

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



Onerahtohko:wa- The time of Big Leaf

May 2018



## *This issue....*

Calendar of Events  
Minutes  
Health Services  
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## **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

## **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

**Community Clean up has been  
POSTPONED until may 6th, 2018 due  
to unexcepted weather.**

**Wednesday,  
May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 -1 Lunch  
with Brad from  
B'SAAN-  
IBAMAADSIWIN**

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Community Shopping 9am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Peace Process
<b>6</b> Church 11am Spring Cleanup 8am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Foot Care Swing into Spring 10am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Diamond Dotz 10am AB	<b>15</b> Mindset Mastery 10:30AB	<b>16</b> Lunch with Brad 11:30 AB	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> SafeTALK 9am	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Mindset Mastery 10:30AB	<b>23</b> Community Kitchen 1pm	<b>24</b> Natural Remedies Workshop 10am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Colouring 10am Bingo 6pm	<b>29</b> Mindset Mastery 10:30AB	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# Chief and Council Update for May 2018

She:kon to all. To begin this newsletter page, I would like to send congratulations to the Muskoka Health Hub for receiving permanent funding through the Ontario Ministry of Health, and to the staff of the Wahta Health Hub. The recent announcement means the health care services in the Muskoka area are no longer Demonstration Projects and as of April 1, 2018 can continue to offer health services to rural communities. Well done to the Muskoka Health Hub team and all those who support it. Wahta will continue to provide the building and maintenance so that primary health care will continue to be delivered to the community.

Council continues to move forward on several issues on and off the territory. At this time of year funding arrangements are being renewed and signed in conjunction with Senior Administrator Maracle, and Financial Officer Contant. Policy issues with respect to the operation of the administration and its programs are looked at and revised as necessary. Council is close to approving a new housing policy which was created as part of the housing capacity building that ties in with the First Nation Market Housing Fund.

The infrastructure projects are moving along, the water project in the subdivision area is still moving forward. Council will continue to bring Hydro One to the discussion table regarding the electrical requirements needed to service our community in the future.

According to Ontario Power Generation, the reconstruction of the Ragged Rapids Bridge is scheduled to start later this summer. This road right of way was taken from us back when the dams and generating stations were being built in the 1940's. Due to the inconvenience for residents in that area who use the bridge, Council will meet with OPG to go over details of possible upgrades to the roadway. A rep has been out with our staff to have an in depth look at the road from beginning to end. We look forward to their report.

Council has passed a motion to approve purchase of two radar speed display signs to be installed before the summer season begins. We are looking at increased enforcement of speeding by OPP in addition to the traffic calming measures. Council recently met with the District of Muskoka and await the results of the study to have our community become a Community Safety Zone where speeding fines would double. Other issues discussed with the district are management of invasive species such as phragmites (the long grass that grows as you come off the highway). This is Canada's worst invasive species, a plan of action is to be determined. By the way, the grass looks nice but please don't dig any up to put it in your garden.

Council will be inviting a representative from AIAI to come and speak about the tobacco quota allocation system and how the province is looking to change the current system. Date to be announced.

The next Wahta-Federal-Provincial meeting will be May 31. The work on the Additions to Reserves continues. For the most part there is now a lot of legal work to be hashed out with the issuance of permits in the area where there are still cottages down the river with regard to how they access those properties. The whole land claim area had to be resurveyed as the original survey and environmental assessment documents expired after five years. That survey occurred over the winter. Council is working with the government to help bring closure and the return of our lands but as expected it is a long process and may still be approx. two years away.

I recently attended a meeting with Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Minister Bennet. The Minister was outlying Canada's plan for a framework to set new relations with First Nations. At this point there are two main concerns; this is a federal government led process and the framework discussions were announced February 14 this year, consultation is supposed to end by June, and legislation for this will be passed this fall. Those two items are the first concerns regarding this initiative without even getting into the nuts and bolts of what this may mean for all First Nations and how we approach the future and on what basis. Gord Peters, Deputy Grand Chief of Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians poses the question in a discussion document; Canadian Indians or Sovereign People?

Essentially, Canada is looking to see what kind of legal framework it would take to get out of the Indian Act. This would be guided by ten principles the federal government has drafted and presented.

A lot of activity has taken place in our own governance pursuits, be it policies, by laws, or the work on membership and looking at a new code. This fits into the questions being asked of us by the federal government today about what relationship we will have with Canada. Again, I would say to all, these are important times to be taking part in discussions. Council is attempting to keep people informed through technology and meetings. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or give comments. Meaningful and positive communication is one of the few tools we have right now at our disposal in terms of meeting the federal and provincial challenges put before us.

## **2018 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries**

### **Council Weekly Meeting Summary – February 1, 2018**

#### **In Attendance:**

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

#### **Agenda:**

**02.01.01 Economic Development Update** – After lengthy discussions, and ongoing communication the Development Corporation documents have been signed along with Wahta Signs Inc. so that the signage project can get started.

**02.01.02 Memorandum of Understanding with CSC Chigamik CHC** – Chigamik in Midland would like to sign onto an ongoing memorandum of understanding for their services offered.

**02.01.03 Mental Wellness / Crisis Response Capacity Building Letter of Agreement** – There is some surplus funding to provide mental health training for staff that will be utilized before fiscal year end 2018. A letter of agreement must be signed for funding.

**02.01.04 Neegan Burnside Invoice for Highway Development Feasibility Study** – Hwy 400 Commercial Feasibility study is now complete; a meeting and presentation will be scheduled. Invoice to be paid see motion below.

**02.01.05 Post-Secondary Policy on Students who are Unsuccessful in a Course** – Due to extenuating circumstances regarding the five week college strike some exceptions have been made to the Education Policy.

**02.01.06 MCR for Kagita Mikam Board Appointment** – Murray Maracle has been appointed to the Kagita Mikam Board of Directors, a Mohawk Council resolution is required

**02.01.07 MCR appointing Nicole Belcourt as the Ontario Works Administrator** – Mohawk Council Resolution appointment for Ontario Works

**02.01.08 DBCFS Call List Motion** – Child and Family Services requires an emergency call list of Wahta Mohawks staff. It was decided staff with Crisis Intervention Training will be selected.

