources. CPIC is required.

OR SEND RESUME TO HUMAN RESOURCES, WAHTA MOHAWKS

P.O. BOX 260, BALA, ON. P0C 1A0

Email: martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca

Phone: [705-762-2354](tel:705-762-2354) Ext. 272

Fax: 705-762-4958

On November 16th-19th 2015 I travelled to Batchewana to an HIV/ AIDS Youth Peer Training put on by the Ontario First Nation HIV/ AIDS Education Circle. This conference brought participants from other First Nation communities all around Ontario to discuss HIV, HepC, and STIs to increase education awareness and reduce rates of infection among First Nation peoples.



Did You Know?

HIV infection rates are on the rise among First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada. Not only is HIV/ AIDS a concern for our young people, but it is having a significant impact on First Nations, Inuit and Métis women. During 1998-2006, First Nations, Inuit and Métis women represented 48.1% of all positive HIV test reports compared to 20.7 % of reports among non-Aboriginal persons. (according to Health Canada)

What is HIV -Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

HIV is a virus that attacks your immune system. Once the virus gets inside your body:

- You may not feel or look sick for years, but you can still infect others
- Over time, your immune system grows weak and you can become sick with different illnesses

If left untreated, your immune system will no longer be able to defend your body from infections, diseases or cancers which can kill you. Once this happens, you have AIDS.

Anyone can be infected with HIV no matter what age, sex, sexual orientation, race or ethnic origin. It's not who you are that puts you at risk for HIV infection. It's what you do. There is NO CURE for HIV or AIDS. There are some drugs that can slow down the disease so that you stay healthier for a longer time. Prevention and education is the only defense.

Why is HIV prevalent in our communities?

First Nations, Inuit and Métis people are especially vulnerable to

HIV infection because compared to the general Canadian population; they have poor access to health services and higher rates of poverty, substance abuse, intravenous drug use, and tattooing. **You can get HIV if the blood, semen, or vaginal fluid of an infected person gets into your bloodstream through a break, cut or tear in your skin. The virus can get into your bloodstream if you:**

- Have vaginal or anal sex with someone who has HIV without using a condom
 - Have oral sex with someone who has HIV without using a condom or a dental dam. (A dental dam is a square piece of latex used to cover the anus or vagina.)
- Take part in any other activities that include contact with infected blood, semen, or vaginal fluid.

You can also get HIV if you:

- Share needles or other equipment(water, cooker, filter, etc.) to inject drugs like cocaine, heroin or steroids with someone who has HIV
 - Share needles or ink to get a tattoo
 - Share needles or jewelry to get a body piercing
- Share acupuncture needles
- A woman with HIV that is not treated beforehand can pass the virus to her baby:**
- During pregnancy, in the uterus
 - During birth
 - Through breastfeeding

This conference allowed me to participate in many workshops such as Reproduction and HIV/ AIDS, Harm Reduction, Trauma and Substance use. There was also a cultural side to the program where we were introduced to "Recognizing our past and moving forward" and how our people were mistreated and the health issues they battle still today. We also made copper vessels and medicine pouches as symbolic ways to connect with one self and nature. I learned we need to stop the stigmas in our communities when it comes to HIV/ AIDS and other battles that our people may be going through, and educate ourselves to learn how to connect and live in healthy relationships with each other.

Important facts to remember

The most common mode of HIV transmission among First Nations, Inuit and Métis is injecting drug use.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis women make up a large part of the HIV epidemic in their community

First Nations, Inuit and Métis diagnosed with HIV appear to be infected at a younger age than non- Aboriginal people.

By the end of 2005, there were 58,000 people in Canada living with HIV (including AIDS)—a 16% increase from 2002. Of these, it is estimated that 27% are not aware of their infection.

Education and Knowledge is Power! If you are interested in learning more on these important topics I would be happy to share my Resource and Training manual with you.

Please contact Kara Wanoth at (705) 762-2354 x 227 or kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca

Snow Removal for Driveways

Dear Homeowner:

Once again this winter season, Wahta Mohawks will be providing snow removal on household driveways for the time period November 15th, 2014 to April 15th, 2015. To assist with the planning and billing for this years' service, we are asking that this form be completed and returned as soon as possible. The rate charged will depend upon the area of your driveway. Please contact Karen at the office to determine which rate that applies to you. We are pleased to advise that this service will continue free of charge for our senior residences.

