

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



Onerahtohko:wa- The time of Big Leaf

June 2018



This issue....

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

Moose Meat

Free Moose Meat Available
Cut and wrapped
Please contact administration
office
705-762-2354

Looking for Land

"Looking for land to purchase for a small art gallery and home. Access off road 38 a must, and access to water would be ideal. Please call Tyler at 519-589-4790."

St. Jacobs Trip

Senior's/Adult's outing to St. Jacobs on
Tuesday, July 10th, leaving the
Administration Building at 7am returning
around 7pm. Please call Christine (ext. 273)
or Sherry (ext.250) to sign up or for more
information.

Sewing club



With Yvette Michelle
from crafted spaces

June 11, 18

July 9, 16

Aug 13, 20

From

5:30-8:30

At the Cultural centre
(basement)

Snacks will be provided
Contact Amy at 705-762-
2354 ext.240

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Community Shopping 9am	6	7	8	9
10	11 Diamond Dotz 10am	12 Sign Painting 4:30pm	13 Swing into Sprng 10am ASIST 8am	14 ASIST 8am	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Aboriginal Day Celebration	22	23
24	25 Colouring 10am	26 Bingo 6pm CC	27 Chair Exercise 10am Community Kitchen 1:00pm	28	29	30

Wahta Council Update for June

With the arrival of summer weather, so too does the summer traffic on Muskoka Road 38 arrive. As mentioned, community concerns about high speeds in the area were dealt with by Council through meetings with the District of Muskoka on how to calm the traffic. Recently a radar speed sign was put up temporarily. Council's plan has been to purchase two of these signs and have them established permanently in the community. This was enforcement should stand to inform traffic that this is a community and safety should be considered while passing through.

Council has been meeting to finalize two policies, education and housing. The education policy is work is mostly amendments to the current one. The task is to try meet the post secondary needs of our members with the limited budget set forth by Indigenous Services Canada. Regarding housing, an extensive policy is near completion. The development of this policy is directly tied to Wahta's inclusion in the First Nation Market Housing Fund. This program will allow for easier and less expensive access to members acquiring a mortgage to build a home, or to purchase an existing home (this was not available in the past).

A trespass bylaw is down to its final adjustments and should be complete soon. This will ensure home and land owners, and the membership collectively have a tool to be use when someone is informed they are trespassing and continue to occupy a dwelling or lands. There have been occasions lately where this has become a problem.

Work continues on a hunting and fishing bylaw. This is an extension and improvement on our existing bylaw that specifies non members must have Council permission to hunt or fish on the territory, and under what terms that will occur. Both bylaws should be in place this summer.

The development of a new membership code will help define who we are and where we want to be in the future as Wahta Mohawks. There will be some more interviews with individuals coming up and then the writing of a code can begin. All of the information on this code or the mentioned by laws is available on our website, or by asking the administration, information can be sent to you on paper.

June and July are annual general assembly months for our political organizations. Council will travel to Oneida mid-June to the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians assembly. Issues will be discussed and priorities for the coming year will be developed. At then end of the month the Chiefs of Ontario assembly will take place. I am unable to attend this one and Councillor Commandant will carry the voting proxy. The third one is the Assembly of First Nations in July, it will be decided soon if all council is attending.

Also on June 14 the Ontario First Nations Limited Partners (OFNLP) will meet in Toronto. The annual meeting is a report to communities on the state of affairs regarding Ontario First Nations distribution of gaming revenue from the province through the Ontario Lottery and Gaming commission.

Finally I would like to say Nia:wen to Kara Wanoth and Colleen Mendes for the work they have done for our community in the past. Kara is off to continue here educational pursuits, and Colleen is taking a position with the new Child and Family Services agency for our community. Krystal Berwick had previously moved on as well so again thanks to her. In economic development, Lance Decaire has left the organization and to him Nia:wen as well, and all the best.

As usual please call in if you have any questions, Chief Philip Franks

2018 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary– Wed February 28, 2018

In Attendance:

☑Philip Franks ☑Lawrence Schell ☑Blaine Commandant ☑Teresa Greasley ☑Lorie Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

02.28.01 Finalize Leases – Look over leases from lawyer, some changes still required. Contact lawyer for changes to finalize draft lease.

02.28.02 Zoning By-law BCR - Economic development areas should be designated as a commercial zoned area that will clearly define the purpose of these lands. A draft BCR has been provided, some minor changes need to be discussed and approved.

02.28.03 Land Surveys completed – The following surveys approved through INAC funds in 2016 have been completed. This includes the ICG/Hwy 400 area for commercial development. Also Lots 12-16 to 12-25 Con 6 and 13-1-1 to 13-1-22 Con 7 identified as potential residential development.

02.28.05 Fire Agreement – 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 we have been charged \$700 for false alarms. A review of the Fire agreement with the District may need to be revised but it is unlikely to result in a lower cost

02.28.05 Invoice for T.A. Bunker Surveying – Invoice payment approval required to survey expense outlined in agenda item 02.28.03. See motion below

02.28.06 MFP Building – Decision to file insurance claim or install HVAC system – The HVAC system at the MFP building is no longer functioning and rental income is not feasible until this is fixed. It was decided that filing an insurance claim will result in high premiums. Three quotes will be obtained for a new installation.

02.28.07 Hydro One Response – Council and legal team has not heard back from Hydro regarding the 2013 Addendum negotiations. Some inquiries will be made to find out why we have not heard from them and what their current position is.

Motions:

02.28.05 Invoice for T.A. Bunker Surveying – Motion to pay \$31 000 survey invoice for residential and commercial lots surveyed funded through INAC. Carried by consensus.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 6, 2018

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Tuesday March 6, 2018

In Attendance:

☒Philip Franks ☒Lawrence Schell ☒Blaine Commandant ☒Teresa Greasley ☒Lorie Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

03.06.01 Trespass By-Law – The draft by-law is on the website for comment. Some final questions on future amendments will be sent to Falls Law, will be ready for official posting.

03.06.02 Citizenship / Iroquois Caucus Meeting – Update on the upcoming Citizenship meeting and the survey along with video content. Iroquois Caucus is hosting a Citizenship Summit in April to discuss the new Bill S3.