#### **Motions:**

**02.01.01** – Motion to sign the Development Corporation and Wahta Signs Inc. Corporation papers. Carried by consensus

**02.01.04** – Motion to approve invoice payment to Neeghan Burnside in the amount of \$70 699 for the Hwy. 400 Feasibility Study funded by AEDF Aboriginal Economic Development Fund.

**Next meeting:** No Meeting Wed February 7, 2018, next meeting Wed February 14, 2018

## **Council Weekly Meeting Summary – February 14, 2018**

### **In Attendance:**

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

### **Agenda:**

**02.14.01 DBCFS Service Protocol** – They would like decisions on whether to have a worker on site as well as a call list and the signing of the regional and service protocol.

**02.14.02 Ragged Rapids Rd Construction Consultation** – A meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss accessing the Marsh Road, liability and safety issues for residents

### **02.14.03 Housing Needs Assessment**

1. **Approval of Invoice** – Motion required to approve invoice payment to Neeghan Burnside for payment see motion below.
2. **Approval of Submitted Report** – Motion required to approve the draft submitted report for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment. See motion below

**02.14.04 TD Bank Account Closure** – The old Wahta Mohawks TD Bank account needs all council members to go into bank and sign off for account closure.

### **02.14.05 Economic Development Update**

1. **Billboard Signage** – Notice will be put in the newsletter for first come first serve signage on the Highway. Yearly contracts available.
2. **Land/Building Leases** – Consulting with lawyer for legal lease terms and template contracts.
3. **Development Corporation Meeting** – Ongoing discussion about the Board of Directors and the relationship between council and the Board. Meeting with Cherie Brant to be scheduled for next week.

**02.14.07 – Fire Coverage** – Need to review Fire coverage protocol with District of Muskoka.

Any call to on territory locations are billed back Wahta Mohawks at \$350 per visit including any false alarms.

### **Motions:**

**02.14.03** – Motion to approve payment to Neeghan Burnside for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment funded by INAC.

**02.14.03B** - Approval of Submitted Report – Motion to approve the draft submitted report for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday Feb 20, 2018

## **Council Weekly Meeting Summary – February 20, 2018**

### **In Attendance:**

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

### **Agenda:**

**02.20.01 Ontario Power Generation** – Met with OPG to discuss the bridge construction on Ragged Rapids Rd. and the closure in mid August for twelve weeks. There were some concerns about using the Marsh Rd. for rerouting traffic such as building a temporary bridge for the duration of construction; the extra distance for residents living along that road for travel to reach town and proposed compensation for those persons, although nothing has yet been confirmed. It was also discussed how people living on the off reserve section would be affected as well as general travel and construction vehicle inconvenience. Liability and insurance also need to be addressed for the Marsh Rd as well as the possibility of some upgrades to make it a safe passage for rerouting.

**02.20.02 Cherie Brant** – Cherie Brant attended along with Lance DeCaire. More discussion was held on the leases for the buildings and the inclusions in these leases, how Wahta will be covered in the event of damage, proper usage, environmental issues etc. A template lease has been developed and will be submitted for final approval. More discussions were also held on the Development Corporation and the next steps.

**Next meeting:** Wed February 28, 2018

## **February 2018 Community Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday February 27, 2018

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

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

**Adoption of Minutes of January 30, 2018:** Moved by Councillor Schell Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.

### **Actions Arising from Minutes:**

**Letter to Minister of Finance – Gas Cards** In 2019 the Indian Status card will be used in place of the gasoline exemption card. Council provided a letter with some concerns regarding status cards expiry dates and a possible grace period. Also, the systems for retailers should be updated and costs recovered to collect the tax.

## **New Business:**

- **Bala Falls Blasting** - 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 6:30pm, the bridge will be closed for 20 - 30 minutes each time.
- **Ragged Rapids Bridge** – The bridge at Ragged Rapids Rd will be closed at end of August for a minimum of 6 weeks. Council met with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and discussed concerns such as traffic rerouting, compensation and road safety. Wahta will not bear any responsibility for the road safety, a memorandum of understanding will be prepared to indemnify Wahta of any liability during this time. Permissions have not yet been granted for the use of the road, another meeting is tentatively scheduled for May. House to house consultation visits will commence from OPG representatives
- **Hydro Engagement Sessions** – Chief Franks attended these sessions; different items were discussed such as hydro delivery charges. This fee is waived for First Nation customers, it is paid for by the Province, but budget limitations and provincial elections could change this. Band buildings do not qualify for a waiver of delivery fees at this point.

The First Nation Conservation Plan audits will start in late March/April for on reserve housing, some benefits could include new appliances, energy saving light bulbs etc.

The First Nations Sovereign Wealth Fund is now underway but still requires a Board to implement the overall process including distribution of funds over time.

An improved forestry program is in place to reduce the number of outages, they will switch to a 3-year tree clearing cycle so there is not as much workload.

- **ICG Building Leasing** – Council is working with legal representation to implement lease agreements for the Tea House and other buildings. The Economic Development Feasibility study is complete for the ICG/ Hwy 400. Water testing is the next step to determine infrastructure viability in the various locations.
- **Zoning Commercial Lands** – Economic development areas should be designated as a commercial zoned area that will clearly define the purpose of these lands.
- **Community Centre Lawn Upgrade** – The area around the picnic tables/fire pit at the Administration Building needs to be leveled out as it is a safety issue especially during the fishing derby as people cannot sit comfortably because the land is very uneven.

Motion to approve work on the fire pit area at the Administration building to even out the land due to safety concerns. Moved by Councillor Commandant, seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton

- **Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership (OFNLP)** – This organization distributes the Ontario lottery and gaming revenues that all First Nations receive including Wahta at approx. \$300 000 - 400 000 per year. Rama would like to partner with OFNLP, there is some concern that opening up the agreement is not in the best interest of Wahta or other First Nations. Wahta's OFNLP representative is Linda Commandant, a meeting will be held to discuss this in more detail.



**Fire Agreement** –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 or lease holders should bear the cost. So far this year Wahta has 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. A review of the Fire agreement with the Township of Muskoka Lakes may need to be revised but it is unlikely to result in a lower cost.

