

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



Tsothorkowa- The Big Cold

January 2018



This issue....

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

**Attention Members:
The Administration
building will be
closed for the
holidays Starting
December 22 2:00pm
and reopening
January 8th 8:00am**

Wampum Belt Workshop

Thursday January 11/18 9am to 4 pm

Friday January 12/18 9am to 1pm

At the Culture Centre, lunch provided

Maximum 10 participants-

Experienced Loomers only please.

Call Colleen or Sherry to RSVP



**Good Minds People
from Wahta**

**Please join us on Satur-
day January 13, 2018 at
10am at the
Administration Building**

**Hunting and Fishing
By-Law Meeting
January 22nd 6:30pm
at Administration
Building**

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Church Service 11am</i>	8 <i>Afterschool Program</i>	9 <i>Afterschool Program Community Shopping</i>	10 <i>Tutoring</i>	11	12	13
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21	22 <i>Afterschool Program Hunting by-law meeting 6:30pm</i>	23 <i>Afterschool Program Healthy Living Drum Group</i>	24 <i>Tutoring Diamond Dots</i>	25	26	27 <i>General Meeting</i>
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2017 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed September 27, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

09.27.01 Neeghan Burnside – The engineering report from Neeghan Burnside is not yet complete. Some preliminary items were discussed such as different ways to bring housing to the community, increases and decreases in age population over 20 years and rental statistics.

09.27.02 Strategic Plan Finalize – The Strategic Plan was updated and finalized with some deletions, deferrals and additions to be presented at the general meeting. Will also be posted on the website.

09.27.03 DBSFC Motion – Motion required for Dnaagdawenmag Binoojiiyag Child & Family Services as stated below.

Motions:

09.27.03 – Motion to begin the transition from Muskoka Family Connections Children and Youth Services to Dnaagdawenmag Binoojiiyag Child & Family Services (DBCFS). Carried by consensus

Next meeting: Tuesday October 3, 2017

Council Weekly Meeting Summary –Tuesday October 3, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

10.03.01 Cultural Healing Centre Policy – The policy is almost complete but needs a few more adjustments for fees regarding program funding vs. private functions. Member events that are advertised should remain free of charge.

10.03.02 Hunting Requests – Council would like to confirm the position of the Ministry of Natural Resources for traditional territory as well as options for enforcement of the Hunting Fishing by-law. This by-law needs revisions as it was developed in the 70's. All hunting requests from non members are on hold until the specifics of the by-law are revised through community consultation.

10.03.03 Northern Star MOU/Mail out – The details of the lease with Northern Star must be vetted legally and presented to the community. A letter and mail out of the presentation at the last general meeting will be sent out to all members.

10.03.04 Membership Committee – Discussions on how to best form the membership working group of people that will be committed to the process. Such things as meeting days, options for honourariums, possible daycare etc. will be considered. Next meeting to be held in November.

Motions:

10.03.03 – Motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Northern Star Development with ongoing legal representation regarding the lease and financial details reviewed by Dickinson Wright LLP at no cost to Wahta. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed October 11, 2017

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed October 11, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

10.11.01 District of Muskoka Meeting – Discussed issues such as traffic calming options and speed enforcement options, possible options include lowering the speed limit, creating a safe zone, adding a crosswalk from Cultural Centre to Health Hub and electronic signage.

10.11.02 OPP Detachment Meeting – Also discussed traffic calming options including increased patrols and signage.

10.11.03 Dnaagdawenmag Binoojiiyag Child & Family Services Board of Directors –
See motion below

Motions:

10.11.03 – Motion to appoint Councillor Teresa Greasley as the primary Board member and Colleen Mendes as the secondary Board member for Dnaagdawenmag Binoojiiyag Child & Family Services (DBCFS). Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed, October 18, 2017

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed October 18, 2017

In Attendance:

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

10.18.01 S Burnett Water Project Update – Presented PowerPoint presentation that discussed fire safety and which wells are needed for Water treatment plant as well as next steps. Will be presenting at the next general meeting.

10.18.02 Corda Proposal – This funding will be applied for once again to continue the work of the Hunting/Fishing By-law coordinator. This will include more responsibilities such as wildlife studies, conservation and education programs.

10.18.03 Furnace purchase – The Administration Building furnace is old and replacement parts are now obsolete. It was advised that it be replaced before the winter months. A number of quotes were obtained, and the average cost will be \$26 000, see motion below.

10.18.04 Health and Safety Policy Review – The health and safety policy was reviewed and adopted by Chief and Council. See motion below

10.18.05 Easement for Hydro Rd Big Eddy – A member has requested an easement along Big Eddy for a power line. Council needs more information including the exact location and plan involved. Deferred until more information is known,

10.18.06 Monthly Finance Update – The monthly financial review was conducted along with some items in the financial policy reviewed. \$175 per year will be awarded to the Maintenance staff for work clothing/footwear. Amendments were made to the education budget for an increase adjustment.

Motions:

10.18.03 – Motion to purchase a new furnace for the administration building paid through the Community Building Fund. Carried by consensus.

10.18.04 – Motion to adopt the Health and Safety Policy approved by Chief and Council as of October 18, 2017. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting:

October 23 - FNMHF - First Nation Market Housing Fund review, will be presented for final approval in the New Year.

October 25 - ATR - Ongoing additions to reserve meeting.

October 2017 Community Meeting Minutes

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday October 30, 2017

Present: Councillor Lawrence Schell, Councillor Blaine Commandant, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Strength-Fenton and members. Chief Franks regrets

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Councillor Greasley, Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.

Adoption of Minutes of September 26, 2017: Moved by Councillor Schell Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.

New Business:

- **District of Muskoka/OPP Meeting** – General meeting to discuss ongoing concerns surrounding community safety, drug use, speeding, setting up a safety zone with signage and increased OPP presence.
- **Administration Building Furnace** – The furnace is 21 years old and replacement parts are no longer available. Chief and Council looked at three quotes and agreed on \$23 000 for a complete replacement.