03.06.03 Development Corporation Update – Council would like to meet with Neeghan Burnside to discuss the Highway Feasibility study. More discussion on the corporation by-laws and how funds will be distributed back to Wahta as well as how the Board will carry out their duties.

03.06.04 Hydro One Update – The senior Administrator is looking at the dates of correspondence with Hydro regarding the 2013 Hydro Addendum negotiations. They are not responding in a timely manner, it was felt that another meeting should be scheduled.

03.06.05 Draft Letter to Minister Zimmer and Des Rosiers – A draft letter will be sent to both parties to meet and better understand the relationship between Ministry of Natural Resources and Wahta including the traditional territory.

Next meeting: Wed March 14, 2018

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed March 14, 2018

In Attendance:

☒Philip Franks ☒Lawrence Schell ☒Blaine Commandant ☒Teresa Greasley ☒Lorie Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

03.14.01 Monthly Financial Review - Discussed staff budgeting and how that should change to reflect more accurate spending of program funds over the fiscal year. Reviewed monthly financial update.

03.14.02 INAC Funding Agreement for 2018-19 – INAC funding band support agreement requires signature. This is the same amount in the last fiscal year of 2016/17 of 1.345 million, includes Ontario Works, band support, capital funding etc.

03.14.03 Hydro One – The last response we had from Hydro regarding the 2013 Addendum agreement was June 2017. The Senior Administrator will meet with them again to discuss further options and if negotiation is still a possibility at this point.

03.14.04 Water Treatment Projects – Tech services is now assisting the band with the engineering results from S. Burnett. There is discussion on a proposed meeting with INAC along with Tech services to go over the funding model and how operation and maintenance costs can be covered through INAC. More sources of water still need to be identified.

03.14.05 Neegan Burnside Proposal for Admin Building Roof – An engineering assessment for the Administration building roof is required. Some quotes have come in 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. See motion below

03.14.06 Rob Ferreira Fund Raising Concert – A fundraising concert is being held at the Kee to Bala to support the Gord Downey Foundation supporting residential school survivors. It was requested to use the Wahta logo for their promotional material. It was felt more information was needed, if other First Nations in that area are involved and if this is an approved representative of the charity.

03.14.07 Vehicle Purchase Request for Home and Community Care – There are Health funds available and accessible to purchase a new vehicle. The Jeep and Traverse mileage is very high, three quotes have been obtained. See motion below.

03.14.08 Monument Work – Signature Memorials has contacted Wahta to request continuation of work on the monument. A meeting will be held in the Spring to go over the options for restoration.

03.14.09 Ontario Power Generation Signage Approval – More meetings are required to finalize the memorandum of understanding between Wahta and OPG for construction of bridge, traffic rerouting and road improvements before construction signage is approved.

03.14.10 New Wahta Mohawk Trust Member – Lorie Strength-Fenton has agreed to be the newest council representative on the Wahta Mohawks Trust. See motion below.

03.14.11 – Salary Schedule – See motion below

Motions:

03.14.05 Neegan Burnside Proposal for Admin Building Roof – Motion to proceed with the proposal from Neeghan Burnside to conduct a building assessment and review roof infrastructure requirements. Carried by consensus.

03.14.07 Vehicle Purchase Request for Home and Community Care – Motion to approve the purchase of a Honda Odyssey for the benefit of the community members and travel requirements funded by Health Canada. Carried by consensus.

03.14.10 New Wahta Mohawk Trust Member – Motion to approve Lorie Strength-Fenton as council's member of the Wahta Mohawks Trust. Carried by consensus.

03.14.11 – Salary Schedule - Motion to amend the salary schedule for the Senior Administrator within the employment contract. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed March 28, 2018 (no meeting the week of March 19, 2018)

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed March 28, 2018

In Attendance:

☑Philip Franks ☑Lawrence Schell ☑Blaine Commandant ☑Teresa Greasley ☑Lorie Strength-Fenton

Agenda:

03.28.01 Salary Chart Approvals - Reviewed all yearly salaries, will finalize decisions next week.

03.28.02 School Board Policy on Indigenous Self-Identification – The TLDSB made some minor changes to the wording of their policy on Indigenous Self-Identification to align with wording of the First Nation Inuit Policy Framework developed by the Ministry in 2007.

The minor changes occur in the area of self identification and how First Nation children are identified. Policy was approved, see motion below.

03.28.03 Van Purchase –Quick update from last week. The van has been approved and purchased. See motion 03.14.07 from March 14. 2018.

03.28.04 Rental Units Renovation Invoice – Payment approved for renovation of the rental units on Wahta Rd. 5 in the amount of \$48 825 funded though INAC Capital funding. See motion below.

Motions:

03.28.02 – TLDSB - Motion to accept minor changes to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Policy. Carried by consensus

03.28.04 – Renovations – Motion to accept payment for \$48 825 for the renovation of rental units on Wahta Rd.5, funded by Health Canada. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed April 4, 2018

March 2018 Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 27, 2018

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

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

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

Adoption of Minutes of February 27, 2018: Moved by Councillor Strength-Fenton Seconded by Councillor Greasley. Carried.

New Business:

MFP Building HVAC System – A new HVAC system is being installed at the MFP Building. This should be completed before it is in an acceptable condition for rental.

Ministry of Natural Resources Letter to Minister Zimmer – Letter was sent to the Ministry requesting a meeting to discuss hunting and fishing issues such as the traditional territory boundaries. The Iroquois Caucus is working on this as well.

Lyla Lane Hydro Construction – Construction of hydro poles is taking place along to the end of Lyla Lane and down Ragged Rapids Rd. There is a 33 foot right of way along the road way for this. This project is financed through a private individual.

Vehicle Purchase – A new vehicle was purchased through Health Canada funding. It was felt that the other vehicles are getting older and one more suited to the needs of seniors is required. 3 quotes have been obtained, it is likely a Honda Odyssey will be purchased.