If you would like to have this service for the winter season 2015/2016, please fill out the information below and deliver or mail it to the administration office. Only those who have completed and signed the form will receive this service. There will be no "as needed" service available.

Homeowner _____

Address: _____

Please check one of the following for service delivery:

Snow blowing required:

Senior Residence _____

Community Residence _____

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure all objects are removed or marked clearly along the driveway area. All items should be at least 3 metres (10ft) from the snow removal area. Wahta Mohawks is not responsible for any damages under any circumstances and if damages do occur, no compensation will be paid. This service is provided at your own risk.

Everyone including senior and community members must fill out this form and return to the administration office.

Please note, any member with an outstanding invoice as of Oct. 31st, 2015 from last seasons snow removal must be paid before receiving snow removal services for this year.

The billing of this service is generated at the end of every month.

Signature: _____

Do you have any Questions, Comments or Suggestions for us?

Your comments and suggestions are welcome and will assist us in continuously improving our community. Please send a detailed email to:

comments@wahtamohawks.com



Health
Canada

Santé
Canada

STAFF:

Susan Siwik, CHN

Nancy Tabobandung, Clerk

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday &

Wednesday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Thursday 8:30am – 1pm

IMPORTANT PHONE #'s

Toll Free NIHB client lines

Dental: 1-855-618-6291

All other services:

1-800-640-0642



Box 89 – 74 James Street

Parry Sound, ON P2A 2X2

Phone: (705) 746-5807

Fax: (705) 746-1421

nancy.tabobandung@hc-sc.gc.ca

susan.siwik@hc-sc.gc.ca

Parry Sound Health Centre First Nations & Inuit Health Branch

DECEMBER 2015

NON-INSURED HEALTH BENEFITS or NIHB

YOUR STATUS CARD COVERS A VARIETY OF BENEFITS. ONE COMPONENT IS: **DENTAL**. THIS INCLUDES DENTURISTS (FOR DENTURES), AND ORTHODONTISTS (FOR BRACES).

NIHB RECOMMENDS THAT CLIENTS SEE DENTISTS, DENTURISTS AND ORTHODONTISTS THAT ARE PROVIDERS WITH NIHB, AS THEY WILL APPLY TO & BILL NIHB DIRECTLY.

YOUR DENTAL PROVIDER IS ABLE TO APPLY FOR BASIC RESTORATIVE CARE ITEMS FROM SCHEDULE A. THOSE ITEMS DO NOT REQUIRE PREDETERMINATION, UNLESS FREQUENCY LIMITS & AMOUNTS ARE EXCEEDED.

OTHER PROCEDURES WILL REQUIRE PREDETERMINATION AND THE WAIT TIMES FOR REVIEW VARY. YOU CAN CALL THE TOLL FREE DENTAL INFORMATION LINE AT 1-855-618-6291 TO FOLLOW UP ON THE WAIT TIMES.

ORTHODONTICS MAY BE AN ELIGIBLE BENEFIT, AS LONG AS THE TREATMENT PLAN IS COMPLETED BEFORE THE CHILD'S 19TH BIRTHDAY. ORTHODONTICS DO REQUIRE APPROVAL IN ADVANCE OF SERVICES.

SOME ITEMS ARE EXCLUSIONS AND NOT APPEALABLE.

HOWEVER, MOST OTHER ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPEALS PROCESS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THE PROPOSED TREATMENT PLAN ITEMS ARE APPEALABLE, YOU CAN CALL THE TOLL FREE DENTAL LINE OR YOU CAN CALL NANCY AT 705-746-5807.

NANCY IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THE APPEALS PROCESS. IF THE FIRST LEVEL OF APPEAL IS DENIED, THERE ARE TWO OTHER LEVELS OF APPEALS AVAILABLE.

NIHB IS THE PAYEE OF LAST RESORT. IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER DENTAL PLANS THRU WORK, DISABILITY OR ONTARIO WORKS, YOUR DENTISTS OFFICE MUST SUBMIT TO THAT INSURANCE PLAN FIRST. THEY CAN THEN BILL NIHB FOR THE REMAINING BALANCE.

Monthly Community Meetings - A New Approach

In order for council to serve you better we would like to ask members attending monthly meetings to submit any new business in advance. This is something that council has done in the past and would like to start again. It can include questions, suggestions or items for discussion to be added to the meeting agenda. Council would like to be able to address all issues and request a reasonable amount of time in which to do so.