Old Business/ Follow-up:

- **Water Upgrades** - S Burnett are looking at where to source water with sufficient flow including fire protection capability in the core area. Flow testing on public and private wells is underway. They are going to present at the next general meeting in January 2018.

October Motion Summary:

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Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa

Good Minds People from Wahta

(formerly referred to at the Peace Process)

At the last Peace Process meeting it was felt that the name should be changed. As the group evolves so does its goals and outcomes. The new name to replace "Peace Process" is now Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa. This means the "Good Minds People from Wahta."

Discussions are ongoing and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is Saturday January 13, 2018, 10am in the round room and the Administration Building. The Cultural Centre is having an event that day so we have to change our location.

At our last gathering we began to explore how we will proceed to identify the first issue of belonging that would not be too difficult for us to discuss and reach consensus on. We agreed that consensus means that we all agree to support a common position. The group agreed that we would use the talking circle as the way that we will achieve consensus. This means that all those participating in the circle will have the opportunity to express their thoughts fully on each issue and that each participant will do their best to fully understand their peers' shared thoughts and feelings. Depending on the outcome there is a possibility that we would use the concept of cooperative grouping whereby the group appoints spokespersons and these people deliberate on behalf of the group until consensus is reached. The "Well" will determine which are the issues identified by the community that would form the agenda.

We agreed that we will begin discussions with issues that are easiest to reach consensus on in order to achieve success early and then build on this success as we take on more contentious issues. The facilitators will also act as mediators and intervene accordingly in the event that anyone acts contrary to the guidelines. These guidelines have been developed from the agreed-to principles that the group identified during previous gatherings. They are as follows:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES SKENNEN

- Laughter is the Best Medicine
- Safe Zone
- Honesty
- Listening
- Open Minded
- Good Mind (guided by good minds)
- Speak Freely
- Separate Issues from People
- Respect Differences
- Caring For Each Other
- Remind Each Other to use a Good Mind
- Honesty
- Acceptance (tolerance)
- Trust
- Communicate/clarify
- Humility
- Reflexivity
- Reflect
- Remind each other
- Good Thoughts
- Show Appreciation
- Don't Take Personally
- Empathy / Sympathy

- 1.Active listening without judgement
- 2.Respectful conduct - positive body language
- 3.Positive feedback
- 4.Be of a "good mind" (alcohol & drug free, strive for positive outcomes, encourage others)
- 5.Be on time - notify of any conflicting schedules
- 6.Honesty - be up front to discuss issues and concerns with group (not outside gossip)
- 7.Commit to the process - speak positively about it in the community
- 8.Be supportive of community members and their ideas
- 9.Take the opportunity to learn about each other, community and culture.

From the first day's sharing circle it became apparent that one of the biggest issues was that of "belonging". Overall people wanted to feel welcomed and acknowledged within Wahta. The group initially started with a cross section of nine individuals to begin this process. We have since agreed that anybody who expresses an interest and commitment to this process will also be offered a wampum string as a symbol of her/his commitment to the peacemaking process. The individual may choose not to commit with wampum as this would be optional. The individuals with the wampum and those committed to participate have agreed to share discussions about the issues and get feedback from their family, friends, etc about the ongoing topics and issues and bring their input back to the circle.

At our last gathering we began to identify the topic that will be best to begin our discussion with. We chose to begin with a topic that we are more likely to reach consensus on referred to as the "well" (topics commonly identified by community members).

The agreed upon topic of dialogue for our next gathering is - What binds us together as Wahtarohnon?

Please join us on Saturday January 13, 2018 at 10am at the Administration Building, lunch will be served.



Citizenship Within Wahta Update

Meeting Overview from November 18th 2017:



The community meeting began with approximately 25 attending. Alisa Lombard, Legal counsel for Wahta outlined from a legal perspective, the challenges of the existing membership code, and the potentiality for it to be challenged. She also re-iterated that one of the main code's objectives, preserving culture and language does not appear to be reflected in the mode in which the membership code is implemented.

The facilitator opened the discussion with the question:

“What are the guiding principles of what it means to be a Wahta Mohawk?”

During the discussion the following themes emerged:

- Moving away from the Indian Act and how it defines a Wahta Mohawk
- Understanding the history of Wahta,
- To instill the younger generation a sense of responsibility
- To maintain connection to each other and family
- Creating a strong foundation of a community? How do we do this?
- Belonging and sharing knowledge and memories
- Lineage and Clans
- Thinking ahead to 100 years in the future
- Integrity and authenticity
- How do we make the newer members feel included, feel whole? They have a desire to be included, but are called “half” or “part” Mohawk, and are made to feel bad that they do not know their lineage
- How can we build identity? Creation story, songs, dances

Next Steps:

All who attended brought with them a great deal of passion and emotion. The discussion was vital in understanding that the community of Wahta exists with a strong history of survival, community and pride. Understanding the perspective of the; youth, parents, non-indigenous spouses, traditional longhouse and others is vital as the process moves along.

Moving forward, it is recommended to formulate a survey that can be sent to all Wahta members, watch for this in early 2018. It is also recommended to gather data during one-on-one personal interviews and discussion through online formats as well.

Next Meeting is Saturday Feb 17th 10am – 4pm at the Cultural Healing Centre. *Child minding is available for the duration of the meeting on a first come, first serve basis, spots are limited. Please register for child minding no later than Feb 12th at info@wahtamohawks.com or call 705-762-2354 ext. 256

Citizenship Within Wahta - Next Meeting Feb 17th

We are looking for an ongoing group of members that can offer input into what the future means for Wahta and how we can ensure that Wahta's roots stay strong and that our community thrives.

