



# WAHTA MOHAWKS

**ENNISKO:WA - MARCH (MUCH LATENESS)**

## **NEW WEBSITE!**

Please visit our new website at [www.wahtamohawks.com](http://www.wahtamohawks.com). There is a link in the top right hand corner to register, enter your information here and you will be sent the login link with a username and password to access the members only area. The members area is still a work in progress but we have provided monthly newsletters, meeting minutes etc. More information will be added every month. Email any comments or questions to [info@wahtamohawks.com](mailto:info@wahtamohawks.com)

## **Update regarding the inclusion of a flyer from Trish Cowie a political candidate for the upcoming Federal Election**

This will serve as clarification regarding a page placed in the last newsletter from Trish Cowie. A criticism was raised that including this in our newsletter was in a way involving Wahta in another government's political system.

To be clear the flyer was included strictly to support the political aspirations of an aboriginal woman from Hiawatha First Nation and in no way was meant to be interpreted as political endorsement from the Chief and Council or this administration.

It is important to draw the distinction between being "a Peoples" entitled to self-determination or being a "national minority" entitled to be a member of the majority government system including the right to run for political office. Federally funded First Nations governments continually walk in both worlds while striving towards self-determination.

## **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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## **Please Note:**

**Foot Care will be held on  
Wed. March 18th.**

# March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Pole Walking After School Program	4	5 Pole Walking After School Program	6	7 Workshop on Grief
8	9 Baby Play Community Shopping	10 Pole Walking After School Program	11 Baby Play	12 Pole Walking After School Program Fundraising Meeting 6-7	13	14 Annual Ice Fishing Derby
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29	30 Health Fair	31 Pole Walking After School Program Community Meeting 7 pm				

## Chief and Council Update

Wahta Mohawks Council has been meeting weekly to deal with issues as they come up and hearing presentations from guests. One such presentation was with Neegan Burnside, an engineering and consulting firm, the presentation was prepared to examine future development within the community. Council wants to initiate a comprehensive community planning study that would update the existing capital planning study which was written in 1991. Such a study looks at infrastructure (roads, landfill, water and sanitation), land use, and demographics of the community. The comprehensive plan looks at those and all aspects of the community.

The Matrimonial Real Property learning session attended by Chief Franks at the end of January certainly gave good insight into the work we will need to do as a community if we are going to create our own law as opposed to using the Act passed by the government and now in force at Wahta. This Act reaches further than just the disbursement of property in case of a marriage breakdown. Wahta will need to examine areas such as our citizenship code and residency. This act also brings the provincial jurisdiction into effect where an Ontario court will make decisions for us if a case proceeds. Council has placed work on matrimonial real property high on its priority list for the coming year.

Councillor Lane attended Ottawa and the Iroquois Caucus' meeting on the governments new law on tobacco. This month another meeting is planned to further deliberate on what course of action we have available with regard to this legislation. To date C-10 has not been enforced due to the development of regulations, however it is just a matter of time.

Councillor Schell and Lane met with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests this month with regard to the Moose Project. This also opened up the issue of trap lines and the MNR putting restrictions on First Nations people. Councillor Schell has reported that the Ministry has backed down on the restrictions since he spoke with them about treaty rights and hunting and fishing.

A meeting was held with a company to learn more about converting the landfill waste site as a source

of energy production, either in a gaseous state or as a generator of electrical power. More studies will be needed before moving forward with such a large project. The landfill is always an issue as it continually grows and will outgrow the current site in the future.

February 13th and 14th, were set aside for Council to meet with regard to strategic planning so that Council could determine priorities in all areas and also how Council will be guided in the work it does. All aspects of the community were considered, from economic development, governance, culture, and land use. A roll up report from those two days will be out soon and will be presented at the general meeting.

Council is meeting this month with the Health Hub with regards to financing the Nurse Practitioner Clinic. The General Community Council Meeting is March 28th, from 9 am until 1pm.

Nia:wen kowa

Chief Philip Franks



*Working Together , Chief and Council*

*Pictured Above, Chief Franks, Councillor DeCaire, Councillor Schell, Councillor Lane, Councillor Greasley*

## \* **Baby Play**

March 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th from 9:30 to 11:30 at **ratiksaokón:'a rao-tinákte** (The Children's Place)

## \* **Baby Drop In**

February 4th –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**

March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30, you can drop in to see Sue while you are here during baby play.