Old Business/ Follow-up:

Water Treatment Project Update – Still looking for a source of water. One suitable well was identified on CP land but is not available for use. Meeting with INAC to discuss ongoing operation and maintenance costs and how those costs can be covered in the future.

Administration Building Roof – An engineering study has been commissioned to conduct an assessment of what is required to repair the roof. A new roof will be quite costly, so a detailed assessment of the infrastructure issues should be done first.

Motion Summary:

Late February 2018 Motion Summary

02.27.18 (Public Meeting) - 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. Carried by consensus.

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Questions/Comments:

Shirley Hay asked about the Wahta Signs Inc. and why it needs insurance. Wahta signs is a corporation that is currently under council control with Lance DeCaire as the Director. Once the Board is in place, Insurance is required for the Board. \$30 000 was loaned to the corporation for insurance and legal fees.

Shirley Hay asked if the council will consider a residency code. Councillor Commandant stated that we can look at it. Councillor Greasley stated that it is attached to the membership code and should be separated out as an independent code.

Shirley Hay asked about the walking trails. The District of Muskoka would have to include it on their capital plan. A MCR with this request will be submitted however it is a very long process to have it included in the capital plan and funding is an issue.

Shirley Hay asked if there was any update on the Medical Marijuana, there is no new information or update at this time.

Shirley Hay asked about the ICG equipment and how much was sold. Lance was not in attendance. A report can be tabulated on the sales of the equipment.

Dan Stock asked about the minutes and motion in 2014 when Karen Commandant was appointed as Senior Administrator. Councillor Greasley stated that she was not doing the minutes or motions at the time and could not locate this motion in the Senior Administrators office.

Dave Stock served legal papers to members of council.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

Adjournment

WAHTA MOHAWK MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Our membership survey has now been mailed out. The purpose of this survey is to assist Chief and Council in gathering important information that will help to understand the challenges and opportunities that our membership code is faced with today.

You can either fill out the paper survey that has been mailed to you or you can complete it online here at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/wahtamembership.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, we are offering a \$10 Tim Hortons card for your time, participation is voluntary. This is a blind survey; the contact information for the reimbursement is not linked to the survey answers. A report summarizing findings from this survey will be sent to all community members in summer 2018.

The first membership code was introduced in 1987. Several changes have taken place throughout the years, most notably in 2014 with the decrease in blood quantum from 50% to 25% eligibility.

With the changing environment regarding Indian Status and issues of inclusivity within our community the question of membership continues to this day.

In order to take a look at the membership code constructively the issues must first be understood from a community perspective and what our members may or may not see as the main issues. We welcome your input for a more in depth conversation on what the code represents, possible changes and the sustainability of Wahta Mohawks.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Survey link - www.surveymonkey.com/r/wahtamembership

Please visit our page <http://www.wahtamohawks.com/citizenship/> to access the current membership code, legal review and videos.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email us at info@wahtamohawks.com.

Please complete the survey either online or through the mail no later than June 18, 2018.
Thank you for [participating](#)!

Report from Wahta's Peacemaking Process which is now referred to as Wahtahro:non Kanikonhri:io Kentiohkwa Good Minded People from Wahta to the Wahta Community

The steps we have taken:

May 2016

Wahta community members asked Dr Ed Techumseh Connors and Kevin Ka'nahsohon Deer to offer their help with conflict between community members

They met with Chief and Council and proposed a process for creating a more peaceful community. This process would involve using our own traditional teachings based upon the Great Laws for Peace and modern best practices. This was accepted and supported by Chief and Council.

May-June 2016

Ed and Kevin met and spoke with over 20 community members individually to share their ideas and gain input about the process.

June 2016

A formal proposal for the process was presented to Chief and Council with modifications from community members. This proposal was accepted and supported by Chief and Council to initiate.

June 2016-September 2016

Ed and Kevin met with groups of community members of from 10-20 people. These included Elders, Adults who live within community, people from the Wahta Fire, Members living off community, people from the Wahta Longhouse, people from the United Church, non-member spouses of members and youth group members.

January 2017

The above information was again presented and discussed thoroughly with 60 community members at

Wahta's Wellness Conference

At this meeting the ideas that community members had identified that could be put into practice to improve relationships between Wahta members were identified and possible actions were proposed. This information was composed as a vision of a healthier Wahta and this was shared with the larger community in the newsletter.

February 2017

Ed and Kevin guided a second community conference at Casino Rama on Indigenous Identity, Membership and Community Governance. This gathering began discussions with roughly 60 community members about key themes that had been identified in previous community meetings. One of these themes has been about how people feel about belonging or not belonging within Wahta. Another major theme has been about how much opportunity do community members have to participate in decisions about their community.

April - June 2017

A number of community members who had participated in the above process were approached by Ed and Kevin and invited to participate in the next phase of the efforts to improve relationships in Wahta. Along with other interested community members we created a process for discussion of important themes that we have had shared with us since May 2016. All of these themes related to how can develop healthier relationships with all of Wahta community members.

July 2017 to present

We initiated the above process by reviewing our Haudenosaunee history from the establishment of the Great Law of Peace and the creation of the Confederacy to the present development of Wahta and your system of Indian Act governance. Our next step was to develop with this group an agreed on process for discussion that allowed us to safely share our ideas with each other and to listen fully to each other. In order to do this we identified and agreed to a list of principles to guide the way we related to each other. Using the above we have begun to discuss such questions as how do we help community members to feel that they belong within Wahta and how can community members participate more in creating the healthier community that they have envisioned?

Using the concept of wampum strings we decided to use this process to establish a guiding team that would commit to the peace process with the understanding that they would be accountable to their families and associates to keep lines of communication open, to share the information, and get feedback along with recommendations for moving ahead.

As a result of these discussions this group decided to rename what we are doing to Wahtahro"non Ka'ni-konhri"io Kentiohkwa - Good minded people of Wahta.

Since change is a difficult process, we've decided to use the eight ideas contained in the book "Our Iceberg Is Melting" as a means to move the change process along.

