

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



Seskehkó:wa—(time of poverty in nature)

September 2017



This issue....

Calendar of Events
Minutes
Health Services
Education and Training
FYI & Notices
Employment Opportunity

General Meeting Sat. Sept 30, 2017 9am

Agenda items will in- clude:

- KPMG Audit
- Trespass By-Law
- NorthStar Medical
Cannabis
- Strategic Plan
Update

Notice

Hydro Distribution line brushing
The brushing of the distribution
lines on Wahta Mohawks Territory
has commenced by our Wahta
Mohawks members.

Please Contact me if you have any
questions.

Scott Aubichon
Wahta Mohawks

Notice

Indian Affairs will be at the administration office on
Monday September 11th, 2017 at 2pm for an infor-
mation session on estate planning. Topics will include
wills, beneficiaries, administrators, lands etc. Please
contact Karen Sahanatien if you plan on attending,
705-762-2354 ext. 222



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Community Shopping (Barrie) Bus Leaves at 9am	7 Pole Walking-Midland Bus Leaves at 8:30am Calendar Project 1pm-3pm AB	8	9
10	11 After School program Starts (3:30-5:30) CC	12 Heathy Living 10am-12pm (wear comfy clothes) CC After School program (3:30-5:30) CC Faith Circle 7 pm CC	13 Tutoring 3:30-5:30 CC	14	15	16 Wellness series Tom porter (9am-4pm) CC Social and Potluck – 6pm
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

Well that seems to be it for the summer of 2017. Throughout this time Council has been meeting regularly to advance issues at hand and deal with new ones as they arise. A number of items we have been dealing with are administrative type issues but we are confident we can soon refocus on a council agenda with the signing on of a new Senior Administrator. Murray Maracle, a well experienced and highly regarded person will begin September 11. Murray comes from Tyendinaga but has been holding various positions all working with Indigenous issues.

Again we have been dealing with the traffic on Muskoka Road 38 through our community, and again the main issue is driver speed and carelessness. Council is arranging a meeting with the District of Muskoka regarding the declaration of a community safety zone to increase speeding fines. Also Council will soon be meeting with the new Commander of the OPP in this area to discuss other strategies to deal with speed, including more accountability in service provided.

Another issue has been littering along 38. One of our members has taken the tact to pull the trash out of the ditches and leave it on the road seemingly to deter people from littering. It is unlikely this has any effect or it also could give travellers the impression that it is a good dumping zone and that it is okay to do so. Other travellers can make no distinction on who is throwing the trash. We have received a number of complaints that say it reflects badly on our community, this being a “reserve”. Our maintenance crew had done a clean up of this re-littering in the last while. This costs us time and money that could be used on providing other services. I recently witnessed a cottager from South Gibson picking up the trash so it won’t look so bad. Thanks go out to Mr. Bowden for his help. Also, I saw a younger person in the ditch recently doing the same thing although I could not tell who it was, thanks to that person also. Council will be looking to signage to remind people not to litter as a more effective and cleaner looking strategy. Since the nineties our community members have been going out each year on Earth Day and cleaning up.

Meanwhile, Council, during the summer, had interviewed all employees to get their input on their jobs and what can be done to make service to the community better. A summary of this will be provided to the new Senior Administrator to assist in enabling him to prepare his management strategy.

Council is discussing devoting resources as a follow up to a report from member Ryan Decaire on Mohawk language preservation. We have discussed funding a language activator as a position within the administration as a start to developing a strategic plan to that end.

As talked about at the last public council meeting Council is looking to partner with a company by arranging to dedicate land to lease for a medical marijuana facility contingent on a license being cleared by the federal government. This is a young development and there will be more information for community decision making as things proceed. Hopefully we will have a representative present at the fall general meeting.

Council is aiming for early in 2018 to have developed a new membership code. This work has been ongoing with community meetings, the next focus is to begin drafting what that could look like.

Three years can fly by for a term of Council so we have begun a legal review of our current Election Regulations. This coupled with community input and recommendations from our last two Election Officer and Assistant. There are irregularities with the regulations, and seemingly nothing of substance to deal with violations of those rules as was the case a few years ago.

Work continues on bringing forward a trespass by law for the territory. We recently were able to hire an individual who is tasked with doing some consultation and providing options on that bylaw for community approval.

