

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

Kentén:ha—*time of poverty in nature*

OCTOBER 2016



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Bean Supper

In order to be well prepared for this year's Bean Supper, we are asking members to donate wild game. If you or your family and friends would like to contribute any wild meat it would be greatly appreciated. This year the Bean Supper will be held in November. A confirmed date will be provided as the month draws nearer. As the silent auction was a great success, we will continue to do this and any money raised will go towards children programming. Please contact Kristal ext. 230 or Kara ext. 227 if you have any questions or would like to donate.

Cultural Healing Centre Playground



The children of Wahta would like to thank the Wahta Community Trust for their new playground equipment!
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October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Wellness Series CHC 9-3pm
2	3 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Yoga (CHC) 7pm	4 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Healthy Living 11:30-2:30 (CHC)	5 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Community Shopping 9am Calendar Project (CHC) 6:30-8pm	6 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving Day AB closed 	11 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Drum Group (CHC) 6:30-8	12 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Foot Care (AB) 6:30 (CHC)	13 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) Ribbon Shirt (CHC) 6:30 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30	14	15
16	17 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Yoga (CHC) 7pm	18 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30	19 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Enaahitig 9:30 - 3pm	20 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) Youth Night 5:30- 8:30 (CHC) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30	21	22 Presentation Citizenship 10 am (CHC)
23 Presentation Identity 10 am (CHC)	24 After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Yoga (CHC) 7pm Book Club 4:30-6pm	25 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Regular Council Meeting 7 pm	26 Tutoring (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Chair Exercise & Lunch 10:30-1pm	27 Pole Walking 9-10 (AB) After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30	28	29 General Meeting 9 am (AB)
30 	31 Halloween After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30 Yoga (CHC) 7pm Robb Nash	After School Kids (CHC) 3:30-5:30				

Locations AB = Administration Building CHC = Cultural Healing Centre

From the Desk of the Chief

The following are some of the issues that Chief and Council have been dealing with and or learning about and what is upcoming in the next few months. Without a doubt some of the endeavours that Council has taken on are long term, beyond the mandate of this Council's term and it is felt they are issues that are important to our development as a community.

First, the latest and probably last update on the ongoing issue of the land claim and a statement of claim made by council in an effort to revisit the monetary settlement made back in 2002. If you recall this legal process was underway early in 2014. When this Council came into being it was agreed we would see it through to the court stage. Many in the community had been in favour of following up with this to the point of having heard a judicial review of the case then Council would consider further action if it were favourable. Back in April and more so mid-September our lawyer had indicated that upon further research he had run across three areas that needed to be addressed, in his opinion they formed an insurmountable problem in achieving a successful case. Recently it was agreed by Wahta Council and our legal counsel there was no sense pushing this matter further. After a two year delay it is now time to begin an earnest process of having our lands returned to us.

With the approval of funding through the Small Communities Fund, Wahta is entering into the first phase to bring a water treatment and distribution system to the core area of the community that will cover the subdivision of rental housing.

Wahta Council continues to work with Hydro One Networks concerning an item in our relationship agreement. Some terms in agreement called for in kind services to be provided by Hydro One and were signed off by last Council. However, those involved informed us that the agreement was not to be set in stone and some leeway would be taken into account as to what our needs are and should be considered by Hydro. Despite a signed agreement with Hydro, Wahta and Hydro

have moved through a mediation process and continue to work on that 2012 agreement.

Council did announce at the end of August that we agreed to look into a bylaw process that would protect the services that serve the Wahta membership in the event there is another blockade of the Administration Building. This bylaw would in fact allow for protest but not at the expense of the community members receiving services. There will be more on this at the upcoming General meetings.

The Citizenship Review is ongoing. Three Bears Consulting will be doing a presentation October 22nd and 23rd. In order to reach many of our members off reserve there will be mail outs and surveys asking for their participation. We ask that all participate on this important issue by providing your valuable input that will assist in moving forward.

Cranberry harvest is coming fast. At a community meeting last month information was provided to members which detailed plans for the future of the Iroquois Cranberry Growers, and also outlined the alternative that the farm is no longer viable. Community members were asked to consider the alternatives. Council will be reviewing and making the decision as to make this investment in ICG or not after receiving input from the membership over the next couple of months or more. A presentation is on the website and can be accessed through the members portal.

As I indicated two and a half years ago, communications must be strengthened. While this is merely a brief recap there is a lot more information on the Wahta Mohawks website. Please go to that to learn more, and if you are not internet connected, by all means contact us with any questions or comments you may have.

Here's hoping everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving and remainder of the fall season.

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Chief Philip Franks

NOTICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to citizenship code review we will be hosting a two day community engagement and education event at the Cultural Healing Centre.