As a group we have shared a number of ideas about how to improve your relationships that we would now like to share with you during a celebration of National Aboriginal Day on Saturday June 23rd at

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SKENNEN

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

SAFE ZONE

HONESTY

LISTENING

OPEN MENDED

GOOD MIND (GUIDED BY GOOD MINDS)

SPEAK FREELY

SEPARATE ISSUES FROM PEOPLE

RESPECT DIFFERENCES

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

REMIND EACH OTHER TO USE A GOOD MIND

GOOD THOUGHTS

SHOW APPRECIATION FOR EACH OTHER

DON'T TAKE PERSONALLY (NOT A PERSONAL ATTACK)

EMPATHY / SYMPATHY

HONESTY

ACCEPTANCE (TOLERANCE)

TRUST (DO NOT BE SUSPICIOUS)

COMMUNICATE/CLARIFY

HUMILITY

REFLEXIVITY

REFLECT

REMIND EACH OTHER

"ACTIVE" LISTENING WITHOUT JUDGEMENT

RESPECTFUL CONDUCT - POSITIVE BODY LANGUAGE - DIRECT COMMENTS TO THE FACILITATOR OR THE GROUP AT LARGE (NOT TO INDIVIDUALS)

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

BE OF A "GOOD MIND" (alcohol & drug free strive for positive outcomes encourage others)

BE ON TIME - notify of any conflicting schedules

HONESTY - be up front to discuss issues and concerns with the process with group (not outside) gossip

COMMIT TO THE PROCESS speak positively about it in the community

BE SUPPORTIVE of community members and their ideas

take the opportunity to learn about each other, community and culture.

Every one gets a t-shirt

WAHTA MOHAWKS

JOB DESCRIPTION



PROGRAM AREA: Health and Social Service

POSITION TITLE: Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Worker

REPORTING: Reports Directly to the Senior Administrator

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Worker is responsible for implementing a range of strategies flowing from community needs identified in the Healing Continuum to address the mental, emotional and spiritual requirements of the Wahta Mohawk peoples, including culturally focused programs and services offered under Aboriginal Healing and Wellness (AHWS), Aboriginal Healthy Babies Healthy Children (AHBHC), and Native Child Welfare Prevention Program (NCWPP).

PRIMARY DUTIES:

1. To work in conjunction with other departments and staff (including outside organizations) as a team to pool resources and plan functions/activities in a manner that maximizes resources and provides coordinated programming for the community and its citizens.
2. Plan, coordinate and deliver awareness workshops, events and activities that promote healthy families, cultural awareness, and the wellbeing of infants and children including parenting, prenatal and post partum care.
3. Design and deliver culturally appropriate activities, including arranging for speakers and workshops that focus on family wellness, traditional ceremony, fitness/recreation, and healthy lifestyles.
4. Provide counselling, referral and support services in all areas including networking with Family, Youth and Child Services (Child, Youth & Family Services) and other agencies as required.
5. Educate clients and/or families in terms of support services that are available and assist in developing client action plans to identify and address needs and concerns.
6. Develop and/or acquire resource materials and resource packages for community awareness and education in the area of family, including family violence, babies and child wellness.
7. Identify and develop protocols between Aboriginal and non Aboriginal service providers, both on and off reserve, to facilitate cooperation, networking, information sharing, and resource coordinator to maximize resources and services for the citizens of Wahta.
8. Engage in outreach activities including home visits to create awareness of the programs and activities available through the community wellness programs.
9. Develop messaging to promote the participation of targeted age groups in the planned activities, functions and programs on a regular and on-going basis.
10. Develop appropriate evaluation tools to assess the programs and provide the basis for planning future community needs-based program planning on a regular and on-going basis.

11. Manage annual funding request submissions for the areas of responsibility, including follow up reports as required, program budget monitoring and client-based questionnaire as required by the program guidelines.
12. Maintain high ethical standards, be aware of and remain up to date on privacy laws relating to client information and maintain confidentiality at all levels.
13. Develop and implement effective processes for client file management systems and client services, maintaining confidentiality and professionalism at all times as an agent of the Wahta Mohawks.
14. Develop proposals as required to support programs and services for the areas.
15. Operate in accordance with and ensure compliance to the Wahta Mohawks Administrative, Finance, Personnel and program policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time.
16. Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

- 1) Contribute to a harmonious team environment within the organization.
- 2) Attend Council Meetings, General Band Meetings, and other meetings as required and as assigned, within and outside of the community.
- 3) Be familiar with laws, systems and processes applicable to the position such as applicable Native Law, Statutes and Regulations, Canada Labour Code, Native Organizations and Government structures, and other laws, systems, and processes determined to be applicable to the programs/services in the area(s) of responsibility for this position including specific knowledge and understanding of the Child & Family Services Act.
- 4) Understand and be fluent in the culture, principles and values of the Wahta Mohawks.
- 5) Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as assigned to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.
- 6) Liaise with other First Nations, program agencies, and related organizations/institutions to network effectively for the benefit of the Wahta Mohawks, Chief and Council and the community.

SUPERVISION: THIS POSITION IS NOT A SUPERVISORY POSITION.

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Post-secondary diploma or degree in the social and child care fields as well as certificates in counselling training with a minimum of two (2) years work experience in a similar or related position; OR

A minimum of four (4) years proven experience in the social and/or child care fields and a commitment to further training appropriate for the position.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Must be sensitive to the unique needs of the citizens of the Wahta Mohawks and have the ability to deliver culturally based programs and services.

- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written.
- Must have a demonstrated ability to facilitate presentations and workshops.
- Must be capable of identifying need and developing proposals for funding/support for programs and services.
- Must have a demonstrated commitment to self-care and wellness.
- Must possess excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours including evening and weekend hours for client based programs and services.
- Excellent computer skills an asset.
- Must have, or be capable of obtaining certification in CPR and First Aid and may be required to attend other appropriate training/certification courses as required.
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
- Must be willing to obtain a valid F License as a condition of employment.
- Must produce a clean CPIC (Criminal records check) annually.