#### **Old Business/ Follow-up:**

- **Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services (DBCFS) – Service Protocol Legal Update**
  - Our service protocol was reviewed by Falls law. Some items need to be addressed such as having a worker on site and how that could compromise notification to Wahta band support workers. Some minor adjustments and legal wording are still required, another meeting is planned for April.

#### **February Motion Summary**

- 02.01.01** – Motion to sign the Development Corporation and Wahta Signs Inc. Corporation papers. Carried by consensus
- 02.01.04** – Motion to approve invoice payment to Neeghan Burnside in the amount of \$70 699 for the Hwy. 400 Feasibility Study funded by AEDF Aboriginal Economic Development Fund. Carried by consensus
- 02.14.03** – Motion to approve payment to Neeghan Burnside for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment funded by INAC. Carried by consensus
- 02.14.03B** - Approval of Submitted Report – Motion to approve the draft submitted report for the Comprehensive Community Housing Needs Assessment. Carried by consensus

#### **Questions/Comments:**

April 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be moved to May 1 due to scheduling conflicts. Chief Franks will not be in attendance at the next council meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 27, 2018

**Adjournment**

## Wahta Mohawks Trespass By-Law

On August 30, 2016 Chief and Council announced a motion had been passed to enter into the Community Consultation Plan to create a new trespass by-law.

This by-law serves to protect Certificate of Possession (CP) holders from improper use and occupation of those lands. This by-law will also serve to provide for the continuous and uninterrupted delivery of services from all band owned buildings, while still respecting the right of peaceful protest.

The Aboriginal right to hunt and fish on any CP lands is beyond the scope and purpose of a trespass by-law.

We have undergone several meetings and made the draft by-law available in print and online format since Feb 2017. This will be the final opportunity for comments and suggestions regarding this important step to protect member's rights.

Please email or call us to have your voice heard [info@wahtamohawks.com](mailto:info@wahtamohawks.com)

Consultation Dates	Action Item
Aug 10 2016	Motion Made
Aug 30 2016	Monthly Council Meeting Discussion
October 2016	Newsletter Notification
February 2017	By-Law Drafts uploaded to website for comment
Feb 18 2017	General Meeting – Attorney Presentation
Sept 30, 2017	General Meeting – Attorney Presentation
Feb 2018	Final Draft Developed
April 2018	Final Draft released
May/June 2018	Final Approval tentative

## Legal Overview of the Wahta Mohawks Trespass By-Law

**NOTICE:** Please note that the following is not the Wahta Mohawks Trespass By-Law. The following Q & A below is an explanation of the Wahta Mohawks By-Law to help answer commonly asked questions.

### Origins of Trespass on Indian Lands?

The origins of the law of trespass on Indian lands began with the Royal Proclamation in 1763. The Proclamation forbids the taking or occupying of Indian lands without the

permission of the Crown. Since the Proclamation, the *Indian Act* confirmed that both criminal and civil remedies are available for trespass on Indian lands.

### **What is a Trespass By-Law?**

The simple definition of trespass is to be on land without permission.

A Trespass By-Law confirms Wahta Mohawks authority over its own lands. Any proposed Trespass By-Law does not alter the state of the law of trespass that has existed on Indian lands but solidifies Wahta Mohawks control of the land and offers possible remedies for improper use or occupation of that land.

### **Why do we need a Trespass By-Law**

Section 81 *Indian Act* allows a Band to make By-Laws to control reserve land in accordance with the *Indian Act*. Section 81 is used to confirm Band Council Resolutions (BCR) into law and enforce that law. Without the *Indian Act*, BCRs do not have binding authority and are not enforceable policy.

### **Will this effect Matrimonial Real Property Rights on Reserve?**

The proposed Trespass By-Law does **not** interfere with spouses' rights under the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*.

### **What are the possible applications of a Trespass By-Law?**

Section 81 of the *Indian Act* allows First Nations to pass By-Laws that assist in the management of lands. Trespass By-Laws are often implemented to control lands and conduct on reserve. A Trespass By-Law can be used for the following purposes:

1. Restricting hunting and fishing of non-members;
2. Restricting solicitation by non-members;
3. Restricting Loitering;
4. Restricts camping by non-members;
5. Restricts all-terrain vehicle use on non-designated roads;
6. Restricts dumping in non-designated locations;
7. Restricts disorderly conduct on reserve;
8. Enforcement of Wahta Mohawk By-Laws.

### **How does this change my Certificate of Possession?**

The Trespass By-Law strengthens the Certificate of Possession for members. A member who has a Certificate of Possession can use the Trespass By-Law to remove persons attending on that land without permission. The member with a Certificate of Possession still has all other available remedies under the law.

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**Will the Trespass By-Law interfere with the Wahta Mohawks Wildlife By-Laws (1, 2.77 and 3.77)?**

The Trespass By-Law strengthens the enforcement provisions of the Wildlife By-Laws but does not interfere with the content of Wildlife By-Laws.

**Will the Trespass By-Law interfere with the Wahta Mohawks Citizenship Code?**

The Trespass By-Law strengthens the enforcement provisions of the Citizenship Code but does not interfere with the content of the Citizenship Code.

**How does this affect the rights of leaseholders?**

People who lease property on reserve are protected by their lease. Once the lease has expired, the former leaseholder may be subject to the Trespass By-Law.

**How does this affect our right of protest?**

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protect the right of protest and the Trespass By-Law does not take away that right.

The Trespass By-Law ensures that such rights of protest and assembly will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of reserve land by the entire band.

**Occupiers and Council**

The terms Occupier and Council are used in the Trespass By-Law. An Occupier is a person or Council (on behalf of the First Nation) when they are lawfully occupying a specific location on Reserve.

The term Reserve is used when describing the Wahta Mohawk Territory.

**If I am found to be trespassing am I automatically removed from the Wahta Mohawk Territory?**

No. The Trespass By-Law Authorizes two options:

- (1) Removal from the premises - If someone is trespassing on a premise then they can be found guilty of the offence of trespassing and removed from the premises
- (2) From Wahta Mohawk Territory - If someone (generally a non-member) is carrying out a prohibited purpose, then they can be found guilty of the offence of trespassing and removed from the reserve.