The event will commence on Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00 am with a session on "Getting to the Roots of Indigenous Citizenship, Membership and Identity Presented by Carleton University Assistant Professor Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller (Mohawk, Bear Clan)

On Sunday October 23rd at 10:00 am "The Indian Act and Identity; the law's construction of Indigenous Identity" will be presented by Alisa Lombard, Miqmaq constitutional lawyer.

These sessions are being presented to Wahta Members to provide some context and background information on the various issues that may help form questions and answers that can help guide the citizenship review process here at Wahta.

Please note the presentation **Origins of Clans – October 22 2016** will be rescheduled.



NOTICE

Important consultations are underway this year at Wahta, please join in the meetings and watch the newsletter and website for updates regarding MRP. Electoral Regulations and the Membership Code.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING DATES

- ♦ **October 29th, 2016 General Meeting**
Lyla Lane Land Lottery

Lottery will be held at the General Meeting
October 29th

Last day to enter the lottery OCTOBER 15th 2016
18 lots will be drawn, the lot number will be announced then a draw for the winning name for each lot.

Winners will have 60 days to inspect and pay for lot.
If you want to be entered in the lottery email contact: scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca

- ♦ **January 28th, 2017, Next General Meeting**

* Regular Council Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm*



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 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 the last Tuesday of every month). Items not requested in advance cannot be included as new business or the meeting agenda. There are two ways to submit items, email at coments@wahtamohawks.com or leave a message at 705-762-2354 ext. 256

WAHTA PEACEMAKING PROCESS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2016

During the past few months Ed Connors and Kevin Deer have been conducting the beginning stage of the Peacemaking process that they previously proposed to Wahta community members. The initial response from the community indicated that there was sufficient interest to proceed with introducing this process to the community. We began by conducting group sessions with various interest groups that were identified by community members. These groups included Wahta Fire, Elders, Wahta Longhouse, Youth, Chief and Council, Administration, Staff, Off reserve members, and On reserve non-members. We met people in groups at the Wahta Cultural Centre, in their homes and over the telephone. Some members have also chosen to contact us by email. In all we calculate that we have gathered input from well over half of the on reserve community and a smaller portion of off reserve members.

Our initial contact has involved identifying the issues that have been contributing to the growing conflict within Wahta. We have also begun to receive input from community members about the more peaceful and sustainable community that they envision.

On Saturday, August 27th the Women and children of Wahta along with Waneek Horne Miller and her sister conducted a candlelight peace prayer ceremony around the Wahta Administration building and at the same time some of the community men gathered with us at the Cultural Centre for a tobacco burning ceremony in support of the women's prayers for peace. This was meant to initiate the Wahta Peacemaking Process. On Sunday, August 28th we met with Chief and Council and community members to review what we have learned from our involvement to this point.

The following is a summary of our presentation (copies of our powerpoint are available from Martie at the Band office).

We have broken down the information shared with us into five categories.

- 1) Perceptions - or how we think.
- 2) The purpose and meaning of our lives.
- 3) Relationships - how we relate to each other.
- 4) Community Structure - or how you organize your community and your relationships.
- 5) Primary Needs - How you support and sustain your lives.

1) PERCEPTIONS

How we think and make meaning of our lives, the world around us, all of creation and creator is shaped by the language(s) that we use. In all of our First Nations communities across Turtle Island it is becoming increasingly important that our languages are maintained in order that our ways of knowing and our forms of knowledge can continue to guide us. As we regain and reform our ways of knowing it has become increasingly apparent that the forms of knowledge that we have been forced into through colonization have created a different form of thought that is now referred to by many as Two Eyed Seeing or the capacity to think and understand the world from two different perspectives.

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At times these different perspectives are in clear opposition and as a result create conflict within individuals and between people as we attempt to determine the 'right' answer or the 'best' way.

2) PURPOSE AND MEANING OF YOUR LIFE

These different ways of thinking, supported by our languages have enabled us to make meaning of our lives and to determine our life purpose. From the time of contact with Europeans their forms of spirituality that had been shaped by their languages became vehicles for transmitting to our people their ways of making meaning of life and life's purpose. As we adapted these spiritual practices our ways of making meaning of life and life's purpose changed. In addition, the new forms of spirituality presented teachings that transformed roles and responsibilities of community members. As a result differences in spiritual beliefs have become a source of opposing perceptions that at times have contributed to community conflict.

3) RELATIONSHIPS

How we relate with each other is informed by our beliefs and values. For some our spiritual practices are the source of where our beliefs and values come from. However, for others teachings offered within family and community are the basis for the development of their beliefs and values. However these beliefs and values have formed most of the people we have spoken to stated that they wish that relationships between community members were guided by the following principles.

Honesty

Trust

Respect

Caring

Sharing

Inclusive - that people are generally included in and feel welcomed to participate in community.

Equality- equal to as opposed to controlled by.

