

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



Onerahtokha- The Building Time

April 2018



Spring water testing
Call Colleen to set up an
appointment to have it
tested !



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Education Recognition Dinner
Held in conjunction with Aboriginal Day

June 21, 2018

Wahta Cultural Centre

Please register students with Carol Holmes

This issue....

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

Lots for Sale

Two lots with frontage on Muskoka Road 38.
One lot is about 1 hectare and has a driveway. The other is about 1.8 hectares with no driveway.
If interested please call 705-644-4227.

Matt Commandant
wahta.com
705-644-4227

General
Meeting Sat
April 28, 2018
9:00am
Admin
Building

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Church Service 9am	2 Easter Monday	3 Yoga 8pm	4	5 Faith Circle 1pm Church	6 Good Food Box Orders Due by NOON	7
8	9	10 Yoga 8pm	11	12 Community Shopping pick up 9:am Faith Circle	13	14
15	16 Diamond Dotz AB	17 Yoga 8pm	18 Sandi Boucher 5:30pm CC	19 Faith Circle 1pm Church	20	21
22	23	24 Good Food Box Pick up 2pm	25 Chair Exercise 10-1AB Community Kitchen 1-2:30	26 Faith Circle 1pm Church	27	28 General Meeting 9am AB
29	30 Colouring 10-12 AB					

Wahta Chief and Council Update

As everyone begins to prepare for Spring Council work continues on many issues. Another meeting is scheduled with Ontario Power Generation to discuss the closure of Ragged Rapids Road and finalize our considerations for improvements to the road, liability, signage and safety issues due to increased traffic on ICG Drive.

Chief and Council have approved an engineering assessment for the Administration building roof. Some quotes have come in quite high so it was felt that the extent of the wear and tear, weather damage, interior and exterior structural integrity be assessed first before quotes are considered.

The First Nation Conservation Plan is underway for on reserve housing, many of you may have already had a house visit and received some benefits such as new appliances, energy saving light bulbs etc. More visits are planned in the coming weeks. If you have not signed up please call the band office.

It has come to our attention that when a false fire alarm is set off anywhere on territory Wahta is charged \$350 per visit. Chief and Council feel that public businesses and non-member tenants/lease holders should bear the cost if the Fire Dept responds to a false alarm. So far this year we have been charged \$700 for false alarms, please ensure your fire alarms are working properly. If you lease property please let your tenants know of this change.

Construction is now underway for hydro pole installation along Lyla Lane Road. There is a 33 foot hydro allowance along the road to allow for this installation. It will feed off the existing line and run to the end of Lyla Lane and west of Ragged Rapids Rd. The cost of this is through a private land owner, there is no charge to Wahta.

Overall the month of March will be a short month for me as I am off to Ireland for two weeks to visit my daughter during her exchange program. I will be back at the end of the month hoping to return to Spring weather.

Just a reminder that the Bala Falls Hydro project is undergoing blasting at the bridge on Hwy. 169 for 6 – 8 weeks starting March 2. Each day the blasting will be at 9am and then again at 6pm, the bridge will be closed for 30 minutes each time.

Be sure to join us Saturday April 28 at 9am for our next general meeting

Nia:wen for your participation, look for further updates or contact the Council office for more information usual. You can send all questions or comments directly to Chief and Council, Administration or here at info@wahtamohawks.com

Chief Philip Franks

2017/2018 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – December 7, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

12.07.01 Hunting By-Law Update / Next Steps – Consultation is underway, discussions and analysis of the current by-law for its proposed strengths and weaknesses are underway. Some items of concerns are enforcement and conservation concerns and issuing of permits and the use of guides.

12.07.02 Finance Policy Revisions - deferred

12.07.03 Grants and Contributions Information Management System Agreement – At the request of INAC for information sharing. See motion below

12.07.04 Public Works Tractor Purchase Request – Request for new tractor was made, it was suggested that finance look at all repair costs of equipment over time. More information is needed. It was suggested to contract the work out in the future.