### **Does the Trespass By-Law affect my other rights to remove a trespasser?**

As a member, Certificate of Possession holder, or Occupier you have numerous options in law to enforce your rights. You are not limited by the Trespass By-Law and are not required to use the Trespass By-Law.

For Example, you can still contact the police to have someone removed from your property.

### **Applications and Appeals**

Chief and Council want to ensure fairness under the proposed Trespass By-Law. The Trespass By-Law includes rules that govern due process including an application process and an appeals process. Council must provide decisions regarding any appeal; in writing and anyone alleged to be a trespasser has the right to be represented by legal counsel.

The application process involves two documents. First is the application must be completed that a person would use to initiate the process. Then, by majority vote at a duly convened Council meeting, a notice entitled "Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate" is issued.

### **Amendments**

Chief and Council want to ensure due process and that community consultation is followed for all amendments. Minor and substantive amendment procedures are in place under Part 5 – General Provisions.

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## **WAHTA MOHAWKS FIRST NATION TRESPASS BY-LAW NO. 1.18**

**WHEREAS** the Reserve is the home of Wahta Mohawk First Nation and has been set aside for the First Nation's use and benefit;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of Wahta Mohawk First Nation has deemed it expedient and necessary for the benefit, comfort and safety of its members to provide for the removal and sanction of persons trespassing on the Reserve;

**AND WHEREAS** subsections 81(1)(d), (q), (r), and (p.1) of the *Indian Act* empowers the Council of a First Nation to make by-laws governing the residence of citizens of a First Nation and other persons on reserve;

**AND WHEREAS** subsections 81(1)(p), (q) and (r) of the *Indian Act* also empowers the Council of a First Nation to make by-laws governing the removal and sanction of persons trespassing on reserve;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to section 30 of the *Indian Act*, anyone who trespasses on the Reserve is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine or imprisonment, or both;

**AND WHEREAS** section 81 of the *Indian Act* makes violation of a by-law punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Wahta Mohawks First Nation Council and enacted pursuant to section 81(1) of the *Indian Act* the following Trespass By-Law:

## **PART 1 - INTRODUCTORY MATTERS**

### ***Short Title***

1. This By-Law may be cited as the *Trespass By-Law*.

### ***Interpretation***

2. In this By-Law:
  - a. “*Indian Act*” means the *Indian Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. I-5, or as amended;
  - b. “*Applicant*” means an Occupier who has made an Application under Part 3 of this By-Law;
  - c. “*Application*” this is an Application that a person would use to initiate the procedure and request Council to issue a “*Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate*”
  - d. “*Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate*” via an application by an Occupier, Council may, by majority vote at a duly convened Council meeting, issue a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate.
  - e. “*Band*” means Wahta Mohawk First Nation, as represented by its duly elected Chief and Council;
  - f. “*Certificate of Possession*” means a certificate issued pursuant to section 20 of the *Indian Act*;
  - g. “*Council*” means the Chief and Council of the Wahta Mohawk First Nation as defined in the *Indian Act*;
  - h. “*Occupier*” includes:

- i. the Council in its capacity of managing Wahta Mohawk First Nation Territory or Premises therein for the Wahta Mohawk First Nation;
  - ii. a person who is in lawful possession of Premises pursuant to a Certificate of Possession, lease, permit or other allotment by Council;
  - iii. a person who is in lawful possession of Premises and/or lands pursuant to the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act* or a valid court order under that Act; or
  - iv. a person who has the responsibility for and control over the condition of Premises, or the activities carried on there, or control over persons allowed to enter the Premises;
- i. "OPP" means the Ontario Provincial Police;
  - j. "Premises" means a residential, commercial, industrial or administrative building, improvement, structure, trailer or any other property or land that is situated on Reserve and acknowledged to be for the Occupier's use;
  - k. "Reserve" means the Reserve of the Wahta Mohawk First Nation
  - l. "Respondent" means a person against whom an Application has been made under Part 3 of this By-Law;
  - m. "Trespassing" means any act that constitutes trespass under the common law, including the following:
    - i. entering or remaining on Premises without lawful authority or without permission of the Occupier;
    - ii. entering or remaining on Wahta Mohawk First Nation Reserve (Territory) without lawful authority or without permission of the Occupier; or
    - iii. engaging in an activity on Wahta Mohawk First Nation Reserve (Territory) or on Premises after the Occupier has provided notice that the activity is prohibited.

### ***Designation of Areas***

- 3. Council may, at a duly convened Council meeting, pass a Band Council Resolution designating locations on Wahta Mohawk First Nation Reserve:
  - a. That are open or restricted to the public; and



- b. On which the carrying on of specified activities is permitted or prohibited.
- 4. Band Council Resolutions made pursuant to section 3 shall be publicly posted.

## **PART 2 - TRESPASS**

### ***Prohibited Purposes***

- 5. Subject to section 5, a person who is found on Wahta Mohawk First Nation Reserve:
  - a. Hunting, fishing or trapping;
  - b. Hawking or peddling wares or merchandise;
  - c. Loitering;
  - d. Camping, except in areas of Wahta Mohawks First Nation designated for such a purpose by Council pursuant to section 3;
  - e. Operating an all-terrain vehicle, non-motorized vehicle or other vehicle on roads and trails that are not open to the public, except in areas of Wahta Mohawks First Nation designated for such a purpose by Council pursuant to section 3;
  - f. Dumping refuse;
  - g. Soliciting financial assistance;
  - h. Interfering in any manner with the orderly conduct of commercial, administrative, educational, recreational, or health care activities on Reserve; or
  - i. Conducting any other activity that is prohibited by law or a Wahta Mohawks First Nation By-Law or Band Council Resolution;

is deemed to be frequenting Wahta Mohawk First Nation Reserve (Territory) for a prohibited purpose and is guilty of the offence of Trespassing under this By-Law.

- 6. Section 5 does not apply to:
  - a. A person who is a registered Wahta Mohawks First Nation Band member, or a lawful Occupier of Wahta Mohawks First Nation Reserve, and is carrying out the activity with lawful authority.



- b. A person who is authorized by Council or who otherwise has lawful authority to carry out the activity.