A considerable number of people mentioned that they do not believe that these principles are being adhered to between community members and therefore this is a source of conflict. Some go as far as to demand that Chief and Council submit to a forensic audit in order to demonstrate their commitment to transparency and honesty.

4) COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

All of the above informs how you organize your community and your relationships. The above also forms the basis for answering the following important questions that are related to community organization and relationships. These are questions that came out of our discussions.

- What is culture?
- What is a Mohawk?
- What is community?
- Where do we come from?
- What is family? Who is family?
- Who belongs in our community?
- Are clans important today? How do they apply today?

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What form, structure, shape of governance is right for our community?

What are the important qualities of good leadership?

- What form, structure, shape of governance is right for our community?
- What are the important qualities of good leadership?

By developing commonly accepted answers to these questions you will develop the foundational knowledge upon which you will be able to build your community.

5) PRIMARY NEEDS

The above forms some of the knowledge that visions for Wahta's future can emerge from. However, some of the primary needs that also must be considered when visioning a future include:

- sustainability
- productivity
- self sufficiency and
- economics.

All of these themes are tied to ensuring that Wahta remains as a viable community for your children and grandchildren for generations into the future. As we know not all communities remain viable and continue to exist into the future. Generally those that have visions and plan at least seven generations into the future remain sustainable, survive and thrive.

Some consider this as an important activity as our ancestors did and others do not believe visioning is important. Some people recognize that we live within an interdependent world and that what changes in the world around us effects all of us. Some also believe that we must keep aware of these changes if we are going to adapt, survive and thrive. The fact that some people consider visioning important for Wahta and others do not can be considered a point of conflict.

CONCLUSION

In short the above points that have emerged from our conversations with your community are related to common issues that have existed throughout human history and that have contributed to the survival of human beings. These themes have also re-emerged recently as many of us have been thinking about the survival and sustainability of our indigenous communities in light of the impacts of colonization. These themes are related to four questions that have been considered crucial to human beings since Creator gifted us with thought. These questions are:

- Where did I come from?
- Why am I here?
- What is my purpose?
- Where am I going?

As a community these questions are equally important when asked as a collective.

- Where did we come from?
- Why are we here?

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- What is our purpose?
- Where are we going?

The answers to these questions also inform us about four important themes that many of us have discovered are important if we are to live well. These themes continue to emerge as we have conducted dialogues with our indigenous communities in Canada through our various national efforts over the past 30 years (Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, Healing and Wellness Foundation, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Honouring Our Strengths, The Mental Wellness Continuum) From these efforts we have learned repeatedly that wellness or good living requires at the least four abilities.

The ability to make meaning of our lives. For this we require systems that enable us to make sense of ourselves the world around us, all of creation and Creator.

The ability to determine our purpose for being. In other words we need to know why we are here.

The ability to establish a sense of belonging. For this we need to be able to identify that we have meaningful connections to people, the world around us, mother earth, creation and creator.

The ability to have hope that a future exists. For this we must be able to vision a time and existence beyond this moment. Without the capacity to vision there is no hope

The above are the teachings that have emerged through our dialogue and engagement to this point in time.

Our Proposal for a Further Peacemaking Process and Request for your Input

We propose that all of our decisions within this peacemaking process be guided by the principles and teachings that come from the indigenous wisdom of our creation story, ceremonies, the thanksgiving address, our Great Laws for peace, our treaty relationships with our non-native brothers and sisters and our connection to our sacred lands. Our next step for this peacemaking process involves the following:

1. We will create a form that will list the themes that you have identified are important from our discussions to date. This list will then be distributed to all interested band members and we will ask you to identify which themes are most important for you to address first. This process will allow us to create an order for community dialogue beginning with the most important issues as determined by you.
2. We will then stage community forums that will enable you to dialogue about these issues until you reach a consensus on the action that you will take with regards to each issue. We will structure and guide these processes of dialogue. These processes will consist of people taking positions in favour of, in opposition to or in a noncommittal position to each issue. Each group will be given the opportunity to speak fully to the issue and efforts will be made to ultimately define actions to address each issue that are agreed to by all. These processes will be based on consensus building.

We anticipate that this consensus building will lead to community chosen actions to issues that will form the basis for a vision of Wahta into the future.

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3. We are open to receiving your comments and suggestions about this process. In fact, we will not proceed with this process until we are convinced that you wish us to proceed. Our work to this point has been based on receiving the support for this process from all those who we had input from. At this point we are asking that anyone who wants us to STOP this peacemaking process to contact Ed or Kevin in one of the following ways:

- In person when we are in Wahta- Ed is in Wahta on Thursdays from 10-4pm Appointments can be made through Martie.