Please submit items no later than the Friday before the Tuesday meeting (meeting is last Tuesday of every month).

Items not requested in advance cannot be included as new business or the meeting agenda. There are 2 ways to submit items: email comments@wahtamohawks.com or leave a message at 705-762-2354 ext.256.

Enaahitig Healing Lodge Country Christmas

December 12, 2015 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Enaahitig Healing Lodge presents COUNTRY CHRISTMAS SATURDAY. DECEMBER 12, 2015 Fun for the whole family & community Join us from 11am- 3pm for outdoor activities. Located at 4184 Vasey Rd. Victoria Harbour Please bring warm clothes and your appetite for some outdoor cooking and play. Call Sarah for any further details @ 705-534-3724 ext. 257



Proud to be!

A unique display has been created by the students at Gravenhurst High School this year, Special Recognition to Iohate Sahanatien who opened the event with the Thanksgiving Address.

Iohate's involvement played a major role in this project. Iohate taught the students at GHS the Tree of Peace Story while working alongside Sue Buckingham who is the arts teacher at GHS and Bonnie Thompson who is a fused glass artist in the area.

Iohate also taught the teachers and students about the nine Iroquois clans. The sculpture which is displayed outside of the school, hung on the wall, is more than 8 feet tall, longer than 15 feet and is made up of 270 pieces of fused glass. It is well worth the drive to admire.

Iohate is also a recognized faith keeper at the Haudenosaunee Mohawk Nation Longhouse and dedicated to learning the Mohawk language.

Good Job Iohate !



GRATITUDE

This autumn we were very fortunate to have a mild temperatures and an abundance of beautiful colors!



Photos by Stacey DeCaire

Bean Supper

We were a full house on November 15 as we hosted an old tradition "The Bean Supper". Back by request, staff organized and prepared food for the dinner that hosted over 100 people.

Many, many thanks for everyone who supported this very successful event. Thanks to the generous donations of prepared dishes, wild game, and the many items donated for the silent auction. Proceeds raised of approximately \$1,815.00 which will be used for continued children's programming. Without the support of the community this would not have been possible.

Thanks to those who donated wild meat; Barry and Blake DeCaire, Bekki DeCaire, Jesse Strength, the Holmes family, Kim North, Neil Schell and Mairon Skercheck. We also appreciated and are thankful to Lucia Sahanatien who volunteered to prepare the appetizing wild game entrees. The dishes and desserts brought in to support the wild game were delicious and appreciated.

The silent auction raised \$1,147.00. Many thanks to the following who donated items for the Silent Auction: First Nation Liquidation, What A Convenience, The Wahta Station, Shack 11 (Stu Lane), Rob Falconer, Teresa Greasley, Phoebe Roads, Wahta Springs, Doreen Schade, Darlene Scott, Wahta Mohawks, Dahlia Sahanatien, Phyllis Keough, Grace Sowards, ICG, Muskoka Bear Wear, Red Leaves and Wiesmiller Lumber.

Tickets sold at the door \$230. And those who sold tickets in advance raised \$320.00 Thank you to our ticket sellers. Special thanks to Doreen Schade who sold almost 6 books of 5 tickets.

The 50/50 draw brought \$236.00 The winner of this was Deklan Cox.

We look forward to another successful dinner next year as we received many wonderful comments and requests for another next year.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Just in time for Remembrance Day, the project to relocate the Cenotaph from the old community centre building was completed. As part of that project three new monuments were added to the memorial on the lawn of the Community Centre. The first addition was a commemoration to persons who enlisted for service during the Wars WW1 and WW2. In the days of World War 2, the number of persons enlisting were quite high for such a small population of people at Wahta. These names were taken from existing records we have and additional names over the years to complete the Remembrance Day exhibit that is viewed every second year. Another monument is dedicated for those members who were part of the Korean conflict.

Council approved the project and an additional memorial. The last one is for persons who attended the residential school system. Originally there were notices in the newsletter and community centre asking for names of persons who attended, that family members might be able to give. As it happens, once the monument was created, people started offering names that had been missed. Given the new information, staff are still accepting names so that we can complete the list and have other names added to the monument. The new location of the monuments now offer a safer area for Remembrance Day services and is closer to the centre where the traditional lunch is held. Consultation was held with the Royal Canadian Legion on the protocols to be adhered to when moving the cenotaph. On November 11th there were approximately 150 people at the services, one service was to officially dedicate the monuments, and re-dedicate the Cenotaph. A ceremony carried out by members of the legion was recognized, followed by the Remembrance Day service.