### ***Trespass of Premises***

- 7. Everyone who does not act under a right or authority conferred by law and who, without the express permission of the Occupier or Council, whichever is applicable,
  - a. Enters a Premises when such entry is prohibited by notice;
  - b. Engages in an activity on a Premises when the activity is prohibited by notice; or
  - c. Does not leave a Premises immediately after he or she is directed to do so by the Occupier of a Premises or a person authorized by the Occupier to provide such direction;

is guilty of the offence of Trespassing under this By-Law.

- 8. Entry to a Premises may be prohibited by notice to that effect or by enclosure or fencing in a manner that indicates the Occupier's intention to keep persons out of the Premises.

## **PART 3 - ENFORCEMENT**

### ***Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate***

- 9. Upon application by an Occupier, Council may, by majority vote at a duly convened Council meeting, issue a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate against any Respondent who has committed the offence of Trespassing under Part 2 of this By-Law.
- 10. Council may consider applications for a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate made on Council's own initiative.
- 11. In applying for a Notice of Trespass under this By-Law, an Applicant shall:
  - a. Make any application under this part in writing, and shall set out the name(s) of the Respondent(s) and the grounds for the Notice of Trespass; and
  - b. Serve a copy of the application on the Respondent by:
    - i. Leaving a copy of the application with the Respondent personally;
    - ii. Delivering a copy of the application to the last known address of the Respondent; or

- iii. Making the application available at the Council Office, or as otherwise designated by Council, to the Respondent if the address of the Respondent is unknown.

12. A Respondent shall:

- a. Respond to the application in writing within 48 hours; and
- b. Provide a copy of any response to Council and to the Applicant.

13. Council shall make a determination of an application made under this part upon the expiry of the response period described in section 13(a) above, or as soon as possible thereafter.

14. Council shall serve any issued Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate on the Respondent by:

- i. Leaving a copy of the application with the Respondent personally;
- ii. Delivering a copy of the application to the last known address of the Respondent; or
- iii. Making the Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate available at the Council Office, or as otherwise designated by Council, to the Respondent if the address of the Respondent is unknown.

### ***Appeal***

15. A Respondent may appeal a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate within 30 days.

16. Appeals made under this Part shall be heard by Chief and Council at a special Council meeting convened for that purpose.

17. The Applicant and the Respondent may be represented by counsel at any appeal hearing.

18. A Respondent shall:

- a. Make any appeal under this part in writing, and shall set out the grounds of the appeal; and
- b. Serve a copy of the appeal on the Applicant and Council personally.

19. Council's decisions on an appeal under this part shall be made in writing and provided to all parties.

***Removal***

20. A copy of any Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate shall be provided to the OPP or any other police agency with jurisdiction within the Reserve.
21. OPP officers and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate issued pursuant to this By-Law, and to use such reasonable measures as may be necessary to enforce a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate.

***Failure to Abide by Order***

22. A person who fails or refuses to comply with a Notice of Trespass and Order to Vacate issued under this Part commits an offence under this By-Law.

## **PART 4 - PENALTIES**

23. A person who commits an offence under this By-Law is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, or to both.
24. In addition to all other penalties provided herein, any person causing damage or loss to any Wahta Mohawk First Nation Band property will be responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing such damage or loss.

## **PART 5 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

***Forms***

25. Council may, by Band Council Resolution, establish, correct, revise or update any applicable schedules, forms, protocols or other related documentation that complement and support this By-Law, and will post notice of any changes in a public area of the Wahta Mohawk First Nation Administration Building.

***Amendments***

26. Council may make amendments to this law that do not change the substance of this law by Band Council Resolution made at a duly convened meeting of council. Such revisions include, but are not limited to:
- a. Corrections to clerical, grammatical, or typographical errors;

- b. Minor improvements to the language of this By-Law that bring out more clearly the intent of Wahta Mohawk First Nation without changing the substance of any provision;
  - c. Changes as may be required to reconcile seemingly inconsistent provisions;
  - d. Amendments to reference any new or amended Wahta Mohawk First Nation laws that are relevant to this By-Law; and
  - e. Amendments ordered by any court of competent jurisdiction.
27. Council may make substantive amendments to this law as long as the following steps have been followed:
- a. Council approves the proposed amendment in principle at a duly convened meeting of Council;
  - b. Council makes the wording of the proposed amendment available for members to review;
  - c. Council consults with members about the proposed amendments by holding a minimum of two community meetings over a period of at least three months;
  - d. Council finalizes the wording of the proposed amendment in response to the consultation with members and the proposed amendment receives at least one reading in a duly convened meeting of council; and
  - e. Council adopts the amendments by Band Council Resolution made at a duly convened meeting of Council.
28. An amendment to this law comes into force upon passage of the Band Council Resolution adopting the amendment in accordance with section 26 in the case of a minor amendment and section 27 in the case of a substantive amendment.

### ***Severability***

29. If any section or subsection of this By-Law is for any reason deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid section or subsection will be severed from and not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this By-Law.



***Coming Into Force***

30. This By-Law comes into on \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS BY-LAW IS HEREBY made and approved at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Wahta Mohawks First Nation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.**

Voting in favour of the By-Law are the following members of Council:

Chief _____	Councillor _____
Councillor _____	Councillor _____
Councillor _____	

Being the majority of those members of Council of the Wahta Mohawks First Nation present at the aforesaid meeting of the Council.

The quorum of the Council is \_\_\_\_\_ members.

Number of Council present at the meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

## Congratulations Kara Wanoth



Kara Graduated from FNTI, Social Services worker in April 2018.

# Next Meeting May 5th at the Cultural Centre

To: Wahtaro:non

The Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa (Wahta Good Minds People), formerly the Peacemaking group are meeting Saturday May 5th at the Cultural Centre from 10 am until 4 pm. During this past year this group has met four times and had as many as 17 community members participate in our gatherings. In addition to learning about our Rotinonhshon:ni history and governance our group has agreed to the principles and the process that guide our communication.. Using these we have been able to conduct our gatherings without conflict despite, at times, expressing opposing opinions. In addition, we have been able to reach agreement by consensus. Recently we have begun discussing topics that have emerged from the numerous group gatherings of community members that were conducted during the previous year. Some of these include how community members have felt about being included or excluded from community as well as how people have felt disrespected or treated unequally. As a group we have begun to develop ideas that we can share with Chief and Council that could help to address these concerns and therefore improve our relationships. We have invited Chief and Council to join our gatherings so they can participate directly in our discussions. To date we have had the Chief and two counsellors join our gatherings. Of these one counsellor has committed fully to this work and has attended all of our gatherings.