- By telephone Ed 705-329-0400 or Kevin 1 450 638-5775

- By email Ed econnors0507@rogers.com

Kevin kanah47@hotmail.com

or

- By mail Dr. Ed Connors 360 Grenville Ave., Orillia, Ontario L3V 7P7

If you chose to do this we ask that you provide us with your name and the reason or reasons that you have for wanting us to discontinue this peacemaking process. All that you share with us will be confidential and will be maintained between us. Your comments will be used by us to determine if we should proceed to the next stage of the process that we have proposed above. Those we do not hear from we will consider to be in support of or indifferent to the process.

We will receive your input until Monday October 10th.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with your community to this point and look forward to learning if you wish us to continue this peacemaking process.

Sincerely,

Ed Connors and Kevin Deer

For more information on this process please visit www.wahtamohawks.com , members portal.



HEALTH SERVICES

Community Shopping

Join us for a day of shopping in Orillia on **Wednesday, Oct. 5th**. Pick up will be at **9am**. Please Contact Christine (273) or Sherry (250)

Foot Care

Wednesday, Oct. 12th
at the Admin. Building



Enaahdig Healing Lodge
& Learning Centre

Wednesday October 19th Soadi foot care clinic and other activities at Enaahdig. Bus leaves the administration building at 9:30 and will return by 3.
Contact Christine (273)

The Calendar Project

(a continuation of the Tea and Share of the summer with historical Wahta pictures) we plan to build a calendar and then use it as a fundraiser for the cultural center. It will run in November (to complete the calendar) and then in December (to view the calendar) and the Calendars will be available for sale the second week of December as well as at the Community Christmas dinner... **Wednesday, October 5th at the Cultural Center 6:30-8**
Contact Christine (273) or Sherry (250)

**Women's
Drum Group**
Tuesday, Oct. 11th
6:30-8
at the
Cultural Center

Everyone Welcome!!
(experienced or newcomer)
Contact Christine or Sherry
*please note a drum is not required to participate...if you have a rattle bring it...if you don't just bring yourself

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FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, November 8
December off...

Chair Exercise
Wednesday, Oct. 26th
10:30 am—12pm
Lunch will be served
at the Cultural Healing Centre

Book Club will be at the administration building on Monday, October 24th 4:30-6
Contact Christine (273) or Sherry (250) if you are interested and would like to pick up a book.

Wellness Series

Saturday, October 1st...The 2nd Instalment of the
Wellness Series with Jane Burning – Focussing on: forgiveness of oneself and others, making positive changes in our homes, offices and communities, and original instructions given by the creator. Taking place at the Cultural Center – 9am -3pm
Contact Christine (273) if you have not yet signed up.

Come Out and Join In !!!

Pole Walking
Every Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am—10:00 am

Healthy Living with Soadi Freezer Bag Workshop at the Cultural Center Whipping up some healthy recipes for you to take home to freeze for enjoyment at a later date!
Tuesday, October 4th 11:30-2:30...the program will start with a light lunch.

Contact Christine (273) or Sherry (250)



CULTURAL HEALING CENTRE



Yoga practice continues each Monday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.



WOMEN as a follow up of our time with Lee Maracle please come together on TUESDAY OCTOBER 18 at 7 PM at the Cultural Healing Centre to begin to identify our responsibilities and how we can impact community in a healthy positive way.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.

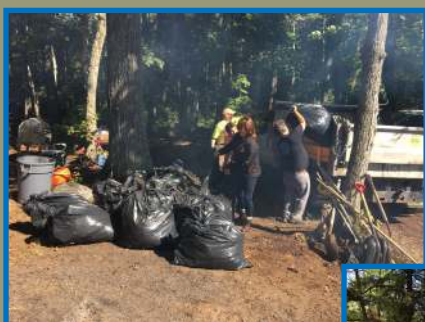
Kagita Mikam Employment & Training

Applications are available for Kagita Mikam Employment & Training Programs. If you are unemployed, underemployed or out of school and would like to receive training or assistance to get back into the workforce then support is available upon meeting the criteria. For more information on Kagita Mikam programs please contact Kristal at 705-762-3343 x. 230 or by email at kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca.

Attention Youth. Through Kagita Mikam Employment & Training, Wahta has been granted funding for youth between the ages of 15-30 years of age to assist with removing barriers that impact youth who are unemployed, underemployed or out of school. There will be upcoming workshops that will provide employable skills. Please contact me (Kristal) if you have any personal suggestions or needs that maybe assisted through this program.