Wahta recently was approved for funding to do a feasibility study on the area of Iroquois Cranberry Growers Drive and highway 400. The results of this will be put out to the membership to discuss what sort of businesses we could situate on the territory to provide economic benefit for us. Along those lines we will be meeting with the Ontario Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to see if any opportunities exist to further that agenda.

The process for Additions to Reserve through Indigenous Affairs regarding our land claim agreement is ongoing with joint monthly meeting between Council, INAC and provincial ministries. This is a prescribed process under the federal policies and is time consuming but must be completed to finally have the reserve lands returned to us since 1918.

The work continues on the capital projects we have on the go, a water treatment system for the area of the seniors subdivision continues as well as improvement of the water treatment plant serving the community and administration centre.

Council is continually meeting with local organizations and services. Approval was given to support the local health hubs to increase their personnel for an extra Nurse Practitioner. We also have given support to the Interdisciplinary Primary Health Care proposal through the Barrie and Area Native Advisory Circle to improve Indigenous wholistic care through a hub-like system that could offer us expanded care. We recently held a meeting with Child and Family Services whereby we learned of the upcoming discontinuation of the aboriginal division with the areas Children's Aid services. That information brought on arranging an upcoming meeting with a growing Aboriginal Child and Family Services agency that will be getting provincial designation as a stand alone agency in the near future.

Council is still staying on top of all of the issues on the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians agenda through my attendance at Chief's Council. These items include all areas of health and social programs, as well as political policy analysis and actions regarding provincial and federal statutes and initiatives. Councillors Commandant and Schell have been lately part of a sub committee for the Iroquois Caucus on hunting and fishing, and three of us will have attending the Chiefs Caucus meeting by the time you receive this newsletter. A report of that meeting will be made available.

We continue on the path of finalizing an agreement with a financial institution under the First Nations Market Housing Fund. The goal is to be able to provide an easier path for on reserve housing to obtain mortgages, including the never before ability to purchase an existing home with a guaranteed mortgage.

Although a bit late due to a hectic schedule Council recently began to update the five year strategic plan, the update should be ready for our next general meeting.

As usual there is much to talk about and I would be happy to expand on any of these and all the other issues at hand. We have a general meeting at the end of September for some key issues, but feel free to contact the council office for more information if you are interested.

Until next issue, enjoy the last of summer and let us hope for a great September.

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Chief Phillip Franks

Council Weekly Meeting Summary

Wed May 24 2017

In Attendance:

☒P Franks ☒L Schell ☒B Commandant ☒T Greasley ☒L Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

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05.24.01 Water Treatment Meeting – Met with S. Burnett engineering. They discussed in detail how the water plant is developed and designed, the funding scope available for the different phases and expansion into the community. They also spoke of how the plant is managed, homes connected and fire suppression availability. They will be presenting to the community summer/fall 2017.

05.24.02 Surveying approval – Motion required for further surveying of approved funding of \$90k through INAC funding of the Lots 13-1 Con 6 and if funds allow potential business area on Iroquois Cranberry Dr. Carried by consensus. See motion below

Motions:

05.24.02 Surveying – Motion to approve surveying of Lot 13-1 Con 6 and ICG interchange area in order of priority funding of \$90 000 provided by INAC. Carried by consensus

Upcoming Travel/Meeting Dates:

AIAI General Assembly May 29-31

Next meeting:

Thurs June 1, 2017

Council Weekly Meeting Summary

Wed May 31, 2017

05.31.01 - Jessica North – Long Term Care Phase one is now completed. Phase two will be to look at job Interest, identify actual services needed, funding agencies and how current and future services can better service Wahta. This will be completed fall 2017.

05.31.02 - Member meeting – A member is interested in partnering with Wahta Mohawks to create wood fibre converted as energy, these are only preliminary ideas for now. The sand contract was also discussed, \$30/ load is paid to ICG, an approx. total of \$12 000 was paid last year. A formal contract from Wahta Mohawks will be drafted. There is also an opportunity to see more aggregate in crushed rock as there is much more on available in Wahta.

05.31.03 - Tent Rental – Cranberry Festival requested a reduced rate. Councillor Strength-Fenton said she would look into other rates but it was felt our rates are already low enough, deferred for now.

05.31.04 - Jeep Trade In – It was decided not to purchase a new car as it is not required and that the Jeep can be fixed and used again.