WAHTA MOHAWKS

JOB DESCRIPTION



PROGRAM AREA: Health and Social Service

POSITION TITLE: National Native Drug and Alcohol Addiction Prevention Worker

REPORTING: Reports Directly to the Senior Administrator

POSITION SUMMARY: Reporting directly to the Senior Administrator, the NNDAAP Worker is responsible for developing and implementing effective community health services programs and a range of strategies flowing from the community needs as identified. The NNAAP is responsible for the delivery of Addictions Services Programs to the Wahta Community through education, information, and support to the community.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

1. To work in conjunction with other departments and staff (including outside organizations) as a team to pool resources and plan functions/activities in a manner that maximizes resources and provides coordinated programming in a culturally appropriate community-based addictions and prevention services.
2. Communicate effectively with community members, Senior Administrator, Council, and Council appointed Committees, funding agencies, and staff as required in a timely, responsible and professional manner.
3. Develop, plan, coordinate and deliver awareness workshops, events and activities that promote healthy families, cultural awareness, increase awareness and understanding among the community about substance abuse.
4. Design and deliver culturally appropriate activities, including arranging for speakers and workshops that focus on family wellness, traditional ceremony, fitness/recreation, and healthy lifestyles.
5. Provide referral and support services in all areas including networking with Family, Youth, Child Services and Seniors Assistance Programs and other agencies as required.
6. Educate clients and/or families in terms of support services that are available and assist in developing client action plans to identify and address needs and concerns.
7. Develop and/or acquire resource materials and resource packages for community awareness and education in the areas identified.
8. Identify and develop protocols between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, both on and off reserve, to facilitate cooperation, networking, information sharing, and resource coordinator to maximize resources and services for the citizens of Wahta.
9. Engage in outreach activities to create awareness of the programs and activities available through the community wellness programs.
10. Develop messaging to promote the participation of targeted age groups in the planned activities, functions and programs on a regular and on-going basis.

11. Remain current and up to date on the Wahta Mohawks Health and Social program service areas and community needs, including short-term and long term strategic planning processes, goals and objectives.
12. Develop appropriate evaluation tools to assess the programs and provide the basis for planning future community needs-based program planning on a regular and on-going basis.
13. Provide accurate monthly activity reports, budget and variance reports to the Senior Administrator as required.
14. Manage annual funding request submissions for the areas of responsibility, including follow up reports as required, program budget monitoring and client-based questionnaire as required by the program guidelines.
15. Maintain high ethical standards, be aware of and remain up to date on privacy laws relating to client information and maintain confidentiality at all levels.
16. Develop and implement effective processes for client file management systems and client services, maintaining confidentiality and professionalism always as an agent of the Wahta Mohawks.
17. Develop and submit proposals as required to support programs and services for the areas of responsibility
18. Operate in accordance with and ensure compliance to the Wahta Mohawks Administrative, Finance, Personnel and program policies and procedures as may be updated and amended from time to time.
19. Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SECONDARY DUTIES:

- 1) Contribute to a harmonious team environment within the organization.
- 2) Attend Council Meetings, General Band Meetings, and other meetings as required and as assigned, within and outside of the community.
- 3) Be familiar with laws, systems, and processes applicable to the position such as applicable Native Law, Statutes and Regulations, Canada Labour Code, Native Organizations and Government structures, and other laws, systems, and processes determined to be applicable to the programs/services in the area(s) of responsibility for this position.
- 4) Understand the culture, principles and values of the Wahta Mohawks.
- 5) Attend appropriate workshops, seminars, and training sessions as required and as assigned to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the work assignments for the position.
- 6) Liaise with other First Nations, program agencies, and related organizations/institutions to network effectively for the benefit of the Wahta Mohawks, Chief and Council and the community.

SUPERVISION: THIS POSITION IS NOT A SUPERVISORY POSITION.

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum 2-year post-secondary diploma or degree Diploma from a recognized Chemical Dependency/Addictions program, or similarly related diploma
- Two years' experience working within the field with clients and community

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Must be sensitive to the unique needs of the citizens of the Wahta Mohawks and have the ability to deliver culturally based programs and services.
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written.
- Must have a demonstrated ability to facilitate presentations and workshops.
- Must be capable of identifying need and developing proposals for funding/support for programs and services.
- Must have a demonstrated commitment to self-care and wellness.
- Must possess excellent organizational and time-management skills.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours including evening and weekend hours for client-based programs and services.
- Excellent computer skills an asset.
- Must have or be capable of obtaining certification in CPR and First Aid and may be required to attend other appropriate training/certification courses as required.
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
- Must produce a clean CPIC (Criminal records check) annually.



Giant Hogweed

NATIONAL FACT SHEET

Scientific Name: *Heracleum mantegazzianum*; **Family:** Apiaceae [Carrot or Parsley]

IDENTIFICATION:

Gardening enthusiasts grow giant hogweed because of their bold, tropical-looking leaves, white-clustered flowers that grow in a large umbrella-shaped heads, and the sturdy, architectural look. Giant hogweed has a presence that commands attention, growing 1.5 to 5m tall in flower; however, it has escaped cultivation and is **HIGHLY INVASIVE**, and poses **SIGNIFICANT HUMAN HEALTH RISKS**.

Giant hogweed is easily mistaken for cow parsnip. Use the following comparison table to help identify giant hogweed:



Fraser Valley Regional District, BC

Giant hogweed grows up to 5m in height with large umbrella-like white flowerheads that reach a diameter of 1.5m.

Cow Parsnip (<i>Heracleum maximum</i>)	Giant Hogweed (<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>)
	
Coastal Invasive Plant Committee, BC	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, BC

<p>Cow parsnip leaves are NOT shiny, are broader and less serrated than giant hogweed.</p>  <p>C. Messom</p>	<p>Giant hogweed leaves are shiny and large, with leaf edges very coarse and serrated, like a jagged saw edge.</p>  <p>R. Old</p>
<p>Cow parsnip flower and leaf stalks are usually green, but lower stems can also have purple. However, purple marks are NOT blotches, streaks or spots.</p> <p>Flower stalks and leaf stems are smooth and have very soft hairs.</p>  <p>C. Messom</p>	<p>Giant hogweed flower and leaf stalks have purple streaks, blotches, lines, and/or spots.</p> <p>Flower stalks and leaf stems contain stiff hairs with a bristly feel.</p>  <p>R. Old</p>
<p>Cow parsnip blooms in July.</p> <p>Flowerheads are much smaller than giant hogweed, with a diameter of only 0.2m (20cm). Has 15 to 30 ray flowers per stem.</p> 	<p>Giant hogweed blooms in mid-August.</p> <p>Flowerheads form a large umbrella shape, and grow up to 1.5m (150cm) in diameter. Has more than 50 ray flowers per stem.</p>  <p>B. Brown</p>

HABITAT:

Giant hogweed grows well in disturbed areas with moist soil, such as vacant lots, uncultivated or waste areas, riverbanks, along roadways, and in agricultural lands.