Logo Redesign

Artwork Submissions for a New Logo wanted!

We are considering a change to the old logo (pictured to the left) and are looking for member submissions. The last newsletter requested feedback on one option we have used on the members report and newsletter. This is only one design and we are looking for feed back. Please send your comments, and any new artwork to comments@wahtamohawks.com



This logo was designed keeping in mind that Wahta means maple.

The three feathers represent the three clans of the Kanienkehaka "people of the flint".

The two flint arrows represent our gift to make fire and to obtain sustenance by hunting our food.

The nation squares represent the future faces for generations to come.

All artwork submitted will be posted in the newsletter and website for member feedback.

If you are submitting your artwork could you briefly explain the cultural significance and how it relates to Wahta Mohawks.

You may ask;

1) Why change the old logo?

For many years we have received feedback that the logo should be updated to something new that better represents our community and culture.

2) Is there a prize offered to the winner?

There will be a \$100.00 cash prize and recognition awarded to the successful designer.

3) How is the decision going to be made?

Members, Council and Staff will vote. The design with the most votes will win. The results will be posted in the newsletter and online at www.wahtamohawks.com

The final date for your logo submissions is February 29th, 2016.



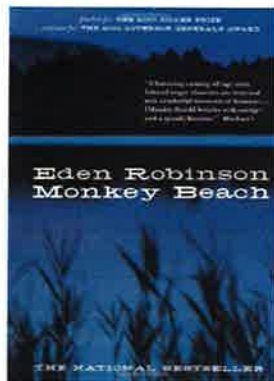
LOOKING FOR YOUNG ADULTS MEMBERS OF WAHTA MOHAWKS

Lets begin talking about a "Mentor" program in the community!

If you want to have input and be part of the development of a program please contact Kara at 705-762-2354 ext. 224 or email

kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca

WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE!!!



Monkey Beach combines both joy and tragedy in a harrowing yet restrained story of grief and survival, and of a family on the edge of heart-break. Eden Robinson offers a rich celebration of life in the Native settlement of Kitamaat, on the coast of British Columbia.

The story grips the reader from the beginning. It is the morning after the narrator's brother has gone missing at sea; the mood is tense in the family house, as speculations remain unspoken. Jimmy is a prospective Olympic swimmer, seventeen years old and on the edge of proposing to his beautiful girlfriend Karaoke. As his elder sister, Lisa, faces possible disaster, she chain-smokes and drifts into thoughts of their lives so far. She recalls the time when she and Jimmy saw the sasquatch, or b'gwus – and this sighting introduces the novel's fascinating undercurrent of characters from the spirit world. These ghostly presences may strike the reader as myste-

rious or frightening, but they provide Lisa with guidance through a difficult coming of age.

In and out of the emergency room as a child, Lisa is a fighter. Her smart mouth and temper constantly threaten to land her in serious trouble. Those who have the most influence on her are her stubbornly traditional, machete-wielding grandmother, and her wild, passionate, political Uncle Mick, who teaches her to make moose calls. When they empty fishing nets together, she pretends she doesn't feel the jellyfish stinging her

We watch Lisa leave her teenage years behind as she waits for news of her younger brother. She reflects on the many rich episodes of their lives – so many of which take place around the water, reminding us of the news she fears, and revealing the menacing power of nature. But Lisa has a special recourse – a "gift" that enables her to see and hear spirits, and ask for their help.

Monkey Beach, Eden Robinson's first novel, was nominated for Canada's two largest literary prizes: the Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award. The book was also published in Great Britain, the United States and Germany, and was a Canadian bestseller for many weeks. **Monkey Beach** is beautifully written, in prose that is simple and subtle, bold and vivid, and pervaded by humour.