05.31.05 - Tri Plex Updates – A member requested new blinds be installed and new paint as well as some art on the walls. Karen Sahanatien will look into this

05.31.06 - Membership Legal Review - Agreed to have the membership code looked at from a legal perspective and see where the constitution challenges exist. Motion below:

05.31.06 Membership Legal Review – Motion to approve the legal review of Wahta Mohawks current membership code to be conducted by attorney Alisa Lombard, cost is approx. \$6000 funded from membership/peace process budget. Carried by consensus.

05.31.07 - FNHMF – Indemnity agreement signed. Matthew contacted other communities that have implemented this and they have had a very positive experience with it.

05.31.08 Upcoming Travel/Meetings:

05.31.08 In Camera

June 2017 Council Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 27, 2017

Present: Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Blaine Commandant, Councillor Strength-Fenton and members. Regrets from Councillor Greasley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Councillor Schell, Seconded by Councillor Commandant. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes of May 23, 2017: Moved by Councillor Commandant, Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.

Actions Arising

A meeting with Minister Zimmer from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to visit our community has not yet been scheduled, it is still being discussed.

Surveying is close to completion, there are also engineers testing water sources in the area.

New Business:

ICG History Research – Assistant Professor Brian Grimwood Phd Dept of recreation and Leisure Studies has submitted a proposal to study the history of ICG, as told by members to record the various stories, history and knowledge that exist within the community. The purpose is to celebrate the legacy of the marsh, feedback will be important at all stages. He does have some funding and intends to apply for a grant for further funding. He will attend a community meeting to introduce his work to the community. We need to have the right for final approval of the document and it may be used for academic publication. A council resolution is required.

LHIN Health Hub – Council met with Community Health Hub Executive Director, Shelly van den Heuvel of Family Cottage Country Health Team. They are still on a three-year pilot project to August 2018 at which time evaluations will take place to determine the status of the health hubs and ongoing funding. They spoke about how the health hubs are doing in general, there are four operating in Muskoka and one mobile unit. One of the main concerns is there is only four practitioners so if one is not available then their office closes. They are working on solutions to have a rotating nurse to fill in. Council will send a letter of support for this. There is also a new initiative for First Nation Primary Care, dollars are available for this new program, more information will be forthcoming. Doctors are not available at the Health Hubs any longer, the Nurse is now the primary contact. They also talked about better communication and putting more information in the newsletter. Port Carling and Gravenhurst are open Saturdays for minor needs.

Sandfill – Council will sign an agreement with Sahanatian Haulage. This is sand that is not useful to ICG, with payment of \$30/load, the contract is being created on a yearly basis and will be signed. It has generated approx. \$12 000 in revenue in 2016.

Hydro Audit – Hydro One now has an audit program where on reserve homes can be audited with recommendations for more efficient energy choices. An energy audit was also agreed upon through S. Burnett. It needs to be defined which audit is the best choice and what stage they are at. Tim Thompson stated the Hydro program was something Chief & Council or Administration had to initiate.

Old Business/ Follow-up:

FNMHF – (First Nation Market Housing Fund) Council has signed the indemnity agreement, the next steps are to partner with a financial institution.

Long Term Care Study – Phase one is complete and the report has been released. Phase two is going to get more detailed on how it could work and what it would take to remain sustainable. Also discussed was Enhanced long term care systems which is an alternative in the event that a LTC is not sustainable. This addresses how people can get care in their home if the LTC facility was not available. There was also discussion on recruiting people willing to train and work as PSW workers.

Water Treatment Project Meeting– Consultants were recently on site and doing water testing. We met with them to discuss the preliminary steps and items moving forward such as getting funding and how the engineering of the water systems work.

ATR Meeting – Met on June 8 to continue going over all items that need to be addressed from settlement lands. We can use their policy from 1991, surveys must be redone at a cost of over \$400 00 at INAC expense. Hunt camps must be revisited and environmentally assessed. Easement agreements have to be looked at. Hydro