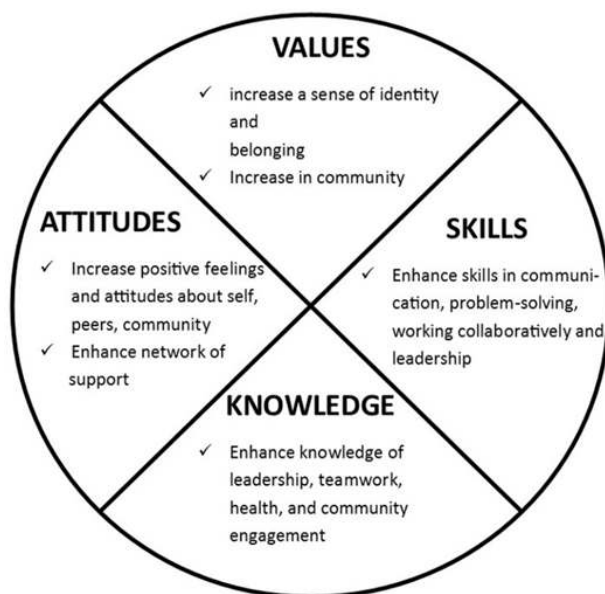
RECLAIMING MCMASTER LAKE

On Sept. 23rd the staff from Wahta Mohawks and ICG reclaimed the McMaster Lake property





IS BACK for



Promoting Life-Skills in Aboriginal Youth (Play) Program

What is the Play Program?

The Promoting Life-Skills in Aboriginal Youth (PLAY) Program partners with 88 First Nations communities and urban Aboriginal organizations across Canada to deliver safe, fun and educational programming for Aboriginal children and youth. Each uniquely tailored play based program is designed **to enhance educational outcomes, improve peer-to-peer relationships, increase employability and improve physical and mental health** amongst Aboriginal children and youth.

WHO: All Children/Youth that would like to be a part of having fun and healthy living!

WHERE: Wahta Mohawks Cultural Centre

WHEN: Joining the After School Program

Monday 3:30-5:30pm (Right to Play/After School)

Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm (Right to Play/After School)

Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm (Tutoring/Right to Play)

Thursday 3:30-5:30pm (Right to Play)

****Snacks will be provided during the PLAY Program****

Please contact Kara Wanoth regarding any questions about the Right to Play Program ext. 227

Upcoming Youth Nights

Thursday October 20, 2016- Dinner -5:30-8:30pm

Medicine Wheel Teaching and Craft with Shirley Hay

Thursday November 10, 2016- 5:30-8:30pm

Crystal Chakra Workshop with Kyla Holmes

Thursday December 1, 2016- Dinner- 5:30-8:30p

Teaching and Medicine Bag Craft with Shirley Hay



R.E.A.L. School is coming back to Wahta

``Get REAL and Become the LEADER in your Life! ``

Date: Friday November 18, 2016

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday November 19, 2016

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm

Sunday November 20, 2016

Time: 9:00am-Noon



Chaperoned Youth Sleepover at Cultural Centre Friday and Saturday Night

Come out and have a few days of absolute fun, laughter and a great time to connect and make friendships! R.E.A.L. School had a promo day with us back in June and the Youth loved it so much that we are having them return again for 2 day Weekend Event.

There are many fun activities planned around leadership, team building and self-awareness.

Youth will gather together Friday night for dinner, opening and introductions. We will have a sleep over Friday and Saturday Night

with

various activities going on throughout the day.

We ask that Youth pack a sleeping bag, mat to lay on, change of clothes, toothbrush, etc. All food, drinks and snacks will be provided. This is going to be a great weekend and we can't wait to have ALL the youth together for 2 Days!



Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Please RSVP to Kara (ext. 227) to book your attendance at this weekend event!

The Robb Nash Project: Using Music to Spark Conversation on Depression among Youth

About Robb Nash Project:

Robb Nash, who is the lead singer of the Robb Nash band, founded Robb Nash Project in 2012 to help at-risk youth who struggle with depression, bullying, self-harm, addiction and suicide. Robb Nash suffered from major physical injuries and psychological issues after a life-threatening accident as a teenager. Once Robb recovered from issues related to anger and depression, he started up the Robb Nash Project to help at-risk youth overcome the same issues he faced and conquered. Robb Nash Project gives school presentations and concerts across Canada, designed



to inspire students to make positive life choices.

Robb Nash Project aims to give at least 150 Robb Nash School Presentations and reach at least 60,000 youth each year in schools, detention centres and First Nations communities. During these presentations, Robb Nash talks about sensitive issues such as depression, suicide and substance abuse and the Robb Nash band gives music performances where the audience can connect to the lyrics.

Who: Wahta Youth (ages 10-17yrs)

What: Wahta Youth have been invited to attend the Robb Nash Project/Concert. This is a great opportunity for Youth to get together to talk about some important topics.