12.07.05 DBCFS Update with Jay Herbert – Met with Dnaagdawenmag Binoojiiyag Child & Family Services. Discussed the service protocol and agreement with Wahta. Also discussed the roles and responsibilities of the new positions that will be required, job descriptions provided, approval requested.

12.07.06 Muskoka Community Health Hub Final Evaluation and Sustainability Plan – The Health Hub is applying for continued support through the sustainability plan through to Ministry of Health. Chief Franks to send letter of support.

Motions:

12.07.03 – Motion to sign the Grants and Contribution Information Management Systems Agreement to access data and sharing of information with INAC. Carried by consensus

12.07.06 – Motion to sign the Community Health Hub support letter for ongoing funding from Ministry of Health. Carried by consensus.

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – December 13, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

12.13.01 Conference Call Hydro Addendum Negotiations/Trespass By-law – The lawyer is recommending another mediation with Hydro to resolve the 2013 Addendum agreement. We will wait to hear back from them.

Trespass - There is an unclear tension between Aboriginal right to hunt and fish and the rights of CP land owners. It may be best to address it within the Hunting/Fishing by-law.

12.13.02 Capacity Development Update – Review of possible avenues for capacity training such as additional governance, housing policies, communications and archiving.

12.13.03 Local Health Integrated Network LHIN – Met with the LHIN Team to go over the yearly review, no specific concerns from Wahta at this time. Trauma Informed Care training available

12.13.04 TD Bank – There is an outstanding bank account that has been inactive for some time. Once Scotia-bank was chosen to work with Wahta some residual money was left in this TD account in the event of any outstanding charges. It has been inactive for some time, balance needs to be transferred and account closed. See motion below.

Motions:

12.13.04 – Motion to close the older Wahta Mohawk TD bank account and transfer balance of \$28 457 to Scotiabank. Carried by consensus

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – December 20, 2017

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

12.20.01 CG Rental – Met with potential members looking to lease a portion of ICG, looking to draft an agreement for the 2018 season. Needs further review.

12.20.02 Development Corporation – Reviewed the corporation by-laws as well as the terms of reference, job roles and responsibilities.

12.02.03 Wahta Rental Application – Requirement to be 21 years of age or older – Currently the housing application states that a tenant must be 21 years of age. It was decided that 18 years of age is more appropriate. See motion below

12.02.04 Well Testing Update – Water testing in the core area is ongoing, a letter will be sent to ask permission to start testing some wells in the core area if it falls under certificate of possession lands.

12.20.05 Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa (Good Minds People from Wahta) – Discussed the ongoing process and talks that are taking place. It has been requested that council attend and a letter of support issued. It was also discussed how to get more people involved and how long it will continue.

Motions:

12.20.03 – Motion to amend the Housing Application requirement from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Carried by consensus

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – January 10, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

01.10.01 Cultural Centre Final Expense Report – Reviewed final Cultural Centre expense report which includes phase two; basement completion and decks. Will present at council meeting and include in newsletter.

01.10.02 Long Term Care Update- Reviewed Terms of Reference for LTC project. Phase two will be completed by the end of March 2018. Schedule meeting for final presentation.

01.10.03 Woodland Cultural Centre Board – Looking for a council member to be on the Board. Lorie Strength-Fenton has volunteered. See motion below.

01.10.04 Approval for Payment of School Board Tuition Invoice – Invoice needs approval, see motion below.

01.10.05 Approval for Payment of Neegan Burnside Invoice Re: Highway Development – Deferred, Council would like to see an interim report or meet with them.

01.10.06 Closing of MFP – Information Request to Falls Law – Council approves the closing the Mohawk Food Processors Corporation

01.10.07 OFNTSC Board of Directors - Blaine Commandant has volunteered to be on the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation Board of Directors. See motion below

Motions:

01.10.03 – Motion to appoint Lorie Strength-Fenton to the Woodland Cultural Centre Board of Directors. Carried by consensus

01.10.04 – Motion to approve payment to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board in the amount of \$215 839 for elementary and secondary tuition. Carried by consensus

01.10.07 - Motion to appoint Blaine Commandant to the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation Board of Directors. Carried by consensus

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – January 17, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

01.17.01 DBCFS Protocol Agreements and Job Descriptions – Legal council required to review the service protocol agreements. Job descriptions are approved. See motion below.