Robinson fills her novel with details of Haisla culture and the rich wildlife surrounding Kitamaat. She uses traditional ele-

ments of storytelling – such as dreams, and people's ties to nature – but also demystifies Native beliefs, simultaneously peeling away and intensifying the mystery surrounding spirits. Ancient rituals are shown as part of the reality of a modern Native community, along with Kraft Dinner and TV soaps and the legacy of residential schools. Robinson's previous book of stories, **Traplines**, was remarked upon for being brutally honest, featuring rapists and drunks and drug dealers, psychopaths and sadists – proving to The New York Times that "Canadians are as weird and violent as anyone else." **Monkey Beach** is just as honest, but only hints at the darker elements. In the words of the author, "None of the characters are bad. They're just reacting like anyone else to situations of loss and death."

THE NEXT READ FOR THE WOMENS BOOK CLUB

Notification of Highway 400 Resurfacing Work

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be undertaking the resurfacing of Highway 400 from about 3 kilometres north of the Muskoka Road 12 interchange northerly to Healy Lake Road. The road work is limited to the existing highway lanes and is expected to be completed in 2016. The pavement treatment will address the severe wheel track rutting and minor distortion areas. Other



highway infrastructure, such as the inclusion of wildlife mitigation fencing, will also be reviewed as part of this work.

Road construction zones present a deadly hazard for the road crew workers so please slow down, obey signs, take caution and plan ahead for delays.

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
C. S. Lewis



*A Friendly Reminder
to*

*Please separate and recycle
your garbage at the landfill*



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Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Background

The Wahta Mohawks Trust was established pursuant to the land claims settlement agreement reached with the Federal and Provincial Governments. This agreement included the return of the land and monetary compensation. As part of this agreement the parties agreed to establish a Wahta Mohawks Trust Fund for the monetary portion of this settlement for the “use and benefits of the Wahta Mohawks and its citizens”. The agreement establishes that the full monetary value of the settlement shall be invested for at least 21 years.

The Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Trustees are collectively responsible for the overall governance of the affairs of the Trust and will work together to support the Wahta Mohawks Community Trust in fulfilling its visions and strategic objectives pursuant to the Wahta Mohawks Trust Agreement.

Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Election

To elect three (3) Trustees to serve until the end of the term at December 31, 2018

All candidates must meet the eligibility criteria to stand for election to the Wahta Mohawks Community Trust, per the Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Election Rules & Regulations, as enacted by authority of Article V11, Section 7.3 (e) of the Wahta Mohawks Trust Agreement.

Candidates Qualifying Forum

Saturday December 5, 2015 1pm to 4pm

Election

Saturday December 12, 2015 10am-3pm

Electoral Officer: Mathew Commandant mccom@wahta.com

Assistant Electoral Officer: Colleen Mendes admin@wahtamohawkstrust.org 705-762-2354 Ext 241



Ontario Energy Board

NEW ONTARIO ELECTRICITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

With the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

Low income households can receive a credit on each

electricity bill. The amount of the credit will depend on how many people live in your house and your combined

income. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply.

Outside Crisis Lines

24 Hr Crisis line – 1-866-893-8333

Mental Health Helpline – 1-866-531-2600

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Good to Talk Helpline- 1-866-925-5454
(post-secondary students)

Telecare Distress Line – 705-726-7922

Chief and Council

Phillip Franks	Chief	705-528-9468
Lawrence Schell	Councilor	705-644-3001
Mike DeCaire	Councilor	705-644-3384
Teresa Greasley	Councilor	705-644-9934
Stuart Lane	Councilor	705-641-1548

Administration

705-762-2354

Karen Commandant	Senior Administrator	Ext. 231
Scott Aubichon	Lands and Resources Coordinator	Ext. 242
Kristal Berwick	Employment/SS Administrator	Ext. 230
Sherry Byrne	Health Services	Ext. 250
Christine Cox	Health Services Family Violence	Ext. 273
Amy Davidson	Health Services Assistant	Ext. 240
Lance DeCaire	Economic Development Officer	Ext. 224
Allan Farrell	Properties Manager	Ext. 244
Teresa Greasley	Communication Coordinator	Ext. 256
Carol Holmes	Education Services	Ext. 233
Alice Murphy	Finance Officer	Ext. 245
Colleen Mendes	AHWS/NCWPW/AHBHC	Ext. 241
Kim North	Finance Clerk	Ext. 237
Karen Sahanatien	Lands and Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
Martie Stanton	Executive Assistant/Human Resources	Ext. 272
Kara Wanoth-Mee	ICG Retail Manager	EXT. 227

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Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am – 4:30 pm

Fridays 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

The office will be closed from December 19th until January 3th