As it stands now the stated purpose of the membership code is to *preserve cultural integrity and sovereignty*.

Our current code is based on Indian Act authority, adopting a method of determining people's rights through blood quantum which only preserves racial purity and does not address cultural values or contribution.

What does it mean to be a member of Wahta Mohawks?

How do we define community contribution?

Tools such as UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People) state:

“to properly recognize our members through the right to belong to an indigenous community or nation, in accordance with the traditions and customs of the community concerned and no discrimination of any kind may arise from the exercise of this right.” UNDRIP

This speaks to a universal goal, but we cannot dismiss the impacts of colonization on our community. How do we recognize these impacts and start to move forward once again in a healthy way?

Some of the issues we face on an ongoing basis include: status vs. non-status, off reserve vs. on reserve members, and blood quantum comparisons all perpetuated by the Indian Act. Many citizens of Wahta Mohawks live away from their home territory, this should not affect the collective rights of the nation, every member counts. The role of non-member spouses and children is also important, how can we support and encourage everyone in the community and their families?

Questions to Consider

What does it mean to be a member of Wahta Mohawks?

What do you think you and your family should be receiving and giving back as a Mohawk person, what should community contribution mean?

How can you contribute and build a stronger Wahta Mohawk Nation?

Is blood purity the same thing as lineage? What is lineage?

How do you define your history as a Mohawk person and how will you pass this down to your children?

What are the impacts on children and grandchildren?

How would you like to see the future of Wahta for you and your children and grandchildren?

What are the most important values and principles that should be reflected in our own Wahta citizenship code?

How does the current Citizenship code address the next seven generations?

Citizenship Criteria

Part of the process is to determine and define the agreed upon criteria. Such criteria to consider may include: Descendants, Lineage, Blood Quantum, Tradition, Language, Duties and Responsibilities as members, Residency, History, Clans, Marriage, Adoption etc.

Chief and Council have the responsibility in the collective decision making process to ensure that the citizenship code, roles and responsibilities reflect the values of Wahta Mohawks and its members. This process will include identifying key decision points, being respectful of other points of view, facilitating and creating a safe place for ongoing discussion.

Please direct any questions or comments to info@wahtamohawks.com

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The Cranberry Marsh Study Meetings

Saturday, January 27th 1:30-3

Please contact Christine or Sherry

Both Meetings at the Administration Building

It is hoped these meetings will provide Bryan some direction by the community on more specific research priorities and procedures (e.g., a list of people to recruit for interviews, what questions should be asked during interviews, how information collected should be managed/stored, desired outcomes of the project, etc.)

WHAT'S THE CRANBERRY MARSH STUDY ALL ABOUT?

Purpose: to document the history of the Iroquois Cranberry Marsh as told by members of the Wahta Mohawks First Nation

Focus on stories, knowledge, and experiences of Wahta Mohawks



Economic Development Wahta Signs Inc.

We have a proposal to install 5 double sided electronic signs along Hwy 400. The signs can each have several ads that rotate in sequence, usually repeating once a minute. The signs can also be used for community announcements as well as being hooked into the Amber alert network.

The proponent will install, maintain and operate each sign with no monetary investment from Wahta. In return Wahta will receive 35% of the revenue generated by the signs. At full capacity (all time sold) each face of each sign will generate approximately \$200,000 per year. With a total of 10 faces (5 double sided) Wahta's share will be as much as \$700,000.00 per year.

Each sign costs approximately \$1 million dollars and the proponent will cover the complete cost of \$5 million. We do have an option to buy into the project anytime in the first two years at either 25% or 50% of the initial capital cost to raise our share of revenue to 45% or 55% respectively. We are under no obligation to invest. We will look at the revenue numbers in two years time to decide if the return makes sense. If we don't invest our share remains at 35%.

The contract will run for 25 years and at maximum revenue Wahta would receive \$17.5 million dollars over the life of the contract at 35%.

Each sign turns on in the morning and turns off at night (7am to 11pm). The signs adjust the brightness according to ambient light. They are LED devices and are very energy efficient. The signs will have very limited impact on wildlife, especially given their proximity to Hwy 400. All of the sites are on land that has already been disturbed by the building of the highway and environmental assessments have been completed with no issues to address.

Why has Wahta been chosen to host these signs and not somewhere else closer to Toronto?

All of the 400 series highways in Ontario are controlled by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The MTO has something called "corridor rights" that extend for 400 meters on each side of a 400 series highway. In this corridor the MTO restricts what can be built including, buildings, gas stations, and signage. The MTO has no corridor rights where Hwy 400 runs through Wahta. This makes Wahta one of the only places that signs can be placed next to a 400 series highway without a permit.

What will the signs look like?

The signs are very professional looking, much more so than standard billboards. The type of advertiser that spends this kind of money to advertise is very concerned with their image and the artwork reflects this concern. The signs will be spaced apart along the 10 kilometer length of the highway so that they are not "on top of each other".

Are the signs safe? Will they cause accidents?

The signs will follow all applicable safety rules. There are lots of places, the Gardiner Expressway in Toronto is one, where the signs have been used for many years without incident.

What happens if the signs are not successful?

The proponent is assuming all risk. Wahta will never have to put in any money, with the exception of buying a larger share in two years if we choose to, to keep the signs going. The worst that will happen is our share of the revenue will go down if all of the time available is not sold. The proponent is paying for all maintenance, electricity and sales effort.

This is another deal with little to no economic risk to Wahta. The potential upside is to earn almost double what the Cranberry Marsh lost each year. It enables us to earn revenue from the ugly scar that is Hwy 400 where it bi-sects the Territory.