Membership Consultation Meeting

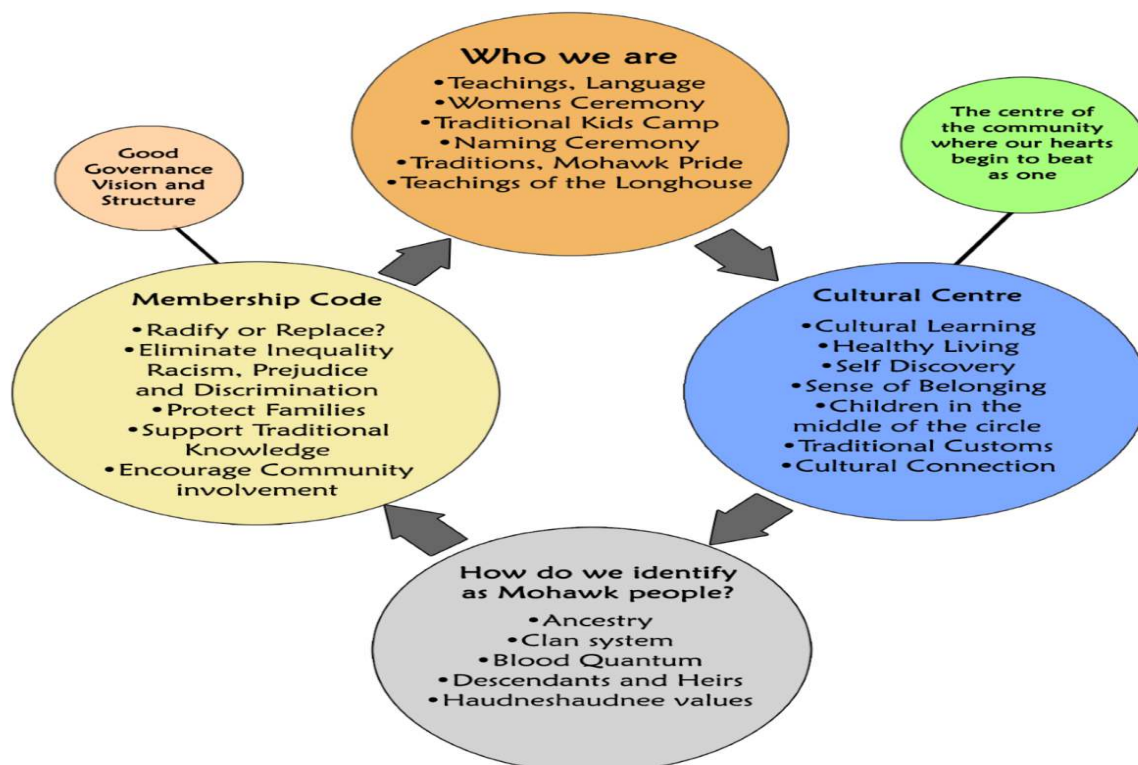
Sat Sept 9, 2017 9am (lunch included)

Our membership consultation will resume Sept 9, 2017 at 9am. The membership consultation process started back in the fall of 2016 with information and educational sessions on topics such as Getting to the Roots of Indigenous Citizenship, Membership and Identity, The Indian Act etc.

The legal review of our membership code was completed this past July. The complete review and summary is online at www.wahtamohawks.com/citizenship under the heading of Citizenship Code Legal Review (member login required). Full print copies are available at the office as well. The legal summary was posted in last month's newsletter that outlines some of the main points from a legal perspective.

Please join us on Sept. 9 to discuss the membership code, legal review, feedback, suggestions and how we can maintain a strong community for the next seven generations with respect to the future of Wahta. Some of the summary points that will be discussed are as follows:

- Give effect to the Code's purpose, to preserve Wahta's cultural integrity, by replacing blood quantum distinctions with cultural integrity criteria to acquiring membership. (Cultural integrity criterion can include ancestry as one factor.)
- Define and explain the terms in the Code, such as blood quantum.



Peace Process Update

Wahta's Peacemaking Process has begun the next steps of development. The new Council has approved that we initiate the next steps that was proposed and introduced to the community through numerous community meetings, telephone conversations, meetings with community members and 2 conferences held over this past year. The information that was shared with us through these sessions was recorded and shared back with the community members in written form through further community meetings, newsletter publications and on the Wahta website. It is from this information that we have identified that a significant portion of the Wahta community would like us to continue to develop a process for further dialogue of important topics that need to be discussed until agreement is reached about how the community wishes to proceed on these matters.

In order to develop this process of dialogue we have invited people who have expressed an interest in participating in this process but the process is open to all. They are not intended to represent clans. Rather these people represent diverse opinions and perspectives about the topics that have been identified so far. We have attempted to involve people who are from different families and who have connections with a variety of sectors of the community. It is our hope that these people will represent the diversity of opinions that exist in Wahta and express these in our dialogue.

We also hope that these people will bring the discussion points from our dialogue out to their families and friends for you to provide your ideas which they will bring back to our circle for further consideration in the dialogue.