IMPACTS:

1) HEALTH AND SAFETY ALERT!

Giant hogweed sap contains toxins that causes severe dermatitis when it contacts skin in the presence of sunlight (i.e. phytophotodermatitis). Effects may include welts, rashes, and blistering, followed by pigmented scarring that may persist for as long as six years. Toxic sap is found in the leaves, stems, flowers, and roots of giant hogweed. Contact with sap can occur by brushing against any broken plant parts, handling plant material, or even by touching tools or mowing equipment that was used for giant hogweed control.

Cow parsnip, a plant often mistaken for giant hogweed, also causes a photo-toxic reaction. Oils in the sap of both plants can cause rashes and burning on human skin, if the sap is exposed to sunlight. Even if initial exposure is on a cloudy day, the photo-toxic reaction may take place up to two days later if not properly washed off the skin. Giant hogweed causes a much more severe photo-toxic reaction than cow parsnip.

While exposure to cow parsnip sap and sun can result in a nasty rash, in the case of giant hogweed, the skin can blister to look similar to a third degree burn. A trip to the hospital is recommended if you suspect you have been poisoned by hogweed sap. While the blisters will eventually heal, the purple scars left behind may last a lifetime. If sap from giant hogweed gets in the eyes it could lead to permanent blindness.

2) ECOLOGICAL

Giant hogweed is highly competitive due to vigorous early-season growth, tolerance of full shade, and seasonal flooding. Infestations can cause erosion of stream banks, particularly when winter dieback exposes soil to rain. Because of its large size and rapid growth, it can quickly dominate invaded ravines and stream banks. This substantially reduces the amount of suitable habitat available for native plants and wildlife.



Giant hogweed is a highly competitive plant, taking over trails and limiting recreational access.



King County Noxious Weed Control Program, Seattle, WA

Giant hogweed stem hairs and leaves contain a clear, toxic sap that can cause burns, blisters, and scarring of the skin.



King County Noxious Weed Control Program, Seattle, WA

BACKGROUND AND DISTRIBUTION IN CANADA:

Giant hogweed is a member of the parsley or carrot family and was first introduced to North America as a garden ornamental. It is an invasive, alien plant that originates from the Caucasus Mountains in west central Asia where it grows in subalpine meadows and forest edges.

Giant hogweed occurs in the following Canadian provinces:

- **British Columbia:** Present in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Gulf Islands, and central to southern Vancouver Island.
- **Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba:** Not present.
- **Ontario:** Limited populations.
- **Quebec:** Limited populations.
- **New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Labrador:** Limited populations.
- **Prince Edward Island:** Not present.
- **Yukon:** Suspected, but not confirmed.
- **Northwest Territories and Nunavut:** Not present.

PATHWAYS OF SPREAD:

1) BY SEED: Plants can produce 50,000 - 100,000 winged seeds that can float for three days before becoming water logged and sinking. Seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to 15 years.

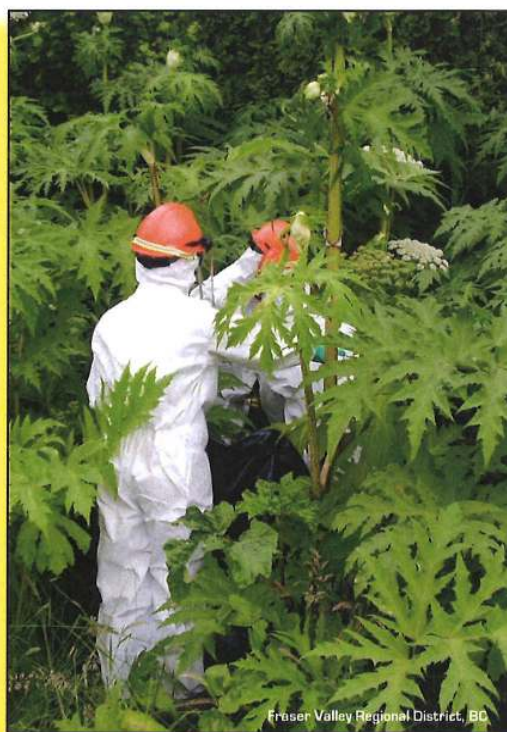
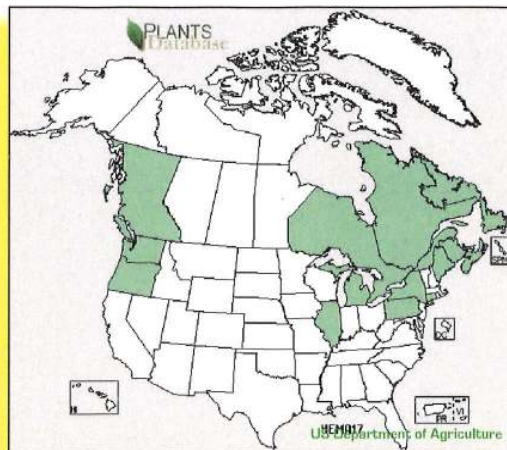
2) BY PEOPLE: Gardeners trade, sell, and import giant hogweed.

REMOVAL TECHNIQUES:



Giant hogweed only reproduces by seed. Prevent seed development and you will keep the plants isolated to their original location. During the summer, it is not recommended you try to remove the plants. They are much too large and sappy at this time of year. Rather, in summer, simply cut off any developing flowers. This will prevent the plant from producing any additional seeds.