Council would like to know your thoughts on this deal.

info@wahtamohawks.ca

Proposed Sign Placement



What the signs will look like



Education News

A new year will soon be upon us, and the Christmas Break will be a welcomed time of rest for students, educators, bus drivers and parents. The new school year has gone by very quickly. Tsi Iontiatarotoksta “The Gathering Place” at Glen Orchard Public School had less activity in the first half of the school year due to changes in administration. However, we welcome Trudi McKinnon who is filling in for Principal Deb Wines, and planning for programming has been underway. In addition, we look forward to producing curriculum development for land based learning in conjunction with the teachings that occur Tsi Iontiataroroksta.

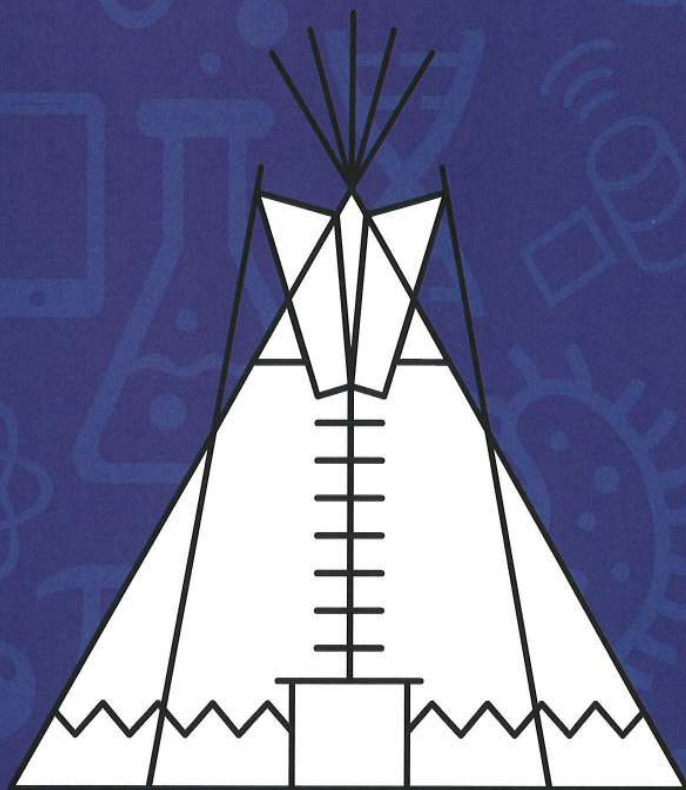
Student success is very important to us. It is understood that student success occurs when the student themselves feel connected and their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs are being met. The Trillium Lakelands District School Board also know and understand the value to this connection. The Feed All Four model was designed to increase a sense of well-being, connectedness and resilience and to improve student achievement. One way to determine the effectiveness to the Feed All Four model is to offer the opportunity for students and families alike to share their thoughts. For this reason we will contract an individual to have some discussion with the students and prepare a report. We are anxious to know what is working well at Glen Orchard and what may need improving. Teaching the whole child is important to student success.

Sometime this month a meeting with the Director of Education of TLDSB will occur to discuss data sharing. Batchewana First Nation is the first community to lead this initiative. This is an effective way for the Board and community to work together to best serve the students of Wahta. More about this possibility will follow.

The language project to interview first language speakers is underway. Nicole Bilodeau has been hired to lead this project. It is our hope that we can capture the language through sharing of memories and thoughts. We look forward to the end result, DVD sets along with booklets that accompany the videos.

The post secondary college teacher strike ended with some anxious students. Five weeks without instruction has not been easy for students as they have returned to the classroom. It can be a difficult transition and we recognize this. Many students across Ontario have decided to stop their studies. Fortunately our students affected by this strike have pressed on and are doing their best to continue. We support our students and realize the undo stress this has created. We are proud of the decisions made to press on and pick up the pieces.

There is much to look forward to as we begin 2018. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and wish only the best for all as we begin a new year.



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Indigenous STEM students are invited to attend this three-day conference focusing on educational, professional and workforce development. Participate in valuable educational sessions, career fair and networking events.

To learn more and register visit
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By-law Meeting Update

A community engagement meeting was held on Monday November 20, 2017 to discuss the proposed changes to Wahta's hunting, fishing and trapping by-law. In attendance at the meeting were William Manary (By-law Coordinator), Murray Maracle (Senior Administrator), Lawrence Schell (Council Member) and seven community members. Councilor Schell opened the meeting by providing the background context to the issue at hand. This included speaking to the original by-law from 1960, which was reviewed and updated in 1977. The messaging provided to those in attendance was that the issue of those from outside the community coming in and taking resources is not a new issue and that is time for Wahta to examine its by-law once again to ensure its kept relevant and up to date. In addition, it was noted that other First Nation communities have also taken similar steps to manage the wildlife resources within their territories.

The timing of meetings has been brought to light as there has been a sense that there has not been enough time for discussion prior to bringing forth a new proposed by-law. The issues surrounding the first meeting and the insufficient time of notice prior to the meeting was also addressed. This matter has been addressed with the changing of the by-law schedule to better reflect the availability of the community to provide input on the proposed changes to the current by-law. The November 20th meeting will be the first public meeting on this issue and the next meeting will be the second meeting in the by-law process.

Discussion on OMNR enforcement was brought forward during the meeting. Attendees were assured that there would be no OMNR enforcement officers patrolling the Wahta territory. The meeting with the OMNR was to discuss the capability and interest by the OMNR with respect to enforcement within the Wahta territory. There has been no formal contract or memorandum of understanding between the OMNR and the Wahta Mohawks. Attendees were informed of such and that there was more work to be done before an enforcement policy could be created. This seemed to alleviate concerns regarding OMNR enforcement of Wahta hunting and fishing by-laws. There was a definite interest by some attendees towards enforcement of the current by-law as it stands now.