01.17.02 Membership Consultation Update – Met with Waneek Horn-Millar, discussed different and ongoing engagement strategies such as surveys, meeting topics, video content etc. Next meeting date is February 17, 2018.

01.17.03 Economic Development Update – General discussion on the Board of Directors set up, limitation of liability. It was requested that Cherie Brant, legal counsel attend a meeting to go over the specifics.

01.17.04 MTO Roads Improvement Report - Council approves the petition for MTO road subsidy and authorizes expenditures of \$13 990 for the year 2018 for the District of Muskoka, MCR # 2017/18-55.

Motions:

01.17.01 – Motion to retain legal council to review the DBCFS protocol and service agreement between DBCFS and Wahta Mohawks. Carried by consensus

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – January 24, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

01.24.01 Monthly Finance Review – Reviewed the monthly financial statements, no remarkable changes this month. See motions below

01.24.02 Development Corporation - Cherie Brant – Legal counsel Cherie Brant attended and further explained the legal liability limits on the Corporation. Also reviewed how the finances are controlled in partnership with Chief and Council. Quarterly meetings and ongoing communication is required with the membership as Wahta Mohawks is the main shareholder. Review and recap of development corporation structure.

Motions:

01.24.01 – Motion to accept the 2017/2018 fiscal yearly budget for Chief and Council honourariums, travel and expenses for \$147 000. Carried by consensus.

01.24.01B – Motion to accept the monthly finance update for information purposes from Wahta Mohawks Finance Officer. Carried by consensus

January 2018 Community Meeting Minutes

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 30, 2018

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Adoption of Minutes of November 28, 2017: Moved by Councillor Strength-Fenton, Seconded by Councillor Schell. Carried.

Actions Arising

Ontario Gas Card Program – Chief Franks received a letter from Ontario on how the gas card program will be changing. They would like to streamline the process and possibly use only status cards instead of gas cards. Chief and Council will respond with a position or comment on this.

Kagita Mikam Board – Murray Maracle will now sit on the Kagita Mikam Board of Directors. Band Council Resolution required and signed.

Old Business/ Follow-up

Hydro Mediation – We have not heard back from legal at this point regarding the ongoing negotiation of the Addendum – In kind services and the proposed Distribution Station. We will attempt to get an update once again. Councillor Schell disagrees that more mediation is required because the agreement was already signed by the 2011 Chief and Council.

Development Corporation – Paperwork is now complete and is ready for signatures. The next steps are to implement the Board of Directors.

ICG Update – The payroll has been closed. Leasing details for vacant buildings need to be worked out with legal advice, working towards a template lease and price per square foot for the buildings.

Cultural Centre Final Costs – Final costs were \$892 186 for the whole length of the project from 2016 to 2017. Portions of it was over budget due to drain issues, well issues, electrical etc. The original budget did not include the basement and decks etc. Wahta's contribution is \$303 986. Lance DeCaire stated that the basement portion of the construction did come in on budget.

II. New Business

Community Safety Zone MCR – Chief and Council met with the District of Muskoka to create a safety zone. They require a council resolution #2017/18-57 read aloud for the creation of the safety zone for Muskoka Rd.38. Active transportation was also discussed, this includes the widening of shoulders for safer access for walking and biking. Band Council Resolution #2017/2018-58 was read aloud which is required to be included in the 10-year capital plan, this is a long-term request that will involve ongoing consultation.

Speeding Signs – A motion to purchase some digital speeding signs for Wahta that will post the speed of cars traveling as well as intake of vehicle data.

January 30, 2018 Motion #1 – Chief and Council approve the expenditure up to \$20 000 to purchase outdoor electronic speeding signs for Muskoka Rd. 38 through OLG funds. Carried by consensus.

Commemorative Tree – A commemorative tree in honour of Pheobe Roads turning 100 will be erected in the spring 2018.

January 30, 2018 Motion #2 – Chief and Council approve the expenditure to plant a commemorative tree to honour Pheobe Roads 100th birthday. Carried by consensus.