Kara Wanoth can pick up students from school and take them to the event and back home after. Please RSVP. (Arrangements need to be made before hand and the program will be based on interest shown)

When: October 31, 2016

Where: Parry Sound High School

Time: TBA (this event takes place during the afternoon school hours)

Please contact Kara if interested in attending ext. 227



COMING SOON

Reawaken the Mind, Body and Spirit Discovering Ancient Cultural Healing Practices

Emmy Mitchell Kaientiostha- Spiritual
Cultural Educator

Description: This workshop is based on reawakening ancient cultural healing practices

In the words of our Ancestors ``Healing of self is the first step to rebuilding the community

Emmy Mitchell will be coming to Wahta for a workshop geared towards reawakening participant's knowledge and practice of their historical cultural practices to create a safe, positive and productive community environment.

These ageless and seldom used oral traditional teachings were practiced regularly from the beginning of time. Today, some refer to this method as new age or alternative healing. However, historically our people lived and benefited by incorporating this in their daily lives. All participants will be involved in oral teachings and handouts designed to re-awaken the mind, body and spirit.



Ribbon Shirt Regalia Class

Who: All Community is welcome

What: This class is for both inexperienced and experienced sewers. These 2 nights will consist of gathering together to build our own regalia and learn from each other. All material and sewing machines will be provided. Snacks are encouraged to bring and share.

Where: Cultural Centre, Wahta

When: October 12 & 13 2016 (2 Evenings)

Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Please RSVP to Kara ext. 227 limited to 7 participants

Skirt making next!





Women of Wahta Mohawks

The women of Wahta gathered along Waneek-Horn Miller and her family who led a circle of peace around the Wahta Administration office Saturday August 27, 2016. The women joined together to show support for one another and in solidarity for peace. Every woman, girl, and female child carried a candle (representing their inner sacred fires) as they prayed for peace, love, forgiveness, healing and unity. The women of Wahta took these first steps in the peace process for our children in hope that this will give some insight into future peacemaking as the Creator hears our women's pleas.



Youth Engagement Nights

We have been having a lot of fun at our monthly Youth

Nights and have many more exciting things planned for the upcoming months. The Youth have taken part in Mindfulness Training and Meditation, and this month we met with Dr. Ed Connors where we discussed Wahta's early history, resiliency and sustainability. We talked about visions that the Youth see for the future of their community.

Dr. Ed Connors also asked the youth about their opinions regarding the peacemaking proposal and if they should be continuing their work in our community. The group agreed that something must be done in our community to bring back the strength that we once had. The youth are clearly concerned about the future and what will be left in our community for their families. There is a strong interest to continue to learn the history of Wahta so we will be looking into ways to bring more information to the Youth group.



Staff Recognition

A staff retreat was held in September at Blue Mountain Resort to recognize staff for their contributions to the overall well being of the organization. The staff attended a teambuilding workshop that was facilitated by Dr. Ed Connors. On September 15th a dinner was held to recognize staff and long service awards were presented to Sherry Byrne, (25 years of service) Amy Davidson, (5 years of service) Colleen Mendes, (5 years of service) and Scott Aubichon, (5 years of service) Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication to Wahta Mohawks!

Karen Commandant, Senior Administrator



Sherry Byrne

25 years of
service

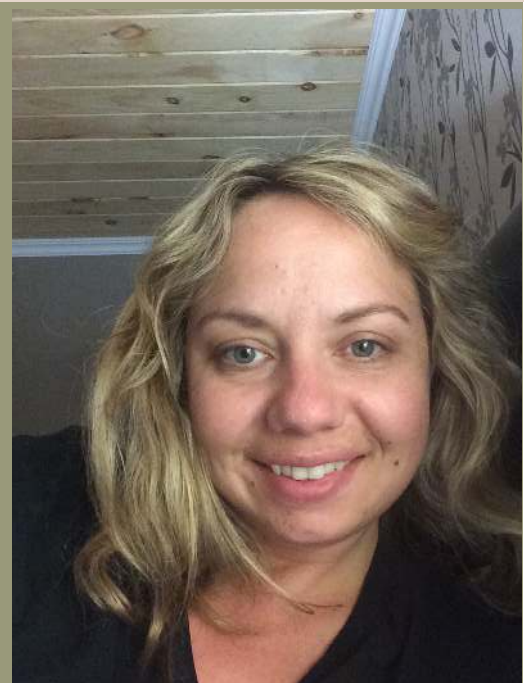


Scott
Aubichon
5 years of
service

CONGRATULATIONS



Colleen
Mendes
5 years of
service



Amy
Davidson
5 years of
service

JOB POSTING

12 MONTH CONTRACT

PROGRAM AREA: Administration

POSITION TITLE: Housing - Immediate Needs Coordinator

REPORTING PROTOCOL: REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE Senior administrator

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the Immediate Needs Coordinator is responsible for completing the objectives outlined in the housing contract work plan in the areas of governance, management and maintenance for the Wahta Mohawks including timelines, deliverables and reporting requirements as assigned in an efficient and effective manner, ensuring accuracy in recording and reporting processes and details.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

Familiarize and analyze the current status of housing program on Wahta Territory working closely with the lands and housing managers and make recommendations for improvement to support the overall Wahta Housing Program.