A discussion on how permits were going to be issued was started. One attendee pointed out that the traditions of long house and that there were long standing agreements with other Mohawk nations regarding sharing of resources and that Wahta should not be infringing on those agreements by limiting other Mohawk nations access to Wahta territory. The same attendee did suggest that the issue be addressed from a more global perspective in that the leadership of other First Nations develop a joint solution. Councilor Schell did speak briefly to some of the joint work happening on harvesting issues at the Iroquois Caucus. The discussion turned toward the access to resources by non-member spouses. The issues of non-member spouses harvesting wildlife for Wahta members within their families was addressed, with an attendee making a suggestion that there may need to be a hierarchy of how groups are identified for the purpose of granting permits to hunt and fish within Wahta territory which may help to address this issue.

The lack of data in regards to population densities of wildlife in and directly around Wahta had been addressed at the meeting, and the attendees were advised that the by-law coordinator was currently working with the OMNR to gain a better sense of the trends in wildlife populations surrounding Wahta. With membership increasing and wildlife populations on the decline within the territory the need to understand how much pressure the wildlife is under is paramount for ensuring Wahta members have consistent access to wildlife resources.

Steps for moving forward will be:

Putting the past and present by-laws on the internet for all members to have access to.

To conduct an analysis of the current by-law for its strengths and weaknesses well in advance of the next meeting to allow members to review it.

To seek comments from the community on the current by-law prior to the next meeting.

The next community by-law consultation meeting will be held on January 22nd at 6:30 pm at the administration building. I would like to encourage all members concerned with how this process is shaped and the implementation of changes in enforcement should attend the January 22nd meeting to voice their concerns and provide input into these matters.

I look forward to meeting with you on the 22nd

William Manary

By-law Coordinator



Community Ice Fishing Derby Feb. 24th, 2018



Once again it is time to get out your fishing gear and bait and mosey down to the lake for a day of ice fishing. Hot dogs, burgers and other goodies will be there for lunch and snacks. Trophies for the lucky ones and giveaways for the not so lucky ones. Everyone is invited to come and have an awesome day on the lake!

Hope to see you there!!!

**Webster Lake at the administration office
705-762-2354**

Library Update

Hello! My name is Samantha Walker and I have just begun working in the Wahta Mohawks Library. I studied History and Classical Studies at the University of Waterloo, and have a passion for research and information. This led me to pursue more education at Western University where I received a Master's of Library and Information Science. I am looking forward to transforming the library into a space with resources for the entire community, and am open to input on what resources are needed.

I am about to start reorganizing the space, and adding the physical collection to our computer's database, so the library may be a little bit messy for the next few weeks. But, after that I will begin planning programs for seniors, students, children, and others. I am also currently considering some information databases to implement in the library for research purposes. I am also hoping to implement Overdrive, which is a website that offers eBooks and audio-books, so look out for that in the new year.

If you have any questions or input on resources you would like to see in the library or programming you would enjoy, feel free to drop-in, or contact me at samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca or 705-762-2354 ext. 225

Thanks, and I hope to see you all at the library!

Apology

We the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies and the non-Indigenous Children's Aid Societies of Ontario apologize to Indigenous families, children, and communities for our role in the Sixties Scoop and our continued role in the present day over-representation of Indigenous children in our system.

We acknowledge that we, as the Children's Aid Societies, were aware of or should have been aware of the damage and trauma created first by residential schools, then carried forward by our participation in the Sixties Scoop. We saw the broken and devastated communities and were complacent in the belief that the fault was all yours. It was not. The actions we participated in clearly led you to this point.

We apologize to the children, mothers, and fathers who have been hurt by the Sixties Scoop, and who currently find themselves caught up in the child welfare system. During the Sixties Scoop child welfare agencies removed thousands of Indigenous children from their homes, families, and communities across Canada. Many of these children were placed in non-Indigenous homes across Canada, the United States, and even overseas. While some adoptive families did their best to love and care for the Indigenous children, the Sixties Scoop is now recognized as a practice of forced assimilation—one that extended well beyond the 1960s and into the 1980s.

Justice Edwin Kimmelman, the author of the 1985 report **No Quiet Place** on the child welfare system and how it affected Indigenous people, described the practice of the Sixties Scoop as "cultural genocide." This is the same description used by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and Commissioner Murray Sinclair to describe the residential school system. While we are working to change this trajectory, we must recognize that today things are worse. Indigenous children continue to be over-represented in our system. They continue to be placed in homes and institutions far from their families and communities. Even in 2017, these placements are not culturally safe. The children tell us this in their words and through their actions of suicide and self-harm.

We have not adequately addressed the need for healing from trauma that is essential for Indigenous communities to move forward. We do not have the proper distribution of resources such that Indigenous organizations are providing the child welfare services to their children and such that treatment opportunities are readily available so that healing can happen closer to home.

It is important that we acknowledge and appreciate the impact and meaning of cultural genocide to the Indigenous people of Ontario. The Sixties Scoop has been a continuation of the inter-generational traumas and cultural loss inflicted on the Indigenous peoples of Ontario. There continues to be a lack of Indigenous culture-based services for children and families, and there continues to be resistance to Indigenous self-determination with respect to the care of their children and families.

These are historic and current day injustices for which we, as Ontario's non-Indigenous Children's Aid Societies, must take responsibility. These are difficult truths, but they are truths we must speak in order to begin the journey towards healing, change, and Reconciliation.



Ontario Association of
Children's Aid Societies

It is time that we do more than offer words. Today we commit to Indigenous communities that we will continue to seek and implement your guidance as we undertake active measures to ensure that we are serving Indigenous children and families in a manner that empowers children, families, and communities.

The Ontario non-Indigenous Children's Aid Societies have unanimously agreed to prioritize Reconciliation with Indigenous communities through the **following key commitments**:

- Reduce the number of Indigenous children in care.
- Reduce the number of legal files involving Indigenous children and families.
- Increase the use of formal customary care agreements.
- Ensure Indigenous representation and involvement at the local Boards of Directors.
- Implement mandatory, regular Indigenous training for staff.
- Embed Jordan's Principle in service practice and the inter-agency protocol.
- In consultation with Indigenous communities, develop a unique agency-based plan to better address the needs of the children and families from those communities.
- Continue to develop relationships between the local agency and the local Indigenous communities.
- Assist those individuals wanting to see their historical files by accessing and providing the information they request.