Hydro One Engagement Session - Chief Franks discussed the upcoming engagement sessions with Hydro One, discussion will include the Fair Hydro Plan and delivery credit., transmission and distribution planning and renewable energy options. Chiefs of Ontario will update the Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Citizenship Code Update – Reminder of the upcoming Feb 17 Citizenship meeting. As well a survey will be coming up in the next few weeks.

General Meeting Update – Reminder the First Nation Conservation Program will be doing home audits, could lead to new appliances and other cost savings measures. The Comprehensive Housing Study and Clean Water Wastewater Report is now located on the Wahta Mohawks website.

III. December 2017 - January 2018 Motion Summary

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Questions/Comments:

Ellen Franks stated that no one volunteered to help Karen Sahanatien for a recent funeral. Chief Franks stated that he will address it with the Administrator.

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2018

Adjournment

Hydro Blasting in Bala

Just a reminder that the Bala Falls Hydro project is undergoing blasting at the bridge on Hwy. 169 for 6 – 8 weeks starting March 2. Each day the blasting will be at 9am and then again at 6pm, the bridge will be closed for 30 minutes each time.

ICG JUICE!

There is still approx. one skid each of pure juice and cordial juice available free for members. Please visit the band hall and grab a few cases for your family!

Citizenship Update

More discussion was recently held Saturday March 17. Topics included how we define and identify as Mohawk people, roles and responsibilities of members and how participation can become more inclusive. Discussions were also had about how Wahta use to be compared to today, things such as home visits, farming and taking care of each other. We also discussed how we should define each other, through blood quantum or other means that are less limiting.

Our code has had many challenges through legal opinions and challenges, referendums, and differing interpretations. Below is an archive document from 1999/ 2000, it is interesting to see that over 18 years ago people spoke of similar concerns today.

Let's take a closer look at Blood Quantum

Over time a one-half (50%) blood quantum system will restrict citizenship to fewer descendants than a one-quarter (25%) system, and a one-quarter (25%) system will have less eligible members than a one-eighth (12.5%) blood quantum system and so on.

- the higher the blood degree requirement the lower the number of eligible applicants.
- a Band will limit the future size of its citizenship by raising blood degree criteria
- setting the degree of blood very high could guarantee that only closely linked descendants will be eligible for Band citizenship.
- although blood degree may be a desired criteria because it ensures that the so called "Indian purity" of a Band is maintained, it may produce undesired results as it could exclude individuals from citizenship who are culturally or socially more a part of the Band than someone with the required degree of blood.
- blood quantum designations creates classes of citizens. Can we afford to "ghettoize" our small community.
- Ancestry, as an option, requires a person to trace lineal (direct) descents from someone on the "base roll", or be born to a Band member. Lineal ancestry implies that a person is a direct descendant of a Band member, whose parent(s) were Band members, and so on back to a parent(s) who originated the Band.

Enfranchisement Statements

"Mr. Devlin, Indian Agent at the time, told me medical expenses would no longer be paid for on the Reserve. He said the best thing for me to do was to leave the Reserve so I left to find employment"



"Try to imagine what Wahta was like summer of 1951 when I enfranchised. Absolutely no work. Work only in Bala (for summer cottagers, cleaning). One had to walk the 5 to 10 miles as few had cars. One had to go elsewhere for work particularly if a female..."

Watch the mail for a complete survey that will be sent to all Wahta members. Our membership code is important to everyone, we are asking all members to please take the time to fill out the survey and let us know your thoughts on the future of Wahta. An online and print version will be available, we encourage the online version to be completed where possible as it will include some important video segments. A notice will be sent to everyone in the coming weeks.

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.

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

More information can be found at www.wahtamohawks.com/citizenship

Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa Good Minds People from Wahta (formerly referred to at the Peace Process

Next tentative meeting date is Saturday May 5, 2018.

The group met recently on March 24, the original date of January 13 had to be rescheduled due to weather. The group initially started with a cross section of nine individuals to begin discussion. We have since agreed that anybody who expresses an interest and commitment to these discussions on issues affecting Wahta 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.

