



# WAHTA MOHAWKS

## Enniska - February (lateness)

February is upon us and we are at mid-winter. Six weeks until Spring? Cross your fingers!

The staff have been working on a number of initiatives in the community and one of particular interest is the Cultural Healing Center proposal being lead by Carol Holmes, Education Counsellor.

I am excited and pleased to inform the membership that the first level of approval and support has been received from the Trust and we have also received notice that Wahta's application has reached the second level of approval through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This final approval will ensure the Cultural center plans for renovations and an addition at the old administration building will be completed as scheduled.

Another proposal has been submitted for a Language program and curriculum development which will form an integral part of the centers mandate. We look forward to working with the membership once we obtain all the necessary funding to make this initiative achievable. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved. Congratulations Carol and thanks for your hard work and dedication to this project.

### WE'RE On The Web!

Wahta Mohawks is now on Twitter. It's a quick and easy way to see if there are any community updates! There is also a Twitter feed on the main page of the website at [www.wahtamohawks.ca](http://www.wahtamohawks.ca). If you don't have a Twitter account it only takes a few minutes to set one up. Follow us on Twitter here at <https://twitter.com/wahtamohawks>

### NOTICE

Hydro One will be clearing trees and limbs from the main transmission line corridor early in the New Year. The crews will be using snowmobiles to access the transmission line and will contact any member for permission prior if access is required. If you have questions please contact; Scott Aubichon at 705-762-2354 Ext 242 or [scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca)



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### FUNDRAISING MEETING

A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th from 6pm-7pm regarding the trip to New York's Iroquois Indian Museum, people are required to take part in the fundraising in order to participate.

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 * After School Program	4 * Baby Drop-In Clinic 9:30-11:30  * Tutoring	5 * After School Program	6	7
8	9 * Baby Play Date 9:30-11:30	10 * After School Program	11 * Baby Drop-In Clinic 9:30-11:30  * Foot Care * Tutoring	12 * After School Program	13	14 * Valentine's Day
15	16	17 * After School Program	18 * Baby Drop-In Clinic 9:30-11:30  * Tutoring	19 * After School Program	20	21
22	23 * Baby Play Date 9:30-11:30	24 * After School Program	25 * Baby Drop-In Clinic 9:30-11:30 * Chair Exercise - Lunch 10:30-1pm * Bingo 1pm * Tutoring	26 * After School Program	27	28 * Education Symposium Meeting

## From The Desk of The Chief

The following is an update on some of the issues Wahta Council has been dealing with, and are moving forward in 2015.

On the external front through our affiliations with the Iroquois Caucus and the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians we are engaged in discussions regarding Bill C-10, the Tobacco legislation being brought in by the federal government to end the tobacco industry on First Nations. At the time of writing, I will be attending a meeting in Ottawa within days to explore possible actions to stop the Bill from being ratified into law.

The Caucus will also be holding a Taxation Forum this year that will consider all forms of taxation and how they are being applied. One of the issues both AIAI and the Caucus look at is the point of sale tax exemption from the provincial sales tax. It seems more and more retailers are not honouring the provincial exemption, something they are bound to uphold. A letter was going out to the province asking them to remind retailers that the sales are exempt at the time of purchase.

At the end of January, Chief Franks will attend a two day session which describes and summarizes the Matrimonial Real Property laws put forward by Canada. Currently, until Wahta develops its own rules governing the way housing and land are dealt with in the case of a marriage break down; the federal laws will apply on First Nations. Part of the work this year will be for Council to hold a similar session here in the community so everyone can begin to gain an understanding and determine how this important issue will be dealt with in the future.

Council is awaiting a meeting date with Ontario Hydro to discuss ongoing relationships regarding hydro's use of land by lease for the tower lines. Included in that discussion we will address the fact that Hydro has committed to an in-kind payment in the form of installing infrastructure where Wahta determines a need. This could include installing hydro lines to a development in the community whether it is for industry or housing.

In December, Council began a review of the financial year end, and a comparative analysis looking back at the trends in spending over the last few years. Some initial areas of concern included administration and ICG. Council remains committed to making the best use of funds so Wahta can plan its future in development. ICG is going to require some hard decisions this spring as farming cranberries for bulk sale has not and is not currently the profitable market it once was.

Council will be taking some time to work on this and

other ideas through the strategic planning process. We will review the work that has been completed over the past few years with regard to community sustainability and capital planning. This process is necessary for regular review and revision of the community strategic plan.

Wahta has complied with the Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership requirements to submit an audited statement regarding the use of the monies that come to us from the profits of casinos and gambling in Ontario. This report allows the Partnership to release funds to us each year.