The measuring and tracking of each of these commitments is being undertaken at a local and provincial level. Agencies are committed to reporting on outcomes in each of these areas.

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies has made the following **four key commitments**:

- Shift resources to Indigenous organizations so that they are better able to provide services for and advocate on behalf of Indigenous children, families, and communities.
- Support Indigenous leadership in their quest for self-governance and legislation regarding the care of children within their local communities.
- Support Indigenous autonomy in the development of specific Indigenous services and the child welfare system.
- Support and encourage non-Indigenous agencies to work with local Indigenous communities to ensure that children and families are served in a way that leads to Reconciliation.

The commitments made by the Ontario child welfare sector represent an acknowledgement that it must do better, be held accountable for results, and work in a framework that recognizes and supports Reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

The Sixties Scoop and many current practices have resulted in immeasurable damage to the Indigenous people of Ontario. These words of apology and regret are only an acknowledgement that we must do better. We have a long path towards Reconciliation and healing of these historic injustices. The OACAS and the local Children's Aid Societies are committed to working with all stakeholders to ensure we are moving towards a healthier future.

Mary Ballantyne
Chief Executive Officer

October 3, 2017

Housing Update



The Home Maintenance Training went well with experts from First Nation Technical Services Corporation providing three days of great information as well as some hands-on experience.

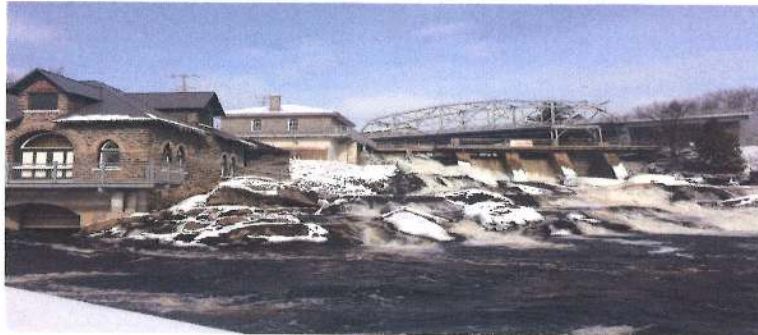


Look for two new programs in the coming months:

The First Nation Market Housing Fund **Market Based Housing** program will offer Mortgages through the Bank of Montreal to Build, Buy or Renovate homes on Wahta. We expect to launch this program early in the new year.

The **First Nation Conservation Program** is an initiative of Hydro One that helps reduce your electricity costs. If your on-reserve home qualifies, the program may supply new LED Lamps, Low Flow Aerators and Shower Heads, Programable Thermostats, Smart Power Bars, and Block Heater Timers. The program may also replace old, inefficient appliances such as fridges, freezers, window air conditioners and de-humidifiers. We expect to launch this program early in the new year.

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 **three 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: December 8, 2017
January 16, 2018
February 12, 2018

Time: 1pm – 4pm

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

Midland Friendship Centre

What: Legal clinic for aboriginal clients

Where: 175 Yonge Street
Midland, ON L4R 2A7

When: December 22, 2017
January 17, 2018
February 16, 2018

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

Barrie Friendship Centre

What: Legal clinic for aboriginal clients

Where: 175 Bayfield St
Barrie, ON L4M 3B4

When: November 27, 2017
December 18, 2017
January 12, 2018
February 13, 2018

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Other: Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be served first please call 705-721-7689 to book

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.

This service is provided by the Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions FNMI protection team and resource team.



Longhouse Socials

Join us the 3rd Saturday of every month at 6pm for a Potluck social at the longhouse. Songs, dances and social interaction with community members and guests!

This is an alcohol and drug free event.

Please join us!

2591 Muskoka Rd. 38



****Longhouse Social here at the Cultural Centre. It will be a pot luck dinner with story telling and dancing. From 6 pm – 9 pm on January 20.**

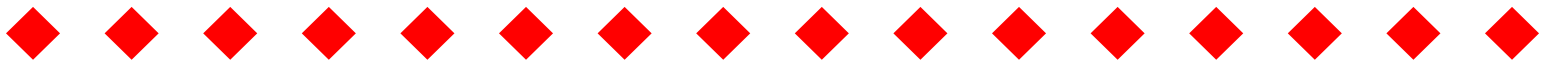
Open to community both members and non members**

Kagita Mikam Employment & Training

Intake applications are ongoing for Kagita Mikam Employment & Training Programs. If you are unemployed, underemployed or out of school and would like to receive training to get back into the workforce then support is available upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.



Programs available through Kagita Mikam are: Purchase of Training, Targeted Wage Subsidy, Mobility Assistance, Youth Work Experience, Employment Assistance Supports and Self Employment Assistance. Funding for training is for 1 year only. Members of Wahta Mohawks without status are eligible for funding. A Letter from Wahta Mohawks stating that you have membership must be provided. Members with status must provide status number and membership letter. For more information on the program please contact Kristal at 705-762-3343 x. 204 or by email at kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca



Do you need support...someone to talk to?? Everyone needs support at one time or another.

**Aboriginal Mental Health Program (B'saanibaamaadsiwin) 705-764-2512
24/7 Support Line**

This program is aimed at providing culturally appropriate support and treatment for Indigenous individuals, families, and community. Model of service is culturally relevant and community specific therapeutic interventions that are based on best practices.

Please contact Sherry for referral (ext 250) or referrals for counselling and treatment can come through any source or self-referral throughout the districts of Muskoka and Parry Sound. Services can be accessed by calling the Parry Sound Office. People can be supported in community or go into their offices...whatever your preference may be.