We hope to see you at this gathering as all residents of Wahta are welcome to join our gatherings and to fully participate. Anyone who is interested in fully committing to this work are also invited to do so as others of our group have previously done.

We look forward to seeing you on May 5th at the Cultural Centre.

Wahtahro:non Ka'nikonhri:io Kentiohkwa

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## Important changes to Status Registration Program

New forms have been introduced by Indian Affairs for registering for Indian status beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Rather than having a separate application for each area (Bill C-31, Bill C-3 or Bill S-3 etc.) Indian Affairs has stream lined the application process and have tried to make it culturally sensitive and person centred.

The new application also has the option for applying for a secure certificate of Indian status (SCIS) at the same time.

Please ensure you send your original long form birth certificates as copies are not accepted. They will be returned to you.

Applications are available at the administration office or online at the Indian Affairs website.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



DBCFS was founded by the Regional Committee to develop an Indigenous service model for the delivery of child and family services for our First Nations.

## **Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions**

Our Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions workers provide support services to children, youth and their families experiencing mental health and addictions difficulties. If you are struggling with mental health and/or addictions, our workers offer confidential one-on-one, group or family support meetings.

Providing a safe and welcoming environment, our workers will answer any questions you have about the programs and services available to you, make referrals to other resources when needed, and maintain strict confidentiality regarding all clients, conversations and client referrals.

Another way we can assist individuals and families who are struggling with mental health and addictions is through referrals to treatment services in your area. Our workers collaborate with local community agencies to provide culturally appropriate treatment services. Assisting individuals and families to identify their need for intensive treatment programs, our workers liaise with treatment programs, assist clients to ensure all requirements are met, access funding for treatment services as required and ensure that supports are in place once treatment is completed.

Apart from this, our workers also have a focus on community education by coordinating workshops on addiction and mental health awareness. They develop and promote traditional activities and healing programs and participate in children and youth programs such as traditional programs and sports and recreation. Watch our calendar for events and workshops offered in your location.

## **Family Support Services**

Our Family Support Services workers are responsible for providing support to individuals and families seeking or referred to DBCFS Services, post-intake.

Once DBCFS has begun working with a family, our worker can provide supportive counselling, training, transportation, etc. on an individual or group basis. Our worker helps to create a service plan for the family, monitors client progress in comparison to the service plan and recommends plan changes when appropriate.

Family Support works with individuals and families by providing services independently. Apart from this, we also facilitate access to assessment and treatment services, and any other services required.

## **Native Youth Justice Services**

Our Native Youth Justice program services First Nation/Indigenous youth between the ages of 12 – 17 who are in conflict with the law. We provide culturally based supports and healing approaches for our clients, and assist with any rehabilitation and reintegration needs on an individualized basis.

### **Types of Services**

- Introduction and access to ceremonial and cultural activities and events
- Guidance and teachings with Elders and/or traditional people
- Support, advocacy, resources and transportation assistance as needed to mainstream services
- Health and wellness supports

### **Guidelines for Youth**

- Must be First Nation/Indigenous
- Must be between the ages of 12-17 at the time of offence
- Must have been found guilty and are on probation, conditional supervision, community supervision or custody/detention and preparing for discharge

### **How to Access**

Our supports and services are culturally based to address the mental, spiritual, physical and emotional needs of Native youth living either on or off reserve. If you are a First Nation/Indigenous youth and you would like to access our services please let your probation officer know.

**The Probation Officer and/or the facility where the youth is currently living are responsible for contacting this office.**

## **Youth In Transition**

Our Youth in Transition program assists youth who are leaving the child welfare system and transitioning to adulthood. Our workers help connect these young adults to educational, employment, housing, life skills, mental health and other supports within their communities and give them support as they navigate the transition from being a child in care to adulthood.

Helping these youth develop and achieve the goals they set for themselves, our workers connect youth with responsible, caring adults and help them build a relationship with them.

This program is offered to all eight of our First Nation communities.



# GLEN ORCHARD STUDENT NEWS

## EARTH DAY

By: Ava DeCaire and Sierra Sahanatien

**Earth Day** is an international event celebrated on **April 22**. Earth Day is about the Earth, you can help the Earth by shutting the lights off for an hour, cleaning up around your house, anything to help the Earth! This year's theme is about **ending plastic pollution**. By 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean and lakes than there are fish. We can stop that by using reusable water bottles, recycling, reducing plastic usage, and cleaning up plastic you see around your house and neighbourhood.

Glen Orchard Public School is having a **Spaghetti Dinner and Auction**. Tickets can be purchased at school office all proceeds go toward the **grade 7/8 exchange**. They are looking for donations for the auction, donations can be dropped off at the school. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Please contact the school for more information** on the dates (705-765-3144). Thank you.



**\*\* POSTPONED \*\***

Due to the unexpected change in the weather we have had to postpone the Community Clean up day until **Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Breakfast will be at the Administration Building and will be available from 8:00am until 11:00am.

Garbage and recycle bags will be provided along with gloves.

# Library Update

Hello everybody! The library will now normally be staffed Monday to Wednesday from 8:00 to 4:30, however books and computers are still available Monday to Thursday from 8:00 to 4:30 and Fridays from 8:00 to 2:00.

Kobo E-readers and MP3 players are now available to borrow to use with OverDrive (e-book and audiobook database). OverDrive can also be used on your own phones, tablets, e-readers, or MP3 players, however you must contact the library to get a Patron ID number, and any instructions you may need.

Programs will also be starting in May depending on interest, so please contact the library if you plan on attending any of the programs listed below. The plan is to hold the pre-school program bi-weekly on Mondays, and the Senior programs bi-weekly on Tuesdays. The Book Club will meet once a month with the location and date to be determined. Snacks will be available at all programs.