In spring, just as the new leaves emerge, the plants are small enough to effectively handle. At this stage (May-early June) you can use a glyphosate-based herbicide (e.g. RoundUp) or if you prefer to physically remove them, then use a sharp spade to cut the shoots from the root about 3-4 inches below ground level. Giant hogweed will not regenerate from the roots left behind. If the shoot is cut 3-4 inches below ground level, the plant should die. It is



SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

During any attempts at hogweed removal, make sure you have no exposed skin, wear glasses or goggles and conduct the removal on a cloudy day. It is a good idea to clean up thoroughly (shower and wash clothes) immediately following the removal activity.

important to monitor the site for germination of seedlings for several years following removal.

DISPOSAL:

Place plant material [not flowers or seeds] in a large heavy-duty plastic or mesh bag and landfill. Alternatively, dry and incinerate plant material away from any people-frequented areas. If flowerheads have formed, carefully cut them off, place them in sealed plastic garbage bags, and landfill. **Do not compost this plant! Always check the regulations in your province before burning or landfilling plant material. When in doubt about how to dispose of invasive plant material, contact your provincial invasive species council (listed below).**

REPORT GIANT HOGWEED:

After careful identification against cow parsnip, please **REPORT SIGHTINGS OF GIANT HOGWEED** within your province or territory :

British Columbia	Invasive Plant Council of BC: 1-888-WEEDSBC or www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca
Alberta	Alberta Invasive Plants Council: 403-982-7923 or www.invasiveplants.ab.ca
Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan Invasive Species Council: 306-668-3940 or www.saskinvasives.ca
Manitoba	Invasive Species Council of Manitoba: 204-232-6021 or www.invasivespeciesmanitoba.com
Ontario	Ontario Invasive Plant Council: 1-800-563-7711 or www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca
Québec	Québec Interdepartmental Committee on Invasive Species: 418-520-3907 ext. 4417 or www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca
Newfoundland	Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden: 709-737-8590 or www.mun.ca/botgarden/home.php
New Brunswick	New Brunswick Invasive Species Council: 506-452-6205 or www.nbisc.ca
Prince Edward Island	P.E.I. Nature Trust: 902-892-7513 or www.islandnaturetrust.ca
Nova Scotia	Invasive Species Alliance of Nova Scotia: 902-585-1935 or www.invasivespeciesns.ca
Yukon	Yukon Invasive Species Council: 867-393-3394 or www.yukoninvasives.com
Northwest Territories	Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Environmental and Natural Resources: 867-920-6327, email: NWTSOER@gov.nt.ca , or www.gov.nt.ca
Nunavut	No known agency.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Centre for Invasive Alien Species for Canada:
<http://www.ec.gc.ca/eee-ias/>

Invasive Plant Council of British Columbia:
<http://www.invasiveplantcouncilbc.ca/invasive-plants-bc/invasive-plant-watch/giant-hogweed>

MUN Botanical Garden "Eyes Across the Province" invasive alien species reporting program:
http://www.mun.ca/botgarden/plant_bio/Invasive_Alien_Species/

The Biology of Invasive Alien Plants in Canada. 4. *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier:
http://www.ontarioweeds.com/media/pdf/page_biology_canada_weeds.pdf

United States Department of Agriculture:
<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/hogweed.shtml>



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Ontario
Invasive Plant Council



Développement durable,
Environnement
et Parcs
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Species Alliance of Nova Scotia



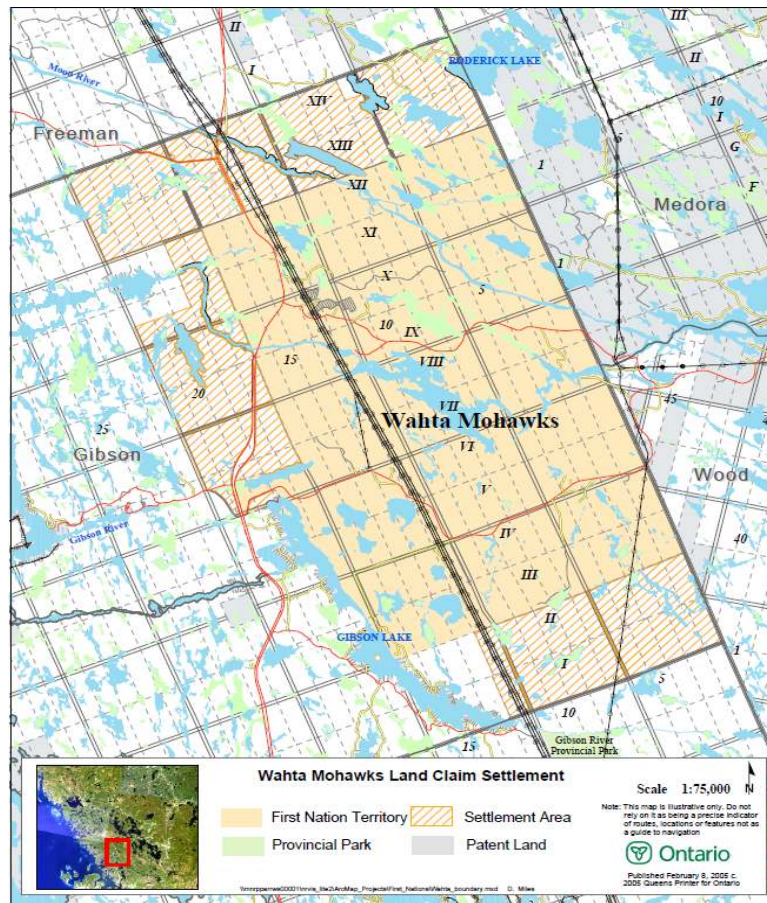
Government of the
Northwest Territories

Additions to Reserve Process

We have meeting with Canada, and Ontario to get the ATR process back on track so that we get the approximately 8300 acres of land back from Ontario. The land will be transferred from Ontario to Canada and ultimately becomes reserve lands for the use and benefit of the Wahta Mohawks.

The process restarted early last year, progress is slow but we have made some headway, we have draft permits required to move ahead along with new surveys of the lands. The environmental assessment of the settlement lands is continuing.