Wahta membership criteria continue to be an ongoing concern to administer. For instance some members of families have gained membership in the past while others with the same lineage have not. This situation resulted from varying interpretations of the Code over a period of many years. Council is attempting to remedy those cases to bring about an equal application of the Code and will begin by looking at the recent membership review to help chart a course for the future.

Another item Council is involved in is the proposed Bala Falls development and its development on the historic portage. Council continues to focus on the issue of the lack of consultation by the federal and provincial governments maintaining the need for direct discussion with us regarding this or future developments. We have documented our opposition to moving ahead with the project until such discussion occurs and have put those concerns forward to the District of Muskoka regarding the portage landing in Bala, an area that plays a role in our history of settlement here in Ontario. The District constitutes a third tier of government and it our position that the duty to consult is passed on through all levels of government. There will be a general meeting held here at Wahta on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for all members to share information and obtain input from the community. We have provided a draft Community Consultation Plan, received input from the community, made revisions and it will be provided again at the January 2015 Regular Council meeting and it will be presented for ratification at the March General Meeting. The community consultation plan is an important document that will determine how this, and future councils will involve the Wahta membership in their future. We hope everyone will make an effort to attend and continue to be involved with ongoing matters here on the Territory. Wishing everyone a safe and happy winter and throughout 2015.

Nia:wen kowa,  
Chief Franks

# HEALTH SERVICES

## \* **Baby Play**

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 at **ratiksaokón:'a raotinákte** (The Children's Place)

## \* **Baby Drop In**

February 4<sup>th</sup> –bring in some of your favourite pictures of your baby and we will do a scrapbook page with them.

February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be making a shopping cart fabric cover for your baby, please call Colleen to confirm if you would like to attend by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## \* **After school program**

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30. Please call the school to make arrangements to have your child dropped off at the community centre. Please ensure your children are dressed for the weather as we will be doing outdoor activities. Beginning February 3, every Tuesday after school program will be held at the Longhouse where children will be doing cultural activities specifically around language. The school bus will be dropping the children off at the Community Centre and we will take them to the Longhouse. For more information, please contact Colleen at ext. 241

\* **Well Baby Check With Sue Siwik-**  
February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30, you can drop in to see Sue while you are here sewing

## \* **Pastry Club**

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 12:00, contact Colleen to sign up, space is limited to 10 participants due to kitchen size.



## \* **Nordixx Pole Walking**

Tuesday February 3 9:30 Main Hall... come in for an introduction to Pole Walking. We will be doing it in the main hall...**NOT** outside. Pole walking involves more than 90% of your muscles. If you use a walker and would just like some exercise come out as well. You can set your own pace. Let's get moving!! Contact Christine if interested ext. 273

## \* **Community Shopping-**

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> The bus will leave at 9 from the administration building for those of you driving in. Others will be picked up as usual. Contact Christine if interested ext. 273

## \* **Ladies Social Gathering,**

February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 5<sup>th</sup> at the tri-plex from 1:30 – 3:00. This is a time for ladies to get together and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to bring a craft work on or a game to play with others or just sit around and talk. Tea/Coffee will be available. Please call Sherry if you are interest in attending ,ext.: 250

## \* **CRAFT CLASSES WITH WENDY**

**February 23, @ 9:00am to noon, at the Community Centre**

**March 9, @ 9:00am to noon, at the Community Centre**

Please call Sherry if you are interest in attending ,ext.: 250



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**\* Chair Exercise and Healthy Lunch**

Wednesday, February 25 at 10:30-1...  
contact Christine, ext. 273



**\* Bingo**

Wednesday, February 25 at 1pm  
Contact Christine if interested ext. 273



**\* Car Seat Safety**

Just a reminder, as your baby grows and changes, car seats should be checked...also if your baby has grown into a new car seat you may want it to be checked as well.

Please contact Christine to make an appointment ext. 273



**\* Foot Care**

February 11th, (please note -foot care for March will be on the 18th)

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**\* Reflexology**

**Reflexology Sessions available for February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015**

**Priority** 1. Members living with Diabetes

2. High Risk of becoming Diabetic

**How can Reflexology Help?** Reflexology is great for the localized symptoms of poor circulation and neuropathy (a tingling, numbness, coldness, pain or loss of sensation due to nerve damage). But reflexology can do more than that. By working on the feet to stimulate and balance the whole body, and by spending time on specific areas within the body through reflex points in the feet, reflexology can help to return the body back to a balanced state and encourage a general feeling of health and vitality. By working on the pancreas and generally the endocrine (hormonal) system reflexology can encourage the production of insulin by helping the cells that produce the insulin to work as efficiently as possible.

Please call Sherry at 705-762-2354 ext. 250 or Colleen ext. 241 to set up a 45 min appointment.

At this time we can offer one appointment per person for either February or March.

