

Orihwase'shón:'a ne Wahta Rontenro Raotirihwá:ke



MAY 2017

Oneratokó:wa—(leaves are budding a lot)



This issue....

Calendar of Events
Health Services
Cultural Healing Centre
Education and Training
Employment
FYI & Notices

**Next General Meeting
Saturday, June 24th
9 am
Administration Building**

**Regular Community
Meeting has been changed to
Tuesday, May 23rd**



Traditional Kids Camp Winter 2017

Niá:wenhkó:wa to Terry, Lucia and Yohate Sahanatien for providing another excellent camp experience for all. This year the children participated in a cook out, learned how the Innu's lived through stories shared by Lucia, cooked bannok over a cookstove, gained the skill of setting a snare trap and how to insulate a hole in the ice. Wahta Mohawks appreciates the time and effort that the Sahanatien family puts forth in teaching the children of Wahta our culture.



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30	2 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Community Shopping Faith Circle 7 pm at the Church	3 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-4:30	4 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10	5	6
7 Wahta Church 11 am	8 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Glen Orchard 6pm Grand Opening	9 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Healthy Living (CHC) 10-12 Faith Circle 7 pm at the Church	10 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Foot Care (AB) Mike Downie Bracebridge 7pm Community Housing (AB) 4:30-7	11 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Women Social Gathering (CHC) 6pm	12	13
14	15 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30	16 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Drum Group (CHC) 6:30-7:30 Faith Circle 7 pm at the Church	17 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Chair exercises (CHC) 10-1 Beading (CHC) 6-8	18 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Youth Night (CHC) 5:30-8	19	20
21	22 Administration Closed Victoria Day	23 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Regular Council	24 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-4:30	25 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 LTC Meeting (CHC)	26	27
28	29 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Colouring (AB) 1-3	30 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Pole Walking (AB) 9-10 Faith Circle 7 pm at the Church	31 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-4:30 Mental Health Gathering			

From the Desk of the Chief

Wahta Council has been meeting regularly to deal with ongoing and new issues as they arise. A part of this process has been to bring the newly elected council members up to speed on past initiatives. One of the more difficult decisions was the closing of Iroquois Cranberry Growers. As you have probably read from the community letter this decision did not come lightly. A great number of factors led to the end of the marsh, rising costs, unstable production, aging machinery, etc. The most crippling factor has been the drop in the market prices for frozen berries, and industry wide surplus, coupled with what seems to be a peak in the demand for berries by consumers. The situation can be seen reflected in Massachusetts where smaller farms that have been existing for generations are now facing closure. Unlike Quebec there is no government subsidy program for cranberries. Council is now commissioning a study to look at what other economic opportunities await Wahta Mohawks. Iroquois Cranberry Growers was developed to be an economic benefit for us, in time we will realize another venture to replace it.

Regarding finance the Council has received a draft from administration and will be reconvening the budget approval meeting the first part of May. Much of the budget is set by program funds designed for a specific purpose so Council concentrates on non-restricted spending. This portion of the budget comes from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). These areas include the Operation and Maintenance of our buildings and roads, the cost of running the administration, and other projects that may be undertaken. Other projects could include membership review, the ongoing unity process, studies, legal fees, or any upcoming capital projects. The completed budget should be available for our next general meeting.

There are a number of special meetings coming up. We will be meeting soon with Child Protection Services to review how they operate specifically in light of section 10 of the Child and Family Services Act which pertains to First Nation communities.

Fire protection, for both the forest and buildings will be scheduled with the local fire department and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to review protocols, employment opportunities, and public education.

The long process for Additions to Reserves has begun. This concerns the land settlement through the land claim and having those lands returned to us. It is expected this will take in the area of three years.

In the near future Council will be looking at updating the Strategic Plan. This document sets the direction for Council regarding our lands, governance, the people, and maintaining our identity as Wahta Mohawks. Once updated this document will also be up for public review.

For the next while Council has a decently aggressive agenda. We will continue to update the membership as developments occur. As usual if you have any questions or comments please contact the Council office.