We know that we only have a sampling of the topics that need to be discussed and expect that through this process further important issues will surface and be brought to this group for dialogue. While all dialogue will represent input from the larger community, agreed upon positions from the circle will be shared with Chief and Council so that they are aware of positions that the community at large have reached through the circle.

Our first task as we initiate this process will be to establish the agreed upon principles that will guide our relationships and process of dialogue and how we will reach agreement. These principles have emerged from the Great Law of Peace.

The first meeting took place Thursday August 17 and Friday August 18 at the Cultural Center. We have begun to develop the agreed upon process for dialogue and methods for reaching agreement. On Thursday Kevin Deer spoke about the creation story and the Great Law of Peace setting the stage for dialogue. On Friday, more discussion took place in the circle and we broke out into small groups to discuss the best approach to communicate and how we can continue to do that with a good mind.

We will also gather feedback from community members for discussion in our gatherings and what is discussed will be shared openly with you through the newsletter and website. The final process for dialogue and agreement will only be set after dialogue involving all of the ideas presented to the circle are considered.

The vision at this point is to create a forum that will facilitate open, inclusive and transparent dialogue between community members that will enable full consideration of diverse opinions that can lead to agreed upon positions that represent the best interests of the Wahta community. As community members, you are invited to attend the gatherings of the circle.

The next tentative meeting dates are October 6 and 7 at the Cultural Centre.

NEW PROJECT

PRESERVING THE VOICE OF OUR LANGUAGE KEEPERS– A Wahta Mohawk video documentation project

Wahta Mohawks is pleased to announce our success in securing funding from the Aboriginal Languages Initiative – Canada Heritage, to produce a historical account in the Mohawk language on DVD. We will be contacting the remaining few individuals whose first language is Mohawk to participate in this project. This is an exciting opportunity to capture meaningful conversations that will not only provide Wahta Mohawks with history but will record our dialect as well as idioms and figures of speech used by the Wahta Mohawk people. In order to complete this project we must fill a few contract positions. Please see employment postings in this edition.

SAVE THE DATE

EDUCATION INFORMATION SESSION

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

To the Parents of Wahta Mohawks, you are invited to a dinner and information session. As previously, child care services will be made available at the location. Information will pertain to elementary and secondary education.

BUS DROP OFF FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

If you would like your child(ren) to be dropped off the bus for afterschool programs please contact Carol 705-762-2354 x 233 or email carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca. Arrangements must be made with the Board/Hammonds. All afterschool programs begin September 11; with an educational/cultural program on Wednesday from 3:45-5:30p.m.

Parents are still responsible to send a note to the school about bus drop offs as per usual.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CLOSING DATE –September 15, 2017

KANIENTHEHAKA LANGUAGE ACTIVATOR

FULL TIME CONTRACT POSITION

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks invites applications for the position of Kanienkehaka Language Activator. The successful candidate will report to the Senior Administrator. The Language Activator is responsible for the revitalization, retention and protection of the Mohawk Language of the Wahta Mohawks.

PRIMARY DUTIES: The Language Activator will be responsible to provide:

- gatherings to stimulate and create an interest in language learning in all capacities
- effective language programming that will create new speakers
- increase the domain of language use
- secure ongoing language funding
- create language resources

EDUCATIONAL AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Kanienkehaka language teaching certificate preferred but not essential
- Fluent in Kanienkehaka preferred
- Experience in teaching adults and children

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge and understanding of Kanienkehaka culture
- Knowledge and understanding of community inclusion
- Knowledge and understanding of Wahta Mohawks current language crisis

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Strong leadership
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong proposal writing skills
- Strong organizational and administrative skills
- Must be able to self-initiate
- Must be able to manage multiple tasks and priorities
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Be able to work in a positive manner with all community individuals
- Ability to meet deadlines

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

EMAIL: martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca FAX: 705-762-2376

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CLOSING DATE –September 15, 2017
VIDEOGRAPHER
CONTRACT POSITION (108 hours)

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks is seeking a Videographer to participate in the interviewing of First Language Mohawk Speakers of Wahta for the purpose of producing DVD's of First Language speakers who will focus on historical and cultural perspectives pertaining to the Wahta Mohawk community.

PRIMARY DUTIES: Working with an Advisory Committee and Interviewer, the Videographer will capture individual and group interviews of Mohawk speakers in the Mohawk language, edit footage and produce a professional video.