Responsible to engage, collaborate and coordinate the hiring of a consultant to carry out and project manage a 20-year housing plan that meets the identified needs of the members of Wahta Mohawks.

Purchase software and train housing and maintenance staff to carry out a comprehensive housing management program including contract management, housing inspections, preventive maintenance, asset management and asset life cycle maintenance plans.

Conduct training sessions as necessary for housing staff/manager and tenants.

In conjunction with the overall development of the Wahta Mohawks housing plan a housing authority will be planned and recommended to support on reserve housing, and administer and operate on reserve housing funding and programs management.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

Contribute to a harmonious team environment within the organization.

Complete ongoing funding application and reports for AANDC as required and as assigned

Assist with records, reports, documentation and access to information for program areas as required and as assigned.

Assist in record access, adjustments and documentation for Auditors as required and as assigned

Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

Be familiar with laws, systems and processes applicable to the position such as applicable Statutes and Regulations, National Building Code, Canada Labour Code, Native Organizations and Government structures, and other laws, systems, and processes determined to be applicable to the programs/services in the area(s) of responsibility for this position.

Understand and be fluent in the 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.

SUPERVISION: This position is not a supervisory position.

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EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A degree in business administration with a minimum of five (5) years work experience in a similar or related position; **OR**
- skills required:
- Must be bondable.
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written.
- Must have a proficient level of computer skills including Excel and word processing functions
- Must possess excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment.
- Must have the capacity to take initiative, work with little supervision 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.

Please send resume to:

Martie Stanton, Human Resources
Wahta Mohawks,
P.O. Box 260,
Bala, Ontario,
POC 1A0
Fax: 705-762-2376
Email: martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca

Residential School Monument

If you know of any persons that are not on the current list, please contact the office and they will be added. This will be the final request.

Current Listing

Kenneth Commandant
Pauline Commandant
Sidney Commandant
Gladys Decaire
Harrison Decaire
Isabel Decaire
Lloyd Decaire
Virgil Decaire
Rhoda News
Violet News
Gordon Sahanatien
Louis Sahanatien
Norman Sahanatien
Wesley Sahanatien
Carman Stock
Katie Stock
Howard Thompson
Iris Thompson
Roy Thompson
Sylvia Thompson
Tommy Thompson
Mitchell White

Additions

John Decaire
Antoine Dewasha
Cecil Dewasha
Edgar Dewasha
Jackson Dewasha
Isaiah Dewasha
Mitchell Franks Sr
Walter Hiel
Ernest Miller (Decaire)
Bertha Sahanatien
Beulah Stock
Gertrude Stock
Joseph Stock
Kathleen Stock
Patrick Stock



Marking of Graves

We are requesting members to contact the office if you have information regarding unmarked graves. We are aware that persons are buried other than the cemetery location. We would like to mark these graves with the family's permission. We would also mark the graves location with fencing and keep the grass cut if the families agree.

Join Our Newsletter Email Initiative!

In an effort to reach more people, provide faster communication and more opportunities for community consultation, we would like to start emailing the newsletter to as many members as possible.

We are asking all members that have not registered their email address through the website portal to join the email list.

There are two ways to get your newsletter through email:

1. **Register at www.wahtamohawks.com/member-registration** (if you haven't already). Once you register you will automatically be emailed the newsletter. If you wish to still receive the paper copy in the mail please email info@wahtamohawks.com

OR

2. **Email us at info@wahtamohawks.com** and let us know you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you.

Why Switch To Email?

- Improved ongoing communication
- More community consultation opportunities
- Help save trees, postage and paper

Questions

Q: Why should I opt in for Newsletters?

A: With hundreds of newsletters sent out each month it is a time constraint and costly procedure for staff every month. If you have an email address we would like to email you instead, this saves on time, paper and postage costs.

Q: When will I get the Newsletter?

A: Getting the newsletter online is actually faster than postage. We can email it once it is ready no need to wait for snail mail.

Q: How else will my email address be used?

A: Your email address will not be shared with anyone and will only be used for newsletters and occasional communication regarding community updates.



MEMBERS FAR AND NEAR

Please sign up to receive your newsletter through email!

Members (previous and new) that have signed up to receive their Monthly Newsletter electronically will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 prizes!!!!!!!!!!

1st—\$100.00

2nd—\$50.00

3rd— Gift Basket

The winners will be announced in the November Newsletter



WAHTA LANDFILL

PLEASE HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF OUR
LANDFILL

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Appliances (stoves etc.)
Freon Unit (fridges etc.)
Furniture
Tires (must not be on rims)
Metal Items (not to exceed 10
ft in length)
Household Large Items
Rugs/ Outdoor Furniture
Electronics (TV, stereos)
Bathroom Fixtures

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- * When bringing tires to the
dump please separate the
tires from the rims before
disposing of them.