Niá:wenhkó:wa
Chief Philip Franks



- Community Shopping on Tuesday, May 2nd, 9am pick up (Midland/Penetang)
- Healthy Living on Tuesday, May 9^h 10-12 at the Cultural Center
- Foot Care on Wednesday, May 10th, at the Administration Building
- Drum Group on Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30-7:30 at the Cultural Center
- Chair Exercise on Wednesday, May 17st, 10-1 at the Cultural Center “Dibetes Bingo”
- LTC Meeting on Thursday, May 25^h 6:30—8pm at the Cultural Center
- Colouring Monday, May 29th, 1-3 at the Administration Building
- Mental Health and Wellness Gathering Wasauksing Bus Leaves at 9 am on Wednesday, May 31st, from the administration and will return at 3pm (contact Christine before the 24th of May for numbers)
- Pole Walking every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30...Administration Building

The Wellness Series

Moving Forward

Here is the schedule of the Wellness Series in 2017/2018:

June 10th and 11th, (Sat and Sun): Wahta’s History, and Trauma line (TBA)

Sept (Fri (eve), Sat, and Sunday): The Great Law (TBA)

November (Sat and Sun?): Governance (TBA)

The Wellness Series will aim to continue to bring the community together and will begin to establish a knowledge base and a comfort level of expressing what we know of our past, and present as we move into the future. We will continue to eliminate the occurrences of lateral violence with shared understanding and respect.

For people traveling to attend these workshops we will be looking into hotels close by that may give you good rates. We will keep you informed.

Please watch for monthly updates as dates are finalized and speakers featured.

Please note there will be mini sessions within the year that will complement the Wellness Series

Participants noted last year...”a connection was made...people are able to come together with common knowledge and comfort to share...to understand...and to commit”.

As with last year we are asking you to participate in a minimum of 2 complete sessions of the ones listed above (June, Sept, and Nov) and 1 of your choice of mini-session... By participating you show your commitment to the peace process and making Wahta a healthier community that we can all be proud of.



A Social Call Out to All Women of Wahta

In response to the efforts of the women who have been participating in the Wellness Series and the Peace Process in the community we gathered with some women of Wahta to have dinner and create a space where topics could be discussed and each other's time could be spent together.

We are hoping to gather once again and are calling out to all Women in, and belonging with our community and families, to a social gathering and potluck dinner.

Who: All Women (members and female children, members' spouses, residing on and off territory)

What: Social Gathering - Potluck

When: **Thursday May 11th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Why: To build relationships and create a sense of belonging

Where: Wahta Cultural Centre

We are beginning this group by invitation to you and to ask you to take responsibility to pass on the word and bring any other women with you to the Potluck dinner. This is a grass roots effort aside from politics or administrative social programming and it is hoped that the group will continue to come together and grow on its own. Please know that all are welcome.

We hope to create a space for women to come together with good hearts, an open mind, in a supportive and nurturing environment for all.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

GAHKSA - BOWL MAKING WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday June 7th & Thursday June 8th, 2017

Time: 1:00-3:00pm and 3:30-5:30pm

Location: Cultural Centre

“The vessel is who we are as people. When we are born our community contributes to our life and like a bowl everything we will need to give back to our community is placed within this vessel. When we have listened and when we have learned we will discover these gifts within ourselves.” - Lorrie Gallant

This workshop is an invitation to create paper mache or mixed medium hand made bowls that will represent yourselves, your community and the gifts that we have been given and are handing to the next generation.

We will discuss the reason or story behind your bowl and accompany a short story written on it's meaning.

These bowls can incorporate natural items such as leaves, seeds, cornhusks, bark, or flowers. Or you may want personal items that are important to you such as pages of a journal or book, yarn, fabric leftover from your ribbon shirt, beads, feathers, jewelry or lace. We invite you to bring these items.

We will be using glass containers as forms as well as latex balloons and glue made from flour (an alternative will be available if you have allergies to flour ***note flour will be airborne in the work space**)

This workshop will require two days to complete however pre-made bowls will be available for those that are only able to attend one session.