EDUCATIONAL AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a trained videographer with at least 2 years of experience.
- Must have own equipment; cameras, microphones, lighting etc.
- Must produce a satisfactory CPIC with a Vulnerable Sector Search.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- To have the ability to create professional videos for the purpose of preserving the Wahta Mohawk language.

WORK CONDITIONS:

- Ability to work both independently and as a team player.
- Willingness to work flexible hours.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CLOSING DATE – September 15, 2017
MOHAWK TRANSLATOR
CONTRACT POSITION

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks is seeking a Translator to participate in the interviewing of First Language Mohawk Speakers of Wahta for the purpose of producing DVD's of First Language speakers who will focus on historical and cultural perspectives pertaining to the Wahta Mohawk community.

PRIMARY DUTIES: Working with an Advisory Committee, the Interviewer, the transcriber and videographer, the Translator will take the video recorded information and produce written copies in both the Mohawk and the English language for the purpose of producing booklets and subtitles for the DVD's.

EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be fluent in the Mohawk language and have the ability to write in the Mohawk language.
- Experience in translation of Mohawk to English.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- To have the ability to hear and read the Mohawk language and translate this to English in the written form. Must be able to proofread and edit final translated version and provide subtitles for videos.
- Must have the ability to use Microsoft word

WORK CONDITIONS:

- Ability to work both independently and as a team player.
- Willingness to work flexible hours and within strict deadlines.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CLOSING DATE –September 15, 2017
TRANSCRIBER
CONTRACT POSITION (108 hours)

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks is seeking a Transcriber to participate in the interviewing of First Language Mohawk Speakers of Wahta for the purpose of producing DVD's of First Language speakers who will focus on historical and cultural perspectives pertaining to the Wahta Mohawk community.

PRIMARY DUTIES: Working with an Advisory Committee, the Interviewer, the translator and videographer, the Transcriber will take the video recorded information and produce written copies in both the Mohawk and the English language for the purpose of producing booklets and subtitles for the DVD's.

EDUCATIONAL AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be fluent in the Mohawk language and have the ability to write in the Mohawk language.
- Must be able to use Microsoft word programs.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- To have the ability to create professional videos for the purpose of preserving the Wahta Mohawk language.

WORK CONDITIONS:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CLOSING DATE – September 15, 2017
MOHAWK LANGUAGE INTERVIEWER
2 WEEK CONTRACT POSITION

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks is seeking a Mohawk Language Interviewer to participate in the interviewing of First Language Mohawk Speakers of Wahta for the purpose of producing DVD's of First Language speakers who will focus on historical and cultural perspectives pertaining to the Wahta Mohawk community.

PRIMARY DUTIES: Working with an Advisory Committee and videographer, the Interviewer will conduct individual and group interviews of Mohawk speakers in the Mohawk language.

EDUCATIONAL AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Fluent Mohawk language speaker
- Must produce a satisfactory CPIC with a Vulnerable Sector Search.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Strong communication skills
- Sensitivity and understanding of Elders' needs

WORK CONDITIONS:

- Ability to work both independently and as a team player.
- Willingness to work flexible hours.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CLOSING DATE – September 15, 2017
ILLUSTRATOR
CONTRACT POSITION

POSITION SUMMARY: Wahta Mohawks is seeking an Illustrator to participate in creating resources for a Mohawk language project.

PRIMARY DUTIES: To create 97 Illustrations for a booklet.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- To have the ability to create a variety of illustrations pertaining to Mohawk culture.

WORK CONDITIONS:

- Ability to work both independently and as a team player.
- Willingness to work flexible hours and within strict deadlines.

Please be prepared to bring a portfolio of work to the interview.

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HEALTH

Services

September 2017

- Calendar Project 1pm-3pm Thursday September 7th Administration Building
- Community Shopping on Wednesday, September 6th (Barrie) Bus leaves at 9am
- Drum Group Tuesday, September 19th, 630-730 Cultural Center
- Chair Exercise on Wednesday, September 27th 10am-1pm Cultural Center
- Pole Walking every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30...Administration Building
- Calendar Project day 2 Tuesday September 26th, 6:30pm-8:00pm.. Administration Building
- After school program begins Monday September 11th from 3:30 until 5:30 and will run Mondays and Tuesdays at the Cultural Centre
- Student nutrition program will begin again on Monday September 11th. Please contact Colleen to advise if your child has any allergies, or if you would like to opt out of this program

Save the Date: Cancer Screening and Prevention Luncheon!