## \* **Medical Supplies and Assistive Technology presentation**

March 26<sup>th</sup>  
11-1 Lunch will be provided  
Contact Christine



## \* **Nordixx Pole Walking**

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 – 10:30. 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 March 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,**

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**

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

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



## \* Reflexology

**Reflexology Sessions available for March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**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.

## **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

## \* Chair Exercise and Healthy Lunch

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



## \* Bingo

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



## \* Health Care for Kids (Parents Too!)

Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 until 2:00.  
Come in for information relating to children's health, and have any of your questions answered!! Kids, bring your parents!!!! Prizes to be won!!!!



## \* Health Fair Monday

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 7 pm Come for information and to have your questions answered!! As well as great prizes!!

Please contact Christine if you plan to come for dinner...ext 273

## \* Foot Care

March 18th

## \* **Speak Up** a workshop on Grief and Loss For Parents and Children (even babies) Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>



**9:30-11:30**

Please contact Christine or Amy

**EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM    FEBRUARY 28, 2015**  
**ADMINISTRATION BUILDING    FROM 2 PM TO 6:00 PM**  
**(Dinner being served at 5:30)**

***AN AFTERNOON FOR COMMUNITY OF ALL AGES TO:***  
**Attend and enjoy an afternoon of fun filled activities with an educational/cultural focus! Something for everyone! Door prizes**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: EARL LAMBERT**

Earl is a certified Life Coach who attended the University of British Columbia where he studied Business and First Nations studies/Political Science. He has had a variety of career choices including Executive Director



of a First Nations non-profit organization, college instructor, HIV/AIDS educator and program developer for a Metis Child and Family organization.

"He lives with a great sense of pride as a warrior walking upon the Red Road." He continues to gain strength from the spiritual teachings of his elders and is well-known for not only his powerfully upbeat energy, but for his positive and optimistic outlook on life.

Driven by his passion to motivate others toward making positive life choices and living out their dreams, he remains committed to inspiring others with the gift of his words.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** storytelling, craft workshop, Mohawk language activities, cultural education.

**OTHER:** Information booths, Trillium Lakeland District School Board, Post-Secondary Institutions, Kagita Mikam, Canadian Forces, Mental Health.

**\*PLEASE RSVP TO CAROL BY FEBRUARY 21, 2015.**

**705-762-2354 EXT. 233\***

## ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN!!!

**IF YOU ENJOYED TRADITIONAL KIDS CAMP IN THE SUMMER  
THEN YOU WILL ENJOY TRADITIONAL KIDS CAMP IN THE  
WINTER.**

**Children will continue to learn about their culture while participating in traditional teachings.**

**We will be incorporating crafts, cooking outdoors and learning about maple syrup (pending on sap running).**

**This is a two day camp being held on March 17 & 18, 2015. You can drop off your child at 9:00 and pick them up at 3:00. It will be ran at the Longhouse under the direction of Terry & Lucia Sahanatien.**

**Snack, lunch and drinks will be provided. As we will be spending a good part of the day outside, please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing along with an extra pair of mitts.**

**\*In order to have a sufficient amount of food and supplies please sign your child up by March 12, 2015 with Kristal 705-762-2354**



**LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SEEING EVERY-  
ONE AGAIN!!!**

## **Notice**

### **Allocation of Registered Traplines - Deadline May 9, 2015**

Currently the Parry Sound  
District has a number of trap-  
lines currently available for  
reallocation.

Zones

PS193

PS063

PS137

BR040

PS153

Maps are Available at The  
Wahta Mohawks Office

For more Information Con-  
tact

Scott Aubichon  
Lands Manager  
Wahta Mohawks  
[scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca)  
705-762-2354 Ext 242

or

Leslie Joynt  
Parry Sound District Office  
705-773-4256  
[leslie.joynt@ontario.ca](mailto:leslie.joynt@ontario.ca)

## **Attention**

**Fundraising Meeting  
March 12th, 6pm-7pm**

# **Wahta's Annual Ice Fishing Derby**

**March 14th, 2015**

**8am— 2 pm**

**Wahta Administration Building**

**Webster Lake**

**Its that time of year again.....**

**Please Join us at Webster Lake for our annual  
ice fishing derby.**

**Please bring your own gear.**

**BBQ lunch will be provided.**



## **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.



Wahta Mohawks  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
CLOSING DATE—March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 2015

**POSITION:** Cultural Program Addiction Prevention Worker

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the Cultural Program Addiction Prevention Worker (CPAPW) is responsible for the development and delivery of cultural community programs and services to members that integrates traditional teachings and balances the mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical aspects of the individual, the family and the community. This position will work with all Wahta Mohawk staff to develop and deliver culturally appropriate addiction preventative programs and activities to all age groups to promote and offer alternative healthy lifestyle options; increasing awareness and understanding about substance abuse issues will be a main focus.