Dr. Ed Conners every Thursday at Culture Centre if you would like to book an appointment contact Martie 705- 762-2354 ext 272

Health Services for **January**

Please contact Christine (273) or Sherry (250) if interested in any of the following:

Pole Walking Every Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30....newcomers welcome!!

Community Shopping Tuesday, January 9th Barrie-weather permitting

Bus leaves Administration for pick up at 9am

Healthy Living Tuesday, January 23rd (menu planning)

10am-12pm Administration Round Room

Movement Therapy Wednesday, January 17th

10:30-11:30 am Administration Main Hall

Drum Group Tuesday, January 23

New Time 2pm -3:30pm Cultural Center

*Please note that this does not indicate the group is closed it is due to potential evening weather during the winter months

Community Kitchen Thursday, January 24th **CANCELLED (Due to instructors winter break)**

Chair Exercise Wednesday, January 31st

Administration Round Room 10am-1pm

Colouring Monday, January 29th

Administration Round Room 1pm-3pm

Diamond Dotz Wednesday, January 24th 10 am

The Good Food Box will be offered in February \$15 for the large bag, \$10 for small...please contact for more information

The Good Food Box

A Pilot Project (Starting in January)

The Good Food Box is a monthly box of assorted fresh fruits and vegetables. Bulk ordering of fresh, high-quality produce (mostly local and Ontario) offers a sizable discount to customers. Each box contains a monthly newsletter with health and dietary information along with produce information and recipes to prepare meals from the box of produce you receive.

Boxes can be purchased and picked up from the administration building.

Small boxes cost \$10.00 and large boxes cost \$15.00.

Boxes must be pre-ordered and paid for by the 7th of each month

Please contact Christine or Sherry



INVITATION FOR RENOVATION ESTIMATES

Proposal to include labour and materials for the purpose of renovating at rental unit 1031 unit #1 Wahta Rd 5. This includes repairs to existing foundation, structural support beams at entrances, one new window and replacement of existing press board siding with new vinyl siding.

1. excavation around building to ensure proper drainage
2. repairs to main support beam under building
3. supply and install one new window
4. approximately 2000 sq ft of vinyl siding
5. repairs to support beams at main entrance

Please contact Harry Byrne at harry.bryne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705-641-0833 for more information.

2018 Soar Indigenous Youth Gathering

ATTENTION: WAHTA YOUTH

(Age: 13-19 years old)

IMMERSE YOURSELF AT U OF T THIS MARCH BREAK!

MARCH 12-16, 2018



EXPERIENCE STUDENT LIFE AT U OF T WITH:

- CREATIVE WORKSHOPS & TEACHING CIRCLES
- RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (LACROSSE, VOLLEYBALL, YOGA & MORE)
- NIGHT OUTINGS (MOVIES, SIGHT SEEING & MORE)
- DINING, COOKING AND SHOPPING

DISCOVER U OF T!

The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education at the University of Toronto is excited to announce the **2018 Soar Indigenous Youth Gathering**! This 5-day, March Break program invites a total of 20 Indigenous high school students to the University participate in creative workshops and teachings, recreational fun (such as lacrosse, volleyball, yoga and more), leadership activities, outings to Toronto attractions, and more!

Participants will have the opportunity to connect with the Indigenous community on campus, discover the services available to them, and see what their post-secondary experience could look like. Accommodation will be fully covered by the University of Toronto.

If you're interested in applying for this amazing opportunity please contact Kara 705 762-2354 ext. 227. Or kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca for access to the application.

Applications for the program will be due Friday, January 5th, 2018.

"Keeping Safe"



Youth Night

Craft Night- Dream Catchers

When: Thursday January 18, 2019

Who: Youth 12+ are welcome to attend
All Community welcome to stop in and visit!

Where: Cultural Centre

Time: 5:30-8:00pm

Dinner Provided

Please RSVP Kara ext. 227
kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca

OFNHAEC YOUTH PEER EDUCATION TRAINING

WHEN: January 22-25, 2018

WHERE: Batchewana Learning Center, Batchewana First Nation, (located near Sault Ste. Marie, ON)

WHO SHOULD REGISTER? Community First Nation Youth, ages 19-29

The first five First Nation Youth Members from each of AIAI, Independent First Nations, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Union of Ontario Indians will be accepted.

Topics include:

- Navigating Social Media
- HIV/AIDS, HEP C, STBBIs
- Cultural Activities
- Healthy Lifestyles
- LGBTQ2S
- Panel of affected persons
- Harm Reduction



And much, much more...

Accommodations will be shared. All travel, accommodations and meals will be covered by the Ontario First Nations HIV/AIDS Education Circle (OFNHAEC).

Host PTO is Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

If you're interested in applying for this amazing opportunity please contact Kara 705 762-2354 ext. 227. Or kara.wanothmee@wahtamohawks.ca for access to the application.



Community Outdoors Program

Who: All Youth, Family and Community invited to attend!

What: Once a month youth and community will go out on the land with experienced natural-ists/wilderness living professionals, elders, and community volunteers/staff to explore the landscape on and around Wahta Mohawk Territory. During these meets we will explore the land connecting to the plants, animals, and minerals through experiential nature connection.

We will be outdoors all day so dress accordingly
Snacks and Cookout provided!

When: Saturday January 14, 2018

Time: 9am –4pm (feel free to pass through anytime and see what we are up too!)

The participants will learn, but not be limited to the following:

- Animal track identification
- Hide tanning
- Plant Identification
- Tree identification
- Shelter making, using natural materials and non-natural materials
- How to harvest wood
- Fire by frictions
- Fire by flint and steel
- Edible and medicinal plant identification and preparation
- Clothing Making
- Using natural materials to make rope
- Making containers, bowls, and spoons from natural materials
- Bird identification and bird language
- Natural camouflage and routines of invisibility
- Mapping
- Land stewardship
- Cooking with fire
- Water purification
- And much more...