We are striving to continue our efforts at encouraging more people to attend so we can be as inclusive as possible. Please consider attending our next tentative date of Saturday May 5, 2018. Check the May newsletter as well as the website and/or Facebook page for confirmation of that date.

**General Meeting Saturday April 28, 2018 9:00am
Administration Building**

Wahta Mohawks
TOBACCO QUOTA APPLICATION
 April 2018 – March 2019

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 FIDENTIAL

APPLICANT INFORMATION (MUST BE PRIMARY OWNER)

Name:		
Date of birth:	Email:	Phone:
Mailing Address:		
City:	Prov:	Postal Code:
Do you currently receive a Quota? Yes: No:		
If yes, what is your current allotment? Cartons		

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name:		
Location:		
Mailing Address:	Box Number:	
City:	Prov:	Phone:
Postal Code:		
Type of Business: Sole Owner: Partnership: Corporation: Association:		

CO-OWNER(S)/ PARTNERS/ASSOCIATES INFORMATION

Name:		Box Number:
Mailing Address:		Phone:
City:	Prov:	Postal Code:
Name:		Box Number:
Mailing Address:		Phone:
City:	Prov:	Postal Code:
Name:		Box number:
Mailing Address:		Phone:
City:	Prov:	Postal Code:

**I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 I understand and agree that providing false information may result in loss of quota privileges.**

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of Wahta Council Member:	Date :
Approved: Yes: No:	Allotment: Cartons
If not approved, specify reason:	

****If you require tobacco quota on reserve to get the application in right away****

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.



Indigenous Services
Canada

Services aux
Autochtones Canada

STAFF:

Susan Siwik CHN

Lindsey Adams, CHN

Nancy Tabobandung, Clerk

Office Address is:

Box 89, 74 James Street
Parry Sound, ON P2A 2X2

Phone: (705) 746-5807

Fax: (705) 746-1421

Toll Free NIHB client lines

Dental

1-855-618-6291

Monday to Friday 8 – 6

Orthodontics (Braces)

1-866-227-0943

Monday – Friday 8 – 5

All other services:

1-800-640-0642

Monday – Friday 8 - 4



If you have access to a cell phone and prefer to text, you are able to contact the Community Health Nurse by **sending a text to:**

Sue Siwik at: 705-346-1308

Lindsey Adams at: 705-746-1613

Or you can **send email to:**

susan.siwik@canada.ca

lindsey.adams@canada.ca

nancy.tabobandung@canada.ca

Parry Sound Health Centre First Nations & Inuit Health Branch APRIL 2018

WAHTA MOHAWKS - CHN COMMUNITY VISITS

- Blood pressure clinic @ the Admin Building - the 2nd Wednesday of each month
- Home visits, the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call our office if you would like the CHN to do a home visit.
- Chair Exercises and Lunch Ed, 10:00am – 1pm, the last Wednesday of each month

OFFICE HOURS

On December 4, 2017 the Government of Canada announced that the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) has been transferred from Health Canada to the Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC).

The main change locally is that access to the NIHB program has been improved in the Health Clerks office hours becoming full-time.

*****The office is open Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm*****
(excluding Lunch & Statutory Holidays).

Indigenous Woman's Transition Bridging

My name is Shantelle Diamond and I am one of the Program Coordinators for Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC) in Orillia. I would like to announce that BRAWC will be offering an 8-week Indigenous Women's Transition Bridging Program in Orillia starting April 3rd to the 24th of May, 3 days a week (Tues – Thurs).

The program is aimed at empowering Indigenous women while they expand their education and pre-employment skills. During the course of the 8 weeks we will provide the women with the resources and tools to develop the skills needed to achieve their personal set goals. This program will also include cultural traditions and teachings to nurture the women's personal growth and development from a wholistic perspective.

We are very much interested in collaborating with the Mohawks of Wahta. Being a local First Nation community we recognize that some of your band members may reside in this area. If this program is something you feel would benefit your band members in this area please feel free to provide them with the attached flyer for our program and contact information below.