At the end of the 2 day workshop all bowls will be taken back to be shellacked and returned at a set date for an art exhibition. Community will be invited, bowls will be displayed, explanation of project, and an invitation to artist to give meaning of their individual bowls.

Contact Kara ext. 227

FACILITATORS:

Carley Gallant – First Nations visual artists from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory and Graduate of Sheridan Advance Visual Arts program.

Lorrie Gallant - First Nations visual artists, writer, storyteller, Expressive Arts Practitioner and educator from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory





BEADING WORKSHOP

When: Wednesday May 17th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Cultural Centre

Please RSVP

Kara ext. 227

kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca

Colleen ext. 241 colleen.mendes@wahtamohawks.ca

EDUCATION

MONDAY MAY 8 6:00 p.m.

GLEN ORCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 8, FROM 6:00-7:00, AT GLEN ORCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL AS WE CELEBRATE THE
GRAND OPENING OF THE INDIGENOUS CLASSROOM "TSI IONTIA'TAROTOKSTHA"**

(AT THE GATHERING PLACE).

We are very pleased to have this gathering space for sharing and learning. We appreciate the collaborative work of the committee who have pulled together to hear our concerns, address our needs, and work cooperatively to provide cultural teachings and sharing for all students, educators, GOPS staff and community.

EDUCATION CELEBRATION / ABORIGINAL DAY GATHERING / NAMING CEREMONY

CULTURAL HEALING CENTRE

Again this year we will celebrate our students during our Aboriginal Day gathering on June 21, 2017. More details will follow but tentatively the plan is to have a barbeque beginning at 6:00 with the other celebrations and ceremony to follow.

MIKE DOWNIE

CO-CREATOR OF *THE SECRET PATH*

10th Annual Parent and Community
Evening for First Nation, Métis,
Inuit Education

May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Rene M. Caisse Theatre | Bracebridge



Parents and community members are invited to attend an evening with celebrated storyteller and documentary filmmaker Mike Downie. Using the story of Chanie Wenjack as a starting point, Mike helps audiences understand Canada's troubling legacy of residential schools, to explore how to reconcile with the past, and bring healing as individuals and as a nation.

This is a free event. Tickets **must** be reserved through the box office.

Learn how Trillium Lakelands District School Board is supporting FNMI Education through this special presentation.



Enjoy a presentation by
celebrated storyteller
Mike Downie.

Parents and community members are
invited to attend an evening to celebrate
First Nation, Métis, and Inuit education.

Reserve your tickets through the
Rene M. Caisse Theatre by calling
the box office at 705.645.8400.
This is a free event. For more info,
visit www.thecaisse.com.



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PROJECT UPDATE – April 19, 2017

Wahta Mohawks Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment (CCHNA)

On Thursday April 13, we held the first community information meeting for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment. The meeting introduced the Project Team and the Project to the community.

Our second community meeting will be May 10. We will have two sessions, one at 4:30pm and one at 7:00pm to talk about the project and progress to date. **We will be holding a draw** for all attendees for three **Home Depot gift cards, valued at \$250, \$100 and \$50.** All you have to do is come to one of the sessions and fill out a ballot. The draw will be done at the end of the second session from all eligible ballots received.

This study is a key piece to planning for the future of our community...

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In addition to the community information session, a **community questionnaire** is currently available through the Housing Coordinator and the Administration Office, as well as at future community events. This questionnaire asks 5 quick questions that will help the Project Team frame the project big picture moving forward. **A major part of the project is identifying gaps and barriers** to the citizenship meeting their housing needs. What do we mean by gaps and barriers? Some **examples of barriers or gaps to housing** might include:

- As a single parent, I don't think I can afford a home.
- I don't own any land and I don't know how to access any for a new home.
- I have poor credit and don't think I can get a loan for a home on reserve.
- I don't think I can find a job that pays enough to own/ rent/ rent to own a home in the community.
- I'm worried about taking care of a home – how much money and work will it be once it's built?
- As a senior, I have concerns about mobility and am worried to live without assistance nearby.