**Notice: Homemaking Services Update**

Effective this year the homemakers program funding will require all persons obtaining services to complete a financial application and health assessment to be eligible for the program as a requirement of the funder. These homemaking services include light housekeeping, at home personal care and outdoor yard maintenance such as, senior snow shoveling, senior plowing, senior grass cutting and raking. Those who are presently using these services will be required to complete the appropriate applications to ensure we maintain our funding agreements with the program. Please expect a call from us in the New Year to go over the application process. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Amy Davidson, I will be happy to explain the process and requirements with you. Please call Amy Davidson, (705)762-2354 ext. 240

**Toronto Rock Lacrosse Game**

Saturday March 21, 2015 with dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Call Colleen to reserve your spots by March 6th at 12:00 noon." 5



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## CULTURAL/HEALING CENTRE UPDATE

*The proposal submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation has made it through to the full consideration stage. We hope to have great news in March indicating that our request was accepted. We plan to begin renovations with an addition to the old hall as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. We received support from the Trust Fund to contribute to the renovation project as well. In the meantime, we are seeking a panel of 4 volunteers to participate in an advisory committee capacity to work together to ensure the cultural/healing centre is meeting needs of the community. If you are interested please indicate so in a brief letter outlining your interest and skills and address this letter to Karen Commandant, Senior Administrator. Terms of reference is being developed and will be available in February. We are excited and looking forward to moving ahead in a positive direction to provide cultural/language and much needed healing opportunities to our community.*

As of December 10, 2014 Wahta Chief and Council withdrew our membership from the Indigenous Education Coalition. It is believed to be in the best interest of Wahta Mohawks.

REMINDER: POST SECONDARY APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE—NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS MUST APPLY. PLEASE REQUEST AN APPLICATION FROM CAROL HOLMES [carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SAT, FEBRUARY 28**

**EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM  
HELD AT THE WAHTA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.....**


**KEY NOTE SPEAKER EARL LAMBERT WILL PROVIDE A FUN AND INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION.**

**DINNER IS PROVIDED!**

*On January 15 I attended FNMI meetings at the TLDSB office. The school board will continue to receive grant dollars this year (2014-15) however the funding will be less than previous years as the allocation is based on the self identified student population. Larry Hope, Director of the Board is addressing our concerns with the Ministry. TLDSB is incorporating our way of thinking (holistic) with the **Feed All Four (body, mind, spirit, emotions)** model using curriculum as the vehicle. Visit [www.puzzlepeace.ca](http://www.puzzlepeace.ca) for more information!*

# NEW YEAR!

## NEW NURSING STATION!



We are very pleased and excited to announce that the renovations at our new location will officially begin this month.

The Wahta Nursing Station will be closed during these extensive renovations, as we will not be able to accommodate patients within the construction space. We will try to minimize disruption of services by being available via telephone and fax to renew prescriptions, to review lab results and specialist reports.

During renovations please call us and we will try to accommodate your needs, but there may be times in which we are not available. Patients are welcome to use any walk-in clinic of their choosing or access the Moose Deer Point Nursing Station (T: 705-375-9900) if you are in need of a Nurse Practitioner.

Pharmacy delivery to the Nursing Station will not be available during this time. If you would like a prescription delivered from the Gravenhurst Pharmacy to your home for a cost please call them directly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call the Nursing Station and we would be happy to answer them for you.

We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause our patients, but we are looking forward to being able to serve you better within our new space!

Your patience and understanding is appreciated! Re-grand opening information to come next month!

Dana + Misty



### ***Dermatology Clinic:***

Dermatologist, Dr. Alam will be available to anyone in our community for mole + skin lesion screening appointments at the Moose Deer Nursing Station.

***Date:*** Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

***Time:*** 11:00am – 3:00pm

***Where:*** Moose Deer Point Nursing Station

For more information you can call Misty at the Wahta Nursing Station or the Moose Deer Point Nursing Station directly to book an appointment.

Moose Deer Point Nursing Station Contact Information:  
1025 C Mitawbik Rd. Moose Deer Point.

## Housing Subsidies

Anyone interested in applying for a housing subsidy should do so by March 31st. This will allow you the time needed to get your house completed. There are several steps or requirements involved in applying for a subsidy. Here are the basics:

- Have to be 18 years old and be a status member of Wahta Mohawks
- Have to own the land
- Have to provide quotations for each step of the project
- Need to identify funds to complete the project
- Cannot own a home on or off reserve
- Cannot be in arrears with Wahta Mohawks

Please contact the administration office for a complete housing subsidy package.