If you would like more information or would like us to attend an information session please feel free to contact myself at Shantelle Diamond at sdiamond@brawc.com or my co-worker Bridget Foley at bfoley.brawc.com 705-326-3900.

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Fire Dept. False Alarms

Please note that all on reserve businesses and non-member tenants/lease holders will be charged the Fire Dept cost of \$350 for false alarms.

Get Your Water Tested



The best time to sample your well water is when the probability of contamination is greatest. This is likely to be in early spring just after the thaw, after an extended dry spell, following heavy rains or after lengthy periods of non-use. If you live on the Territory and would like your water to be tested, please contact Colleen at ext. 241.

Health Services for April

Good Food box Orders Due Friday, April 6, 2018 by NOON....

Community Shopping – Thursday, April 12, 2018 Pick up starts at 9 am

Diamond Dotz- Monday, April 16, 2018. 10-12 (administration building)

Sandi Boucher evening Presentation Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Cultural Center Starts at 5:30 with dinner 6-8 presentation Register with Christine or Sherry

Good Food Box Pick Up – Tuesday, April 24, 2018 after 2pm Administration Building

Chair Exercise Wednesday, April 25 2018 Administration 10-1

Community Kitchen Wednesday, April 25 2018 Administration 1-2:30

Colouring Monday, April 30, 2018 Administration 10-12.



**Words,
Thoughts,
Deeds**

No matter your age, no matter your life experiences,
YOU have wisdom and teachings - so often
underestimated, so often missed.

Learn how to call upon that wisdom!
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Wednesday April 18th, 2018

Cultural Center

Dinner 5:30-6pm (provided)

Presentation 6-8

Please contact Christine ext 273 to register

Fish Derby and Winter Carnival 2018

It was an amazing day and turnout for this year's derby. We added a few extra activities that everyone really enjoyed. It was great to see all the kids skating out on Webster Lake.

Congratulations to Emily Strength and Jonathan Stock who took home the trophies. The fishing was tough but they didn't give up.



We also had our first chili cook off. Congratulations goes out to Penney Sahanatien who claimed first prize! Second to Robin Stock and third to Darlene Scott. Thanks so much for participating. They all tasted great.



A big thanks to our maintenance department who worked hard to get everything ready and to all the helpers, we couldn't do it without you.

And thanks to everyone who attended the event. It was one of the best yet.
Keep fishing and see you next year!



WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2018 BREAKFAST IS FROM 8AM – 11 AM

WHERE: BREAKFAST IS AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND CLEAN-UP IS THE WAHTA MOHAWK TERRITORY. GARBAGE AND RECYCLE BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG WITH GLOVES.



SPRING WREATH MAKING

This program is for children aged 0-12 to bring their parent/guardian to make a spring Wreath together.

When: Tuesday April 24, 2018 from 5:30 – completion

Where: Cultural Centre

Please RSVP Colleen 705-762-2354 ext.241 by April 13, 2018 to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited to 15 families/1 Wreath per family. Light refreshments will be provided.

DNAAGDAWENMAG BINNOOJIIYAG CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CIRCLE

THURSDAY APRIL 5TH, 2PM-4PM

Wahta Cultural Centre | 2343 Muskoka Rd. 38, Wahta ON

WE ARE SEEKING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES
WHO ARE NAVIGATING SPECIAL SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH AND
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU TO HELP SHAPE THE WORK WE DO.

JOIN US AT OUR FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

FOR MORE INFO CALL 705.295.7135

drunciman@binnoojiiyag.ca



DNAAGDAWENMAG BINNOOJIIYAG
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

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.

If you are interested in learning more about customary care or if you are interested in becoming a customary care provider in your home, please contact Colleen Mendes at 705-762-2354 ext.241

Wahta United Church

Faith Circle will be meeting at 1pm at the Church every Thursday Afternoon.
Church Service will be on April 1st 9am,
Pancakes to follow

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



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 Martie at 705-762-3343 x. 272 or by email at martie.stanton@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 Connors every Thursday at Culture Centre if you would like to book an appointment contact Martie 705- 762-2354 ext 272

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.

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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am—4:30 pm

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