When: Friday October 13th – 11:30 to 12:30pm

Where: Cultural Centre

Did you know that about half of all cancers can be prevented by making healthy lifestyle choices? Join us for an interactive lunch and learn about cancer screening and prevention! Ryan Walsh from the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program will be discussing strategies to prevent cancer and how to access cancer screening services closer to home. Attendees will receive tips and tricks to make healthier choices as well as learn about ways to talk to others about prevention and screening.

Special Event for the Pole Walkers:

Midland -Thursday, September 7th Bus leaves at 8:30am.

Contact Christine at 705-762-2354 x273 or Sherry x250 to book your seat.

Moms Group Sewing Classes

Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3rd at 5:30

at the Cultural Centre

Contact Amy to sign up

705-762-2354 ext. 240

Save the date: Muskoka Community Health Hub: Wahta Site

Community Forum

Date: Wednesday, October 4th, 2017

Time: 6:30pm.

More information to follow

Health Services Continued

AIAI Senior's Care Questionnaire- For Senior's & Caregivers Lunch September 8th 11:30am -1:00am at the Administration Building. If interested please contact Sherry at 705-762-2354 x250 or Christine x273 if unable to attend please get in touch we can do the survey over the place. The intent of the questionnaire is to gain input and generate critical data that creates a strong understanding of what seniors need in the communities. This data collection process is very important for lobbying efforts and strategic community planning processes for senior and long-term care.

Patient and Family Advisory Circle – Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program

When: Thursday October 19th – 6 to 8pm

Where: Cultural Centre

Have you, or a close family member, received treatment from the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program (SMRCP)? Wahta Health Services and the SMRCP are hosting an Indigenous Patient and Family Advisory Circle to gather feedback on experiences with cancer care for Indigenous Patients. Anyone who has received treatment, or is a close family member of someone, who has received treatment, is encouraged to come and share their experiences. A visual facilitator will draw the conversation as it happens. Information gathered will be used to improve cancer care services for Indigenous patients and families.

Contact Christine at 705-762-2354 x273 or Sherry x 250 for more information on this event.



The Wellness Series

Moving Forward

September 16th -17th The Great Law of Peace – Tom Porter

October 28th 9-3 Clans- Mary Anne Spencer

Please Register with Sherry or Christine

The Wellness Series will 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 so as we move into the future. We are supportive of eliminating the occurrences of lateral violence with shared understanding and respect.

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 and 1 of your choice of mini-session... By participating you show your commitment to making Wahta a healthier community that we can be proud of.

Thank you

Wahta Mohawks Health Services



Wellness Series #2

Guest Speaker

Tom Porter

The Great Law of Peace

(Short Version)

(Tom called it the Reader's Digest Version)

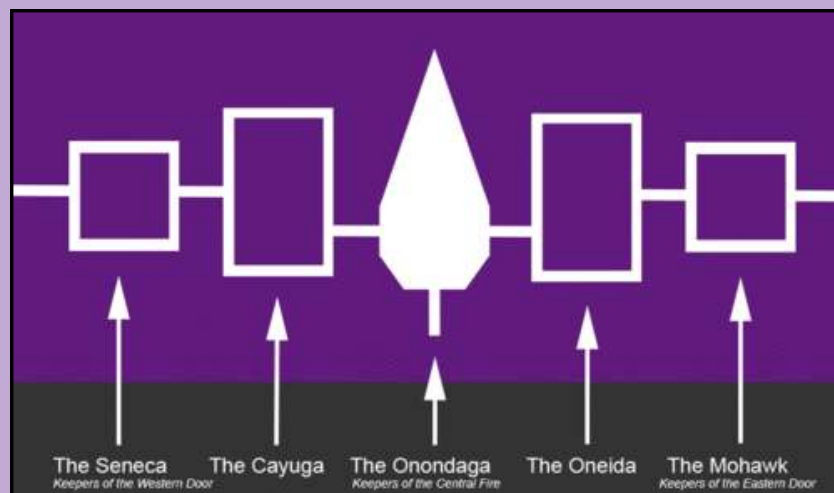
Saturday, September 16th

And

Sunday, September 17th

9am-4pm Cultural Centre

Contact Christine at 705-762-2354 x 273 or
Sherry x250



SUMMER FUN AT KIDS CAMP





To Wahta Band Members:

Greetings from the desk of the By-law coordinator,

My Name is William Manary, I have taken on the role of by-law coordinator for the Wahta First Nations.