An extremely important part of this study is identifying these gaps and barriers so that we can identify ways to address them. Only YOU can tell us what obstacles exist that you want to overcome. So please come out, or pick up a questionnaire at your convenience and let us know what is on your mind.

Questions about the project? Contact your Housing Coordinator, Matthew Commandant at (705) 762-2354

REMEMBER! MARK YOUR CALENDAR - NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING IS MAY 10 @ 4:30 pm or 7:00 pm @ the Wahta Administration Centre (Round Room).

Come out for your chance to win DOOR PRIZES OF GIFT CARDS FOR HOME DEPOT VALUED AT \$250, \$100 and \$50. Refreshments will also be served.

Career Opportunity

Family Wellness Coordinator (FWC)

The Wahta Mohawks Community Healing Centre (CHC) is a cultural community based organization mandated to serve the needs of the community and members of Wahta. The CHC works in cooperation with the Wahta Cultural Advisory Working Group. The CHC is currently accepting resumes for the full-time position of Family Wellness Coordinator (FWC).

Position Objective and Responsibilities

The FWC will ensure the effective delivery of the Cultural Family Wellness resource program, with the primary focus being children youth and families, fostering a strong sense of well-being and positive indigenous identity.

The FWC is responsible for providing and facilitating access to traditional teachings and ceremonies in a safe and acceptable environment. The FWC will also promote cultural awareness, language support, cultural based healing, work with Elders and traditional people as required using a prevention lens to meet the needs of the community.

The FWC will be responsible to plan, deliver and coordinate health, social and healing programs through an integrated approach, in a team environment. Also, where appropriate and necessary, in partnership with external agencies. The position requires a flexible work schedule including evenings and weekends.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary or equivalent in Indigenous Studies, Social Service Degree and/or combination of an equivalent and relevant education;
- Demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community with administrative responsibilities;
- Strong knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and history, with emphasis on family violence, child welfare, the impact of trauma, Indigenous youth and family engagement and community outreach;
- Knowledge and ability to speak the Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) language would be an asset
- Experience preparing and submitting funding proposals, fund raising, and working towards a financially sustainable cultural centre;
- Knowledge and experience working with children, youth and families in a healing and reconciliation capacity;
- Collaborate and develop indigenous resource list and utilize local resource people;
- Ability to work professionally and collaboratively with child welfare and other agencies;
- Must have the ability to work independently and with an Advisory Group as a team player, providing oversight and coordination of programs and activities with other health & healing programs and organizations;
- Must have a valid driver's license and reliable vehicle;
- Current First Aid/CPR certification or willing to be certified;
- Excellent organizational, financial, and administrative skills required, proposal and report writing skills, proficiency in MS office application and other database applications.
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check (CIPC) with a Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS) will be a condition of the employment offer.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a cover letter, and a resume, to the attention of:

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WAHTA MOHAWKS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the Receptionist/Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing assistance as required and as directed for the Senior Administrator and including but not limited to arranging schedules and meetings, organizing files and records, receptionist tasks and activities including communicating in a pleasant and professional manner with citizens, staff and others in a timely and efficient manner for applicable administrative functions.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

- 1 Reception, answering telephone and personal inquiries in an efficient and professional manner, greeting and assisting citizens.
- 2 To assist the Senior Administrator and Council in all areas of activities as required and as directed in an efficient and professional manner.
- 3 Record and process minutes of staff meetings, including preparing and distributing the meeting agenda packages on direction of the Senior Administrator.
- 4 Ensures all incoming and outgoing postal mail is sorted and received, and directed to the appropriate person/department in a timely manner.
- 5 Maintain a log book for incoming and outgoing mail, and a file copy of official documents/correspondence as a permanent record and archive on behalf of the Wahta Mohawks.
- 6 Must maintain strict confidentiality at all times and ensure all information is handled in a manner as to ensure complete confidentiality, and must be professional in conduct, work ethics and actions at all times.
- 7 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.
- 8 Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