This worker assists and facilitates one to one, family, and or group sessions for the community. The position will implement, monitor, evaluate, and report on programming and progress in accordance with funding agreements, identified and approved work plans, and progress towards organizational strategic plans and priorities.

A primary function of this position is to develop funding applications and proposals, including budgets related to cultural addiction prevention projects and healing programs. The ability to work in a team environment to identify additional programming and sustainability gaps and develop appropriate solutions and strategies to mitigate these gaps is integral to this position.

**PRIMARY DUTIES:**

- Engages with and responds to community needs, evaluates, receives feedback and determines the most appropriate design of cultural healing projects to meet community development needs, and ensures community-level implementation of cross-generational projects and programs.
- To develop and deliver culturally appropriate community based addictions services, 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.
- 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:**

- Post-secondary education in First Nations Studies, Cultural Resource Management
- 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).

SEND RESUME TO HUMAN RESOURCES, WAHTA MOHAWKS  
P.O BOX 260, BALA, ON. PoC 1A0  
EMAIL: [martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca)  
FAX: 705-762-2376

## Membership vs Status

As I have taken on the role of membership registrar, I have noticed that most people don't realize they are two different things.

Membership is determined by the Wahta Mohawks and status is determined by Indian Affairs.

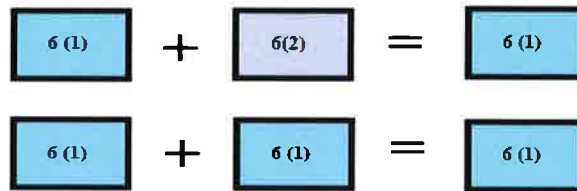
Membership is determined by blood quantum and status is not'

You can have membership and not status, and you can have status and not membership' One does not determine the other.

You must have at least 25% blood quantum to be accepted as a member of Wahta Mohawks.

For status, it's difficult to explain in a short paragraph. Status is dependent on what your parent/parents category is. Please see chart below for a brief explanation.

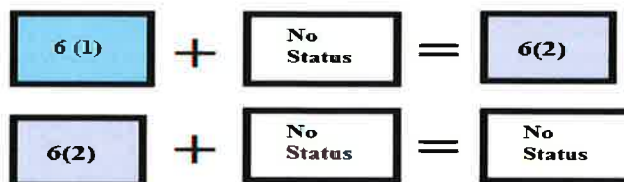
A 6(1) Indian who marries a 6(1) or a 6(2) Indian will have 6(1) children. Everyone in this 'equation' is a full Status Indian themselves.



If two 6(2) Indians marry, they will have children with 6(1) Status.



A 6(1) Indian who marries anyone without status (whether that person is Aboriginal or not) will have children who have 6(2) status. A 6(2) Indian who marries anyone without status (whether that person is Aboriginal or not) will have children with no legal Indian Status



A 6(1) person is basically someone who was registered as an Indian before Bill C-31 was enacted in 1985, although there were exceptions

## Chief and Council

Phillip Franks	Chief	705-528-9468
Lawrence Schell	Councillor	705-644-3001
Mike DeCaire	Councillor	705-644-3384
Teresa Greasley	Councillor	705-644-9934
Stuart Lane	Councillor	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
Allan Farrell	Properties Manager	Ext. 244
Carol Holmes	Education Services	Ext. 233
Alice Murphy	Financial Accountant	Ext. 245
Colleen Mendes	AHWS/NCWPW	Ext. 241
Kim North	Finance – Accounts Payable	Ext. 237
Karen Sahanatien	Lands and Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
Martie Stanton	Executive Assistant/Human Resources	Ext. 272

## Wahta Nursing Station 705-762-1274

WAHTA MOHAWKS  
BOX 260  
BALA ON CANADA



*Please.....*

*Please advise Wahta Mohawks of any  
change in address as soon as possible  
so we can continue to serve you.*