**Contact Kara ext. 227
if interested in attended our first meet!**

Next Hide Tanning Workshop

We have a bunch of deer and moose hides that were donated to use for the next workshop.

Please contact Kara ext.227 if interested in attending January 14th, 2017



Join Our Newsletter Email!

In an effort to help save postage and paper costs, we would like to email the newsletter to as many community members as possible. 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.

Do I need to be a member to get the newsletter?

Not necessarily, if you are the spouse or parent of a member then please do not register but instead email us and let us know you would like to receive the newsletter via email.

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.



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.

"Pieces and Pathways to My Sacred Self"

When: Saturday Jan. 13, 2018

9 am to 5 pm

Includes Lunch and Art you take home with you!



Valerey Lavergne is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan.

She is a certified Expressive Arts Therapist and Life Coach. Valerey has been working in the Indigenous community for the past 23 years sharing her creative gifts to assist people with their healing and self-actualization.

Valerey is constantly inspired by the power of the arts and its ability to heal. She became personally familiar with this from her own healing journey many moons ago.

In the "Pieces and Pathways to My Sacred Self" workshop we will use several art modalities to uncover our inner resources of strength and personal truths.

No artistic talent is needed just a willingness to be open and a spirit of playfulness.

FUN and Creative Includes:

Alcohol Ink Painting ,Finding My Superhero Drama, My Shield of Strength Art Creation, Create a Sacred Vessel in clay, FREE EVENT

Wahta
Cultural Healing and Wellness Centre
Muskoka Rd # 38

Please register in advance by emailing or calling Sue before Dec 22, 2017

Space is limited to 12 people

Sue Tait 705 762 3343

Sue.tait@wahtamohawks.ca

Muskoka Rd # 38

Community Mid-Winter Music Festival

With David R Maracle

Event Date– February 3rd, 2018

Admission Free – Family, Elders, Community, Youth and Children Includes Light Lunch, Concert, Story Telling and Meet and Greet David!

David R. Maracle has been crafting his artistry since in carvings and music since 1985, from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, bringing to life the ancestral teachings of the Haudenosaunee.

David is also a musician and composer and has released over 17 musical compilations and albums over the last 18 years. He has also won numerous Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards and has performed his beautiful ambient music all over the world.

Event Outline

11 am – 12:30 PM

An mid day family function for the community with Musician David R Maracle - Traditional story-telling and teachings of the Haudenosaunee Culture accompanied by musical elements & infusion.

12:30 – 1:15

Lunch and meet and greet David

1:30 – 4:00 pm

David will perform a variety of musical instruments from around the world and interweave it with traditional story-telling and teachings of the Haudenosaunee Culture



Family Movie Night – Rated PG

My Neighbour Totoro – Critically acclaimed Japanese Anime Movie

When: January 12, 2018

5:30 to approx. 9:00 pm

Two young girls, Satsuki and her younger sister Mei, move into a house in the country with their father to be closer to their hospitalized mother. Satsuki and Mei discover that the nearby forest is inhabited by magical creatures called Totoros (pronounced toe-toe-ro). They soon befriend these Totoros, and have several magical adventures. This movie has been celebrated around the world as one of the best family anime movies of all time. One of my family favourites

Director:

Hayao Miyazaki

Writer:

Hayao Miyazaki

Cute little Totoro's that you will fall in love with

Note: The movie is dubbed in English

Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night with Chicken Parmesan and Caesar Salad Dinner

FREE

Bring your blankets and pillows

Dinner starts at 5:45 pm

Movie at 6:30 pm

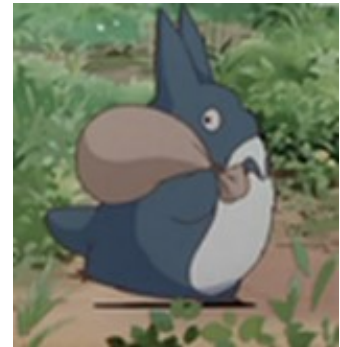
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Call Sue at 705 762 3343

Sue.tait@wahtamohawks.ca



Volunteers needed to assist with planning and activities for the Winter Carnival

Volunteers can call me at 705 762-3343 or email sue.tait@wahtamohawks.ca

It will be held February 24 and I am looking for:

Volunteers with a snowmobile to make the runs for the dog sled team and the toboggan hill

Volunteers on the day off to judge the Chili Cook off and volunteers to enter their homemade chili

Volunteers to shovel off ice for ice skate rink

Volunteers to assist with children's games and face painting on the day of the carnival

Volunteer vendors of traditional crafts for display in the Cultural Centre

Wahta United Church

Faith Circle will be meeting at 7pm at the cultural centre every Tuesday night.
Church Service will be on January 7th at 11am

If anyone would like a visit, they can contact Pastor Derek at (705) 346-1858



Mindfulness Meditation and Qi-Gong Sessions

A mindfulness Meditation and Qi-Gong weekly at the cultural centre on Thursdays from 2 pm – 3:30 pm with Jack Martin.

Jack is a skilled reflexologist who has been teaching meditation and Qi Gong across Muskoka for many years. These sessions are open to the community including moms with tots and the first part of the sessions will include teaching Qi-Gong, a Chinese healing art which is a self healing method of visualizations combined with gentle stretching movements. Jack will also deliver a variety of different styles of mindfulness based meditation practices. Wear comfortable clothes

Motherisk Commission

The Mandate for the Motherisk Commission expires on January 15, 2018. If anyone in the Community who had their hair tested by the Motherisk Laboratory who may need more information or assistance, please get in touch with them before that date. You can email them your inquiry to Marha.chamberlain@motheriskcommission.ca or by phone at 416-212-0669

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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

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