705-762-2354  
Ext. 222

*If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please call the office or send an email with your request.*

705-762-2354

[martiestanton@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:martiestanton@wahtamohawks.ca)

## NOTICE

### Membership Report for January 2015

The following persons were accepted as members:

Becka Gray Anderson (Decaire)  
Joseph Stephen Knipfel  
(Dewasha)  
Rhonda Bernice Cates (Decaire)  
Harlen Madden Ray Stock  
Grayden William Stock  
Mitchell Lee Thompson (White)

The following person was accepted as a member by appeal:  
Wayne Arthur Gordon Schell



*Caption describing picture or graphic*

## LOT FOR SALE

23 Acres for Sale

\$55,000.00

Lot 5-2, Concession 5

Wahta Territory

Please Contact Teresa DeCaire at 705-646-3784



## ONTARIO WORKS CLIENTS

For confidentiality purposes there will be a locked box provided outside of my door. If I am not in the office, please put your income report and hydro bill in the box. There is a slot on the top of the box for you to slip your paperwork in. Much Appreciated.



# Kagita Mikam Employment &

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 workforce then support is available upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.

Programs available through Kagita Mikam are: Purchase of Training, Targeted Wage Subsi-

dy, Mobility Assistance, Youth Work Experience, Employment Assistance Supports and Self Employment Assistance. Funding for training is 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.

## Employment Opportunity

### Short Term Contract Position: Education Specialist – Instructional Design

Wahta Mohawks wish to engage an Education Specialist with significant experience in providing instructional design under a short-term contract. This individual will be responsible to work with Mohawk SME's to design, deliver and support Mohawk language education, learning and e-learning development opportunities.

The successful candidate must be accredited with a Certified Training and Development Professional (CTDP) designation and a minimum 3 years' relevant experience in the field. A current CPIC (police clearance) is required.

Responsible for:

- Instructional Design and support of Mohawk Language learning and development strategies;
- Researching, creating and providing train-the-trainer and end-user training manual on the final e-learning concept chosen as a learning tool;
- Collaborate on various approaches to instruction and delivery methods and evaluate the outcomes;
- Ensure adequate transfer of knowledge to the Wahta Mohawks and finalize reporting on learning and development outcomes based on evaluations, surveys and other feedback gathered.

Resumes accepted until 12 pm February 20th, 2015

SEND RESUME TO HUMAN RESOURCES, WAHTA MOHAWKS  
P.O BOX 260, BALA, ON. P0C 1A0 , FAX; 705-762-2376

OR EMAIL: [martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca)



For more information on the program please contact Kristal at 705-762-3343 x. 204 or by email [kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca)



**Wahta Mohawks**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**CLOSING DATE—FEBRUARY 20th, 2015**

**Position: National Native Drug and Alcohol Addiction Preventative Worker**

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the National Native Drug and Alcohol Addiction Preventative Worker (NNDAAP) is responsible to develop and deliver culturally appropriate community based addictions services, to develop and deliver addiction preventative programs and activities to all age groups by promoting a healthy lifestyle; increase awareness and understanding among the community about substance abuse issues. This will be facilitated one to one, family, and or group sessions with clients and the community.

**PRIMARY DUTIES:**

- To develop and deliver culturally appropriate community based addictions services.
- To develop and deliver addiction prevention programs and activities for all age groups based on increasing a healthy lifestyle.
- Increase awareness and understanding among the community about substance abuse issues.
- Facilitate one to one, family, and or group sessions with clients and community.
- Develop and/or provide aftercare programs.
- Provide educational training workshops to groups within the community.
- Act as a community liaison with other health care providers.
- To act as a team player in the development of health and social annual program planning.
- Operates in accordance with and ensures compliance to the Wahta Mohawks Administrative, Finance, Personnel and program policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time.
- Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned. The applicant should be willing to work flexible hours .

**SECONDARY DUTIES:**

- Administrative duties, including reports as required by the Administrator.
- Attend Council Meetings, and other meetings as required and as assigned, within and outside of the community.
- Be familiar with the Indian Act, Treaties and Treaty Rights applicable to the First Nation, Native Law, Statutes and Regulation, Canada Labour Code, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Native Organizations and Government structures, and other laws, systems, and processes applicable in conducting the business of the First Nation particularly those laws, systems and processes applicable to the programs/services in the areas of responsibility for this position. Understand and be fluent in the by-laws, culture, principles and values of the Wahta Mohawks.
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as assigned to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.
- Liaise with other First Nations, program agencies, and related organizations/institutions to network effectively for the benefit of the Wahta Mohawks, Chief and Council and the community.

**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENT:**

- Two year Diploma from a recognized Chemical Dependency/Addictions program, or similarly related diploma.
- Two years' experience working within the field with clients and community.
- Must produce a clean CPIC (criminal record check).

**SKILLS REQUIRED:**

- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written.
- Must possess excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment.

**SEND RESUME TO HUMAN RESOURCES, WAHTA MOHAWKS**  
**P.O BOX 260, BALA, ON. P0C 1A0**

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