## **Toddler Mondays: Story Time and Activities**

Pre-school aged children will have the opportunity to listen to a Storytime, explore the library and participate in a variety of activities and crafts.

## **Senior Technology Club**

Seniors or anyone who needs a little extra help with technology will have the opportunity to learn and practice using a variety of technology that the library has to offer. This may include using email, tablets, e-readers, computer programs, internet browsing and more.

## **Senior Library Crafts Club**

Seniors will have the opportunity to get together, socialize with peers, and participate in some simple craft making.

## **Book Club**

Adults will have the opportunity to be a part of a reading group that will meet monthly to socialize and talk about the book of the month.

**Please visit or contact the email above if you have any research or reference needs, and I will do my best to help find answers!**

## **Contact Information**

Samantha Walker

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00-4:30

Email: [samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca)

Phone: (705) 762-2354 ext. 225

## Health Services

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Bus starts pick up at 9am Community Shopping (Midland)

**Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 10-11am** Main Hall - Administration Building

**Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 10-11am** Main Hall - Administration Building

**Swing into Spring!!** Come and try movement therapy mixed with the ambiance of the 1940's dance halls! Featuring music from Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, and Louis Armstrong. Fun and Easy movement sequences, dances and games inspired by the Swing Era – NO partner and No experience necessary!! You can come to one or both sessions...you can come in June it is not mandatory that you go in May or Vice-Versa!! Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12** Round Room - Administration Building **Diamond Dotz** Contact(705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Butterfly created by Darlene**



## **Tuesday, May 15 10:30-12 Round Room - Administration Building - Mindset Mastery**

to help the participants enhance or create a deeper relationship with their self. There will be some weekly tasks to complete that range from affirmations, journal entries, meditations and being more aware of your daily dialogue and self-talk. This program will help them with self love and their connection to mind, body and spirit. (3 part series Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>) Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30 -1 Lunch with Brad** from B'SAANIBAMAADSIWIN. Over a healthy lunch the group will be given the opportunity to discuss day to day frustrations and develop new ways for problem solving. Please keep in mind this program is group driven...so what you'd like to focus on can be focussed on! Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9-1 Main Hall Administration Building safeTALK** is a half-day alertness training that prepares anyone 15 or older, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST.

Since its development in 2006, safeTALK has been used in over 20 countries around the world, and more than 200 selectable video vignettes have been produced to tailor the program's audio-visual component for diverse audiences. safeTALK-trained helpers are an important part of suicide-safer communities, working alongside intervention resources to identify and avert suicide risks. ) Contact ASAP (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

## **Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Main Hall Administration Building**

**Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)** is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model.

Since its development in 1983, ASIST has received regular updates to reflect improvements in knowledge and practice, and over 1,000,000 people have taken the workshop. Studies show that the ASIST method helps reduce suicidal feelings in those at risk and is a cost-effective way to help address the problem of suicide. Contact ASAP (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**\*Please note in order to attend this workshop you must have attended the SafeTalk (either in May here or before)\***

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-12** **Mindset Mastery**

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-1** **Chair Exercise** Round Room, Administration Building Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1-2:30** **Community Kitchen** Kitchen, Administration Building Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 10-1** **Natural Remedies Workshop** Round Room, Administration Building Learn to make a few different self care products and be given the recipe that then you can continue to make on your own. Allowing you to save money and make things to your own preferences!! Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

**Monday, May 28 10-12** **Colouring** Round Room, Administration Building

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12** **Mindset Mastery** (see above for more information)

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 9-3** **B'SAANIBAMAADSIWIN - 19th ANNUAL ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS GATHERING**

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Wasauksing First Nation Pow-Wow Grounds

Contact Christine or Sherry to hold a space on the bus. **Bus will leave the administration at 9am and return approximately by 2:30pm**

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**BINGO**

**May 28th**

**6pm at the Cultural Centre**

**See you all there**

**Prizes**

**Prizes**



# 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**



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## Old Time Memories

If you have any old photos you want to publish in Newsletter send to [info@wahtamohawks.com](mailto:info@wahtamohawks.com)



## Landfill Site Hours

Wednesday 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

### Landfill Study

We are doing a count of bags and other material that we accept at the landfill. We are counting Bags of Trash, Container Recycling, Fibre Recycling, White Goods, Wood and Metal. We are not writing down names, just the total we accept each day the landfill is open. We are preparing for a study to determine the life of the landfill and look at options when it comes to disposal. If you want more information, please contact Matthew Commandant at 705-762-2354 EXT 275.



*The two-stream program is simple and easy.* Make sure you separate products into the two categories and place them in clear bags. Please clean containers before recycling. Below is a list of what is acceptable.

**Paper Products** Newspaper and Junk Mail, Magazines, Catalogues, and Telephone Books, Shredded Paper, Boxboard and Mixed Paper, Poly-coat Beverage Cartons and Tetra-Paks, Corrugated Cardboard. Textiles

**Containers** Plastic Clamshells, Trays and Cups, Aluminum Foil, Plastic Tubs and Lids, Food and Beverage Cans, Plastic Jugs, Empty Aerosol and Paint Cans, Glass Bottles and Jars, Plastic Film

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## Fish and Wildlife Update

Dear Wahta Members,

I am looking for property owners who would like to participate in a camera trap population study of wildlife within the Wahta territory. I would like to place at least one trail camera per 100 acre plot. I would like to begin placing trail cameras in May and would be returning to these camera traps periodically to retrieve data and replace batteries. The study will be conducted until early fall 2018. I am also looking for property owners that are willing to provide access through their properties to the large tracts of uninhabited land to further conduct trail camera surveys.

If you would like to aid this study by participating please contact me through email, phone or in person at the administration building.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter,

William Manary

Fish and Wildlife Technician

By-law Coordinator

705-762-2354 ext 228



Indigenous Services  
Canada

Services aux  
Autochtones Canada

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Friday**

**08:30 – 4:30**

## STAFF:

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## 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

# Parry Sound Health Centre First Nations & Inuit Health Branch MAY 2018

## New Service:

## HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

PSHC is now a site where clients can drop off their used drug injection supplies for safe disposal, receive new clean supplies, receive overdose training and prevention kits (Naloxone), receive educational materials and resources on harm reduction, and gain access to health and social services in a confidential, non-judgmental environment.