- Develop, distribute and maintain monthly Community Newsletter, ensuring all citizens of the Wahta Mohawks receive a direct copy and a regular monthly publication and distribution cycle is developed and maintained.
- Maintain office inventory, supplies, equipment, purchase orders.
- Maintain the archive files for the Wahta Mohawks, reviewing and updating as required and as assigned.
- Light housekeeping duties.
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as assigned by the Senior Administrator to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.
- supervision: This position is not a supervisory position.
- education/professional requirements:
 - Post Secondary diploma in Business Administration or other related field required or a minimum Grade 12 with two (2) years work experience in a similar or related position with a proven demonstration of skills.
- skills required:
 - Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment.
 - Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written, and be comfortable dealing with the public.
 - Must possess a proficient level of organizational and time-management skills.
 - Must have a proficient level of computer skills in areas suitable to the requirements of the position.
 - Must be willing to work flexible hours including evening and weekend hours based on the needs of the tasks and activities assigned by the Senior Administrator.
 - Must have the capacity to take initiative and to multi-task at times to accomplish the tasks and activities assigned.
 - A knowledge and understanding of the community environment and culture is an asset.
 - Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
 - May be required to submit a CPIC (Criminal records check) on request if working with children, youth or the elderly.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please send a cover letter, and a resume, to the attention of:

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WAHTA MOHAWKS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

BY-LAW COORDINATOR (39 week contract)

POSITION SUMMARY: Work cooperatively with the Lands and Resource Department, the Bylaw Coordinator is responsible for consulting, including communicating with citizens, staff, and others in a timely and efficient manner, research and update the Wahta Mohawks By-law for the "protection, preservation and management of fur bearing animals and fish.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

- The coordinator will communicate with Provincial agency's (OMNRF & MOE), along with local hunters and fishers to fully gain a greater understanding to sustain identified wildlife on the Territory.
- Investigate, research, collect scientific data and gather traditional knowledge from trappers, hunters, fishers, Elders, and Community Members to enter the process of consultation to update Wahta Mohawks current by-law.
- Follow the Membership Consultation Plan process to update the by-law.
- Record, document, analyse all related activities in the field, or other.
- Operates in accordance with and ensures compliance to the Wahta Mohawks Administrative, Finance, Personnel and Membership Consultation Plan policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time.
- Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

- Attend all meetings as requested, within and outside of the community
- 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.
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as requested to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.

Education/Professional requirements:

Post Secondary diploma in a related field is preferred or a minimum Grade 12 education with a minimum 3 yrs. relevant experience.

Skills required:

- Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment.
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written, and be comfortable dealing with the public and facilitating community consultation.
- Must be willing to attend all recommended and required training and meetings.
- Must possess a proficient level of organizational and time-management skills.
- Must have a proficient level of computer skills in areas suitable to the requirements of the position.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours including evening and weekend hours based on the needs of the tasks and activities as requested.
- Must have the capacity to take initiative and to multi-task at times to accomplish the tasks and activities assigned.
- A knowledge and understanding of the community environment and culture is an asset.
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
- Required to submit a CPIC (Criminal records check) on request if working with children, youth or the elderly.

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WAHTA MOHAWKS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOUSING INTERN

POSITION SUMMARY: Work cooperatively with the Housing Clerk under the Housing Management Program Area, the Housing Intern is responsible for assisting with the processing of documents and related activities in the field including communicating with citizens, staff, and others in a timely and efficient manner and for applicable administrative functions for Housing programs and services as required. **Candidates must be a member of Wahta Mohawks and qualify for funding through Kagita Makam Area Management Board (KMAMB) Targeted Wage Subsidy.**

PRIMARY DUTIES:

- Assist the Housing position in all areas of activities as required and as directed in an efficient and professional manner.
- Communicates with and updates the Housing Clerk on all day to day operations of Housing functions.
- Assists in the preparation and processing of land transfers, leases and assignments as required, ensuring accuracy and meeting reporting requirements in a timely and efficient manner for approval by the Housing Clerk.
- Assists in arranging for and maintaining official records for required and approved land surveys and related documentation/processes under the guidance of the Housing Clerk.
- Communicate with citizens and the Housing Clerk on land and housing matters as required in an efficient, timely and effective manner, assisting citizens when required to obtain/resolve/process materials, documentation, and related processes.
- Assist with the Lands Management data input as directed.
- Assist in ensuring housing, sanitation and water policies and procedures are current and up to date and for processing edited and/or new policies and procedures for approval and implementation in an efficient, effective and timely manner.
- Assist the Housing Clerk in developing and recommending a housing and renovation allocation for approval under policy including sanitation and water allocations as recommended for approval, ensuring all documentation is complete and accurate, and funding resources are available for completion.
- Assist members in completing Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) applications for approval, ensuring all documentation is complete and accurate, and funding resources are available for completion.
- Assist in completing all applications and documents for the Housing Clerk review or recommendation for Housing, Sanitation and Water subsidies prior to submission to the Senior Administrator for review and approval.
- Must maintain strict confidentiality at all times as required and ensure all information is handled in a manner that ensures complete confidentiality, and must be professional in conduct, work ethics and actions at all times.
- Operates in accordance with and ensures compliance to the Wahta Mohawks Administrative, Finance, Personnel and housing program policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time.
- Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

- Assist in ensuring equipment is properly maintained and serviced on a regular basis and that warranties are registered and a file is maintained for each piece of equipment, including servicing logs, warranty follow up, purchase/installation date, supplier, etc. within the Housing Management office.
- Assist in maintaining a log for events/activities utilizing meeting/community space of the Wahta Mohawks ensuring the space is available, the events/activities are approved, and that any necessary set up/arrangements are organized and confirmed and invoices are issued for rentals, as required.
- Attend all Lands meetings as requested, within and outside of the community.
- Prepare and distribute minutes of meetings as assigned.
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as requested to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.

Education/Professional requirements:

- Post Secondary diploma in Office/Systems Administration is preferred or a minimum Grade 12 education with 2 yrs. relevant experience in some technical aspect of housing.
- Must possess a desire to become more knowledgeable, through professional development opportunities, including mandatory training/upgrading, in the Indian Lands Registry system, housing standards, and their related processes.
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
- Required to submit a CPIC (Criminal records check).

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Housing Assistance

Wahta Mohawks is accepting applications for housing renovations and housing subsidies.

Housing Subsidy

- Grant of \$26,300.00 for house construction
- Grant of \$15,000.00 for well and septic installation
- Must have status and membership
- Need to own the land where the home is to be built

Housing Renovations

- Home must be located on Wahta Territory
- Home must be the permanent residence of applicant
- Must have status and membership
- Cost shared with Wahta Mohawks at 50% homeowner and 50% band up to maximum of \$26,300.00

This is a summary of information for housing assistance. Please contact the office for further information, 705-762-2354

A very special happy birthday to Phoebe Roads who turned 100 years young on April 18th.
An open house was held on April 22nd to celebrate. Many family and friends attended to wish her well.



[Homework Help](#) is TVO's free online math tutoring platform staffed with Ontario Certified Teachers. It is designed to provide math support and encouragement to students within and beyond the classroom. Homework Help has been created to help students excel: to gain a better understanding and build an appreciation for math. The goal is to not only increase math skills, but also increase confidence and improve attitudes towards math. The Homework Help 'Ask a Tutor' chat rooms are open Sunday to Thursday, from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, during the school year.

Port Carling Taxi Company expanding with competitive incentives!!!!!!

NO Meters, all flat rates!

Looking for 8 Taxi Drivers – must have G licence

- Guarantee shift wage of \$75.00
- Drivers keep their tips
- Fuel paid by the employer
- 3 shifts available: 6 am – 2 pm, 2 pm – 10 pm, 10 pm – 4 am

Looking for 3 Bus Drivers – must have a B licence

- Guarantee shift wage of \$100.00
- Drivers keep their tips
- Fuel paid by the employer

Looking for 3 Dispatch Workers

- Full time and Part time \$15.00 an hour



The Long Term Care Circle welcomes all to come out on Thursday, May 25, 6:30-7:30

ATTENTION!!!