Dock Cribbing, Dock Foam
Heavy Machinery
Hazardous Waste
Motorized Vehicles, Boats
Engines Containing Fuel, Oil
Stumps, Rocks, Sod, Concrete
Construction Material
Lumber, Drywall, Insulation
Propane Cylinders
Doors, Windows, Shingles



Notice

Wahta Mohawks crews will be performing
brushing activities on the Hydro One distribu-
tion lines that are located throughout the terri-
tory in October and November.

For more information contact

Scott Aubichon

Wahta Mohawks

Lands Manager

Office: 705-762-2354 Ext 242

Membership Report for August 2016

Persons accepted as members

Lauren Stephanie Millar
Nicholas Alexander Hung Yeh
William Carter Min Yeh
Daniel Jackson Jie Yeh
Jennifer Elyse Millar
Kristoffer George Krueger

A Reminder



**WE CAN MAKE A POSITIVE
DIFFERENCE!!!**



Find us on:
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Protect yourself and others from the **FLU**

Influenza, or the flu, is a highly contagious and infectious respiratory disease.



✓ Get your annual flu shot

✓ Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water

✓ Keep your hands away from your face

✓ Cough and sneeze into your arm, not your hand

✓ If you get sick, stay home until your symptoms are gone

✓ Keep common surface areas clean and disinfected

PEOPLE AT RISK OF COMPLICATIONS

The following groups are not more likely to get the flu. However, they are more at risk of developing complications if they do get sick:

1. Children under 5 years of age
2. Women who are pregnant
3. People with chronic conditions such as:
 - Heart disease
 - Liver disease
 - Kidney disease
 - Blood disorders
 - Diabetes
 - Severe obesity
 - Asthma and chronic lung disease
 - Neurological disorders
 - Cancer or immune-compromising conditions
4. Aboriginal people
5. People 65 years of age and older
6. People who are residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities

IMPORTANT If you have flu symptoms and you have one of these risk factors, contact a health care provider as soon as possible — antiviral medications may be needed.

There will be Flu Clinics planned for each community.

When the dates are set for October and November, notices will be circulated.

Congrats to All that
completed the Firearms
Safety Course!



The Firearms Safety Course

A success! Twenty students registered and attended classes. Everyone passed!

EDUCATION NEWS

Below is a free on line tutoring program to help students in the area of math. Go to <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>



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.

October is Ladies Month at the Wahta Health Hub

In partnership with Wahta Health Services

All Wahta members and residents welcome!


You do not have to be enrolled with the Health Hub to participate! We will send results to your family doctor if you are not a patient of the Wahta Health Hub.

Call to book an appointment this October for a **pap smear, a mammogram and or a breast exam, Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)** and be entered into a draw for a luxury home spa gift basket.

All appointments and results are strictly confidential.

Evening appointments available

Call to reserve your spot – 705-762-1274



Screening tests can find abnormal cells so they can be treated before they turn into cancer.

- ① The Pap test looks for changes in cells on the cervix that could turn into cancer if left untreated.
- ① The human papillomavirus (HPV) test looks for the virus that causes these cell changes.

The only cancer the Pap test screens for is cervical.

Most women don't need a Pap test every year!

Have your 1st Pap test when you're

21

If your test results are normal, you can wait
3 years for your next Pap test.



You can stop getting screened if:

① You're older than **65**
and have had normal
Pap test results for
many years.

① Your cervix was removed
during surgery for a
non-cancerous condition
like fibroids.



Aboriginal Legal Advice from Aboriginal Lawyers



ALAAL Clinic

The purpose of this clinic is to provide culturally appropriate, summary legal advice to aboriginal clients.

Lawyers **Cara Valiquette** and **Jay Herbert** will focus on all areas of law, including criminal, child protection, family, and civil law. Services could include: creating wills, Powers of Attorney, and Indian Act issues. The clinic will run approximately once per month, at **two locations**. Space is limited, so sign up in advance!

Parry Sound Friendship Centre

What: Legal clinic for aboriginal clients

Where: 13 Bowes Street
Parry Sound, ON P2A 2K7

When: , October 18, 2016
November 14, 2016
December 13, 2016
January 16, 2017

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Other: Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be served first please call 705-746-5970 to book your appointment.

Midland Friendship Centre

What: Legal clinic for aboriginal clients

Where: 175 Yonge Street
Midland, ON L4R 2A7

When: October 21, 2016
November 18, 2016
December 16, 2016
January 20, 2017

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Other: Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be served first please call 705-526-5589 to book your appointment

Chief and Council

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705-762-2354

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Colleen Mendes	AHWS/NCWPW/AHBHC	Ext. 241
Joanne Contant	Finance Officer	Ext. 245
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	Community Wellness Worker	EXT. 227

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

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