## Harm Reduction Model

Utilizes strategies and interventions based on public health and human rights aimed at the reduction of negative consequences of drug use, including transmissions of infection, mortality and others. This includes HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, STI's, overdoses and other negative consequences of drug use.

## SERVICES

- Sterile and single use drug use supplies (10 packs)
- Needle distribution
- Safer Inhalation kits
- Naloxone kits and training
- Sharps containers
- Condoms
- Resources about safer drug use practices
- Education and referral to other health services and treatment.
- Immunization

Harm  
Reduction  
Saves  
Lives







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## ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES

FOR ASPIRING AND EXISTING INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS

### *Marketing Your Business*

Monday, May 14 - 10am to 3pm  
Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre,  
Little Current

Tuesday, May 15 - 10am to 3pm  
Clarion Hotel, Sudbury

### *Financial Management For Your Business*

Monday, June 18 - 10am to 3pm  
Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie

Tuesday, June 19 - 10am to 3pm  
Clarion Hotel, Sudbury

### *Building a Competitive Edge For Your Business*

Thursday, September 13 - 10am to 3pm  
Canadore College, North Bay

Friday, September 14 from 10am to 3pm  
Clarion Hotel, Sudbury

### *How to Identify Business Opportunities*

Thursday, October 11 - 10am to 3pm  
Canadore College Campus, Parry Sound

Friday, October 12 - 10am to 3pm  
Clarion Hotel, Sudbury



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**FREE TO ATTEND. REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.WAUBETEK.COM](http://WWW.WAUBETEK.COM)**  
Send completed forms to: Irene Altman, Email: [ialtman@waubetek.com](mailto:ialtman@waubetek.com) Fax: (705)285-4584

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# ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP SERIES

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please select the workshops  
you would like to attend:

### Marketing Your Business

☐ May 14 **Manitoulin Hotel**  
*Little Current*

☐ May 15 **Clarion Hotel**  
*Sudbury*

### Financial Management for Your Business

☐ June 18 **Algoma University**  
*Sault Ste. Marie*

☐ June 19 **Clarion Hotel**  
*Sudbury*

### Building a Competitive Edge for Your Business

☐ Sept. 13 **Canadore College**  
*North Bay*

☐ Sept. 14 **Clarion Hotel**  
*Sudbury*

### How to Identify Business Opportunities

☐ Oct. 11 **Canadore College Campus**  
*Parry Sound*

☐ Oct. 12 **Clarion Hotel**  
*Sudbury*

### Registration Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation/Metis Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own a business? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what is the name of your business?

\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been in business? \_\_\_\_ Years, \_\_\_\_ Months

What sector? \_\_\_\_\_

How many employees do you have?

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Time

\_\_\_\_\_ Part Time

\_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal

If no, when do you plan to start your business?

\_\_\_\_\_

For the lunches provided, do you have any dietary restrictions?

\_\_\_\_\_

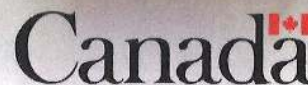
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# Free Parent Event



## Raising Resilient Children



The TLDSB District School Council - Parent Involvement Committee is pleased to offer a free evening with Dr. Alex Russell, a clinical psychologist who will speak about the importance of raising resilient children. Learn strategies to ensure your children are emotionally prepared to cope with life's challenges.

**May 23, 2018 at IE Weldon Secondary School**

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 24 Weldon Road, R.R #6, Lindsay, Ontario

**May 24, 2018 at the Muskoka Education Centre**

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 1271 Cedar Lane, Bracebridge, Ontario

Register today at <http://bit.ly/tldsbevent>

Dr. Alex Russell is a clinical psychologist who lives and works in Toronto.

He provides assessments and psychotherapy to children and adults, in addition to consulting with schools, teachers, and psychologists.

He is intimately familiar with the culture of the school system, and the relationship that parents, teachers, and counsellors share with regard to the children we are raising.



with Dr. Alex Russell

Dr. Alex Russell offers a fresh perspective on raising children that is reassuringly familiar and strikingly sensible.

The heart of his message is that children learn through the experience of non-catastrophic, painful failure, and it is through the process of these failures that they mature into resilient, resourceful, and emotionally balanced individuals.



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## **B'SAANIBAMAADSIWIN ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

# **19th ANNUAL ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS GATHERING**

**DATE:** Wednesday May 30th, 2018  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Wasauksing First Nation  
Pow-Wow Grounds

### **Morning Ceremony at 7am**

(Rain Location: Wasauksing First Nation Gymnasium)

**\* Light Lunch available. Food and craft vendors on site\***

**Theme:**  
**AKIIKWE**  
(Healing from the Land)

### **What to Expect?**

Information Booths, Free Literature, Wholistic Health Practitioners (Massage/Reiki, etc.), Local Drums, Medicine Walks, Wellness Products and Demonstrations.

**Come On Out and Talk to Your Community Helpers!**

**Questions? Call B'saanibamaadsiwin at (705) 746-2512**



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##### 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](mailto:susan.siwik@canada.ca)

[lindsey.adams@canada.ca](mailto:lindsey.adams@canada.ca)

[nancy.tabobandung@canada.ca](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Home visits, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).



Children at work



After school program

# 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](mailto:sdiamond@brawc.com) or my co-worker Bridget Foley at [bfoley.brawc.com](mailto: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.

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## 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.

# 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 May 6th 11am,

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](mailto: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](http://www.wahtamohawks.com/member-registration)**

**Email us at [info@wahtamohawks.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## Chief and Council

Chief Philip Franks	philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-528-9468
Councilor Blaine Commandant	blaine.commandant@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-394-8699
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Councilor Lorie Strength-Fenton	lorie.fenton-strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-774-2796
Councilor Lawrence Schell	lawrence.schell@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-644-3001

## Administration

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Kara Wanoth-Mee	Community Wellness Worker	EXT. 227

***Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns***

*Administration Office Hours:*

*Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am—4:30 pm*

*Fridays 8:00 am—2:00 pm*



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