My background is in Fisheries and Wildlife Management. While at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay Ontario I studied to become a Fish and Wildlife Technician as well as an Earth Resources Technician.

My role here will be to facilitate a better understanding of the population densities of both fish and wildlife in and around the Wahta lands. This work will involve both consultation with community members as well as data collection with OMNR (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources). The result of the project is to entertain the possibility of updating the existing by-laws for the protection and preservation of fish and fur bearing mammals which are currently over 60 years old.

The need for traditional knowledge of local species populations is vital in the understanding of population density. I am looking to meet with any Wahta members who are either interested in the process, or are active/past anglers, hunters, or trappers. There will be meetings with open forums to discuss concerns of fisheries and wildlife management with all members.

I would like to thank you for your time in advance,

William Manary

Bylaw Coordinator

Status Cards

Rama First Nation has been assisting our members with renewing status cards. Unfortunately they can no longer do this.

As an alternative, renewing your status card can be done by mail. The forms are available online at www.aadnc-aandc.gc.a or from the Wahta administration office. Assistance in completing the forms is also available at the Wahta office.

Please check the expiry date on your card, if you have one, as it could take a couple months to renew it by mail.

If you have any questions, please contact the administration office.

Customary Care

Customary care is an important care option for First Nations children who are not able to remain with their immediate family. It is a family-based care model reflective of the culture, values and traditions of the child's parents and community. It recognizes that members of the child's immediate and extended family and community share responsibility in the provision of care to a child, who is or may be in need of protection.

There are two kinds of customary care:

Traditional Customary Care

For First Nations communities, customary care refers to care throughout an individual's lifespan and it is a way of life in which the community takes care of its own members according to its own customs, traditions and standards. Customary care is sanctioned by tribal laws that are indigenous to each Band or First Nations community; tribal laws give Chief and Council the authority to act on behalf of the community in matters related to child and family services. For this reason, the contents of a Customary Care Agreement may vary between each Band or each First Nations community. The mandated child protection agency may or may not be involved in traditional Customary Care Agreements. A traditional Customary Care Agreement may be entered into by a child, the child's parents, the child's Band, or the alternative caregivers who will be providing out-of-home care for the child, pursuant to the Band's customary care declaration.

Formal Customary Care

Where a child protection agency determines that a First Nations child is in need of protection, removal of the child from the parents/caregiver is required and there is a customary care declaration by the Band, the agency may grant a subsidy to the person caring for the child. Formal customary care is recognized as a culturally appropriate placement option for First Nations children, but the child's placement must be supervised by a child protection agency pursuant to the Band declaration and the terms of a signed Customary Care Agreement.

Join Our Newsletter Email!

In an effort to help save postage and paper costs, we would like to email 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 newsletter list, there are 2 ways to do so.

2 ways to get your newsletter through email:

Register at www.wahtamohawks.com/member-registration

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

Why Switch to Email

Why should I opt in for Newsletters?

Help Save on Postage and Paper! With over 700 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 and save on time, paper and postage costs.

When will I get the Newsletter?

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

How else will my email address be used?

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

Traditional Bean Supper

Is looking for wild game meat to be donated

If you are interested in donating please contact Amy at 705-762-2354 ext.240



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

Wahta United Church

"Services and faith circle will be starting back up in September.

Faith Circle will be meeting at 7pm at the cultural centre on Tuesday September 12th, 19th and 26th.

Church Service will be on September 3rd at 11am

If you would like a visit or have any questions, please contact Pastor Derek at (705) 346-1858"

Our next church service will be Sept 3rd at 11



Basement Renos at the Cultural centre are nearing completion. The summer students worked hard brightening up the finished basement art

Wahta Fishing Derby Picnic 2017

Just want to thank everyone for coming out to the fishing derby and picnic on August 5th. Mother nature did not cooperate as well as we would have liked. We had abundant liquid sunshine! But that didn't scare any of the hearty souls that were out to do some fishing



And the winners are:

Ladies Champion – Nikki

Mens Champion - Nick

Youth Champion – Aidan

A special thank you to Penney Sahanatien who cooked up all the pickerel for lunch. Very much appreciated, it was delicious.

Because of the rainy weather we could not play baseball but we had about seven teams that signed up for the horseshoe tournament. It was a great afternoon with lots of laughs and some pretty good throwing, but there has to be a winner,

Congratulations to: Jesse and Emily



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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

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