Any pictures of Wahta that you are willing to share? If so please forward them to info@wahtamohawks.ca. We would like to create a resource folder so that when a project, or publication is looking for a picture of our beautiful Wahta that we have some to choose from. Pictures taken from the heart of our community to show the love for our land. Thank you!!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Do you have an idea that would make use of the buildings at ICG? Do you need space for a new or existing business?

Call Lance DeCaire at 705 572-2354 ext 224 to discuss. lance.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca



Sale of ICG product.

We will have a big sale of ICG product at the ICG packing plant late in May. The sale will be open to members only first before it is open to the public. Keep an eye on the Wahta Mohawks web site for more details.



USED ITEMS FOR SALE

- 48 inch mower deck —Toro
- 60 inch blower—Toro
- 72 inch mower deck—Kubota

These items are being sold, best offer. If interested please drop off your bid in a sealed envelope with your bid and contact information by May 30th.

Wahta Mohawks announce closure of Iroquois Cranberry Growers

Iroquois Cranberry Growers is community owned and operated by Wahta Mohawks. Started in 1969 with three acres Iroquois Cranberry Growers grew to sixty-eight acres, becoming the largest cranberry farm in Ontario. By the mid 1990's Iroquois Cranberry Growers was the single most successful Aboriginal Community owned business in Canada. High cranberry prices encouraged more production across North America until supply outstripped demand. A decades long world wide surplus of cranberries and the resulting collapse in cranberry prices has made continuing operations at Iroquois Cranberry Growers untenable.

It is with regret that Chief and Council of Wahta Mohawks announces, effective immediately, Iroquois Cranberry Growers will cease operations.

Chief and Council would like to thank all the people who worked hard to start and sustain Iroquois Cranberry Growers over the years. Our Members, staff, suppliers and customers all contributed to the success of Iroquois Cranberry Growers.

Wahta will continue directing its energies towards new economic development opportunities.

Please direct all enquiries to

Lance DeCaire
Economic Development Officer
Wahta Mohawks First Nation
PO Box 260
Bala ON PoC 1A0
lance.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca
(705) 762-2354 ext 224

Wahta Mohawk Territory comprises 14,795 acres in the Muskoka region of Ontario near the town of Bala. In October 1881, 131 members of what would become Wahta Mohawks relocated from Kanesatake, (Oka) Quebec to a tract of land in the Parry Sound District of Ontario near Gibson Lake. Originally called the Gibson Reserve the name was changed to Wahta, the Mohawk word for Maple. Currently Wahta has 651 members with retail stores, heavy equipment, contractors and a water bottling plant operating on the Territory. Wahta Mohawks First Nation is a member of the Iroquois Confederacy.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETINGS

In order for council to serve you better we would like to ask members attending monthly meetings to submit new business in advance. This is something that council has done in the past and would like to continue, 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 require a reasonable amount of time in which to do so.

Please submit items no later than the Friday before the Tuesday meeting (meeting is the last Tuesday of every month). Items not requested in advance cannot be included as new business on the meeting agenda. There are two ways to submit items, email at comments@wahtamohawks.com or leave a message at 705-762-2354 ext. 256

Traditional Bean Supper

We are looking for volunteers to plan and organize this years "Traditional Bean Supper". If you are interested in being part of this group please contact
Amy at 705-762-2354 ext.240



Food Handling Certification Course

June 28th, 9-3:30, at the administration building
Contact Amy if you wish to participate;
705-762-2354 ext. 240

Wahta Church

A service will be held on May 7th at 11 am.

Faith Circle meetings will be at the Wahta Church on May 2, 9, 16, 30 at 7:00 pm

Satonhnhà:ren nòn:wa, lakorihwaié:re

Happy Birthday to Sierra Sahanatien! Love & hugs
from your all your friends & family XOXO

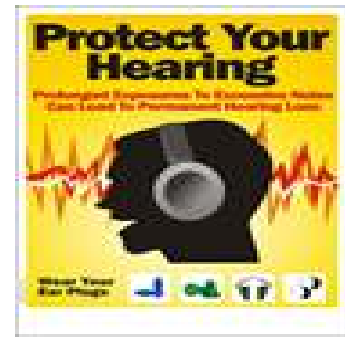
Notice

Wahta Mohawks crews will be performing brushing activities on the Hydro One distribution lines that are located throughout the territory this spring and summer.

For more information contact
Scott Aubichon
Wahta Mohawks
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Office: 705-762-2354 Ext 242
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MAY is Hearing Awareness Month



Did you know?...

In Canada, 1 in 4 adult Canadians has some form of hearing loss.

1 in 5 Canadian youth have signs of hearing loss.

Aging is the number one cause of hearing loss, with severity increasing over time

Signs of Hearing Loss:

- Not paying attention
- Buzzing or Ringing in the ears
- Failure to respond appropriately when asked a spoken question
- Muffled hearing
- Constant frustration hearing speech and other sounds
- Avoiding conversation
- Social isolation
- Depression

Local Resources:

Muskoka Audiology Clinic (705)646-2227
256 James St, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1S2

Kimberley Hearing Centre (705) 645-3455
118 Kimberley Ave, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1Z8

Canadian Hearing Society (705) 645-8882
175 Manitoba St #103, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1S3

Muskoka Hearing Aids (705) 684-8300
685 Muskoka Rd N, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 1N5

MY PAPER PRODUCTS STREAM



Newspaper, Flyers & Catalogues

- All paper flyers are recyclable (*even glossy*)
- Include telephone books, catalogues, etc.
- Stack them together or tie in bundles

- Do not exceed 45 lbs.
- No plastic newspaper bags



Mixed Paper, Junk Mail, Office Paper, Envelopes & Books

- Junk mail, greeting cards, office paper, etc.
- Books are acceptable!
- Keep hard & soft covers on for recycling
- Envelopes with windows are acceptable

- No tissues or paper towels
- No photos/waxed paper
- No plastic shopping bags



Milk Cartons, Juice Cartons, TetraPaks & Juice Boxes

- Include all polycoated containers (*milk cartons, soup and juice boxes, etc.*)
- Keep all plastic lids on
- Flatten to make more space in Blue Box

- No food soiled cartons
- No elastic bands



Boxboard

- Cereal boxes, cracker boxes, tissue boxes, pasta boxes, etc.

- Remove inside bags/liners
- No tissues or paper towels



Corrugated Cardboard / Boxes

- Flatten, bundle and tie cardboard no larger than 100cm x 100cm x 20cm
- Place tied bundle visibly beside blue boxes

- No wax coated boxes
- Tie together with string



Textiles / Fabric

- Old t-shirts, socks, towels, etc.
- Secure in a clear, transparent bag
- Tie a piece of fabric to top of bag

- Remove buttons
- Remove zippers

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**PLEASE HELP SAVE THE
LIFE OF OUR LANDFILL**

MY CONTAINERS STREAM



Food/Beverage Glass Bottles & Jars

- Keep lids on
- Avoid breaking glass
- Empty and rinse material

- No light bulbs
- No mirrors or windows
- No drinking glasses
- No ceramics



Plastic Bottles, Tubs, Lids & Containers

- Food & beverage bottles/tubs/containers
- Laundry detergent jugs and bottles
- Household cleaner and shampoo bottles
- Foam plastics - meat trays and foam cups
- Empty and rinse material

- No styrofoam blocks/peanuts
- No toys or durable plastics
- No plastic lawn furniture



Plastic Film & Outer Wrap

- Plastic grocery bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, candy wrappers, etc.
- Secure all plastic film inside one film bag to ensure material does not blow away

- No food soiled material
- No elastic bands



Aluminum & Tin Cans, Paint Cans

- Please don't squish or flatten cans
- Keep lids on and press lids inside cans
- Clean foil (pie plates, tinfoil, etc.)
- Empty, dry paint cans with lid off
- Empty and rinse material

- No cooking pots or pans
- No metal clothes hangers



Empty Aerosol Cans

- Empty aerosol cans with lids removed
- Cans must be empty

- Aerosol cans with remaining contents are considered household hazardous waste

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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am—4:30 pm

Fridays 8:00 am—2:00 pm