We still have much to do in order to complete the transfer of the settlement lands but we are hopeful that the process can be completed within the next 18 to 24 months.



If you wish to get more information on the process please contact me.

Scott Aubichon

Lands Manager

707-762-2454 Ext 242

Scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca

WANTED STUDENTS

Are you a student looking for summer employment?

Are you 16 or older?

If so, please contact Martie Stanton at 705-762-2354 ext. 272 or martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca

Two Week Outdoors camp

If you would like to sign your child up for outdoors camp please contact Amy at 705-762-2354 ext. 240

July 16th-20th, 2018

July 30th- August 3rd, 2018

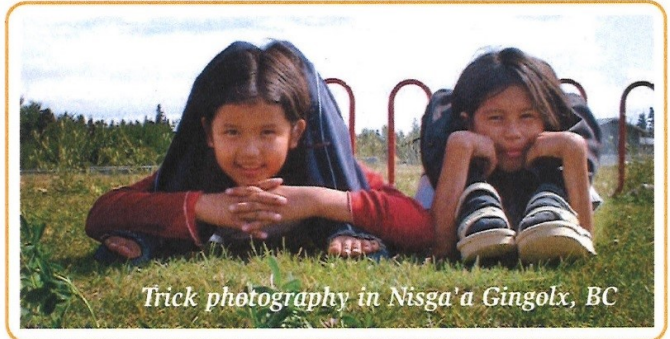


First Nations and Inuit Education

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP

BENEFITS OF SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP

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- A group of children and an adult man are gathered around a table, looking at a small lizard held in a hand. The children are of various ethnicities and are wearing casual clothing. The man is standing in the background. The text "Pond Inlet, NU" is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.



9am - 4pm

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June Newsletter Info

Tuesday, June 5th Community Shopping Bus leaves for pick up at 9am (Orillia)

Monday, June 11th Diamond Dotz 10am-12pm

Tuesday, June 12th Sign Painting at “Let the Cat Go” in Bracebridge Bus leaves the administration at 4:30. Program is from 6-8. Spaces are limited. Contact Christine if interested

Wednesday, June 13th Swing into Spring!! 10am -11am

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!!

Contact (705) 762-2354 ext 273 Christine or ext 250 Sherry for more information or to register for program.

Wednesday, June 13th & Thursday, June 14th 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)

Thursday, June 21st Aboriginal Day Celebration (in conjunction with the Education Recognition Dinner RSVP by June 13th (see poster for more information)

Monday, June 25th Colouring 10am-12pm Administration Building

Tuesday, June 26th The Good Food Box Arrives available for pick up after 1:30 at the administration (an order must be placed by the 7th)

Wednesday, June 27th Chair Exercise and Healthy Lunch 10am (with a presentation by Deaf Access Hearing Loss and Communication 11am) Administration Building – don't want to come to chair exercise but would like to attend the presentation No Problem...contact Christine (273)to register

Wednesday, June 27th Community Kitchen 1-2:30 pm Administration Building



Some examples of the interesting and yummy things they make in the community kitchen (left) Creating Apple Cider (right) individual apple pie.....mmmm!!

Up and Coming...

Troy Greene (Mohawk Healer) **Wednesday, July 11th** contact Sherry if interested (250) Troy Greene is Bear Clan from the Oneida Nation. He is 45 years old and has been giving Readings since he was 16. As a Seer Troy communicates with Spirit Helpers and Spirit relatives to give information about a person's health regarding physical, spiritual and emotional well-being.

Moccasin Making Fall 2018 Date to be determined (Sept/Oct) if you are interested in this program we need you to come in so that your foot can be traced... spaces are limitedcontact Sherry (250)for an appointment time

Youth Development Camp (see info)

Elders Gathering (see full page for information)

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.

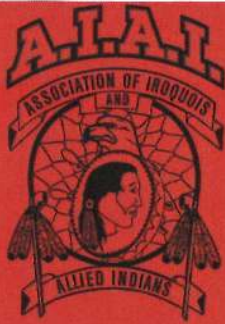
We accept large or bulky items at the landfill. This includes white goods, furniture, other large metal items and waste wood. Please place your large items as directed by Maintenance and Public Works Staff.

Bulky / Large Items



Reuse Center

If you have gently used items that someone else may use, please consider placing in the Reuse Center. *Remember all items deposited at the landfill (other than the Reuse Center) are the property of Wahta Mohawks. We sell the scrap, old car batteries and other items to help pay the costs of the landfill site.*



AIAI 19th ANNUAL ELDER'S GATHERING

WHEN

August 21 - 23, 2018

WHERE

Caldwell First Nation

Best Western Plus | 566 Bevel Line Rd., Leamington, ON N8H 3V4 | 519.326.8646

DETAILS

Theme: Sharing the Vision to Shape the Future

Dress Up Theme (Day 2 – Aug 22nd) : Your Favourite Musician

Youth (ages 18-25) are also invited to attend (we will take 1, please contact Sherry or Christine if interested)

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 22nd 2018
(Registrants must be from an AIAI Member Nation).



TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

705-762-2354
Sherry 250 or Christine 273




ONKWEHÓN:WE
THE ORIGINAL PEOPLES FESTIVAL

JUNE 15-17



WOODLAND
CULTURAL CENTRE

2018 SPRING/SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE

WOODLAND

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EVENT

EXHIBIT

PERFORMANCE



woodlandculturalcentre.ca

MAY 12 | 2 PM
■ **COLONIZATION ROAD**

MAY 13 | 4 PM
■ **SALMON GIRL**



MAY 26 | 7 PM
■ **INDIGENOUS ART OPENING RECEPTION**

MAY 26 - JULY 27
■ **INDIGENOUS ART 2018**



MAY 26 - JULY 27
■ **GICHITWAAWIZI'IGEWIN: HONOURING CATHERINE DALLAIRE**



JUNE 15 - 17
■ **ONKWEHÓN:WE (THE ORIGINAL PEOPLES) FESTIVAL**

JUNE 20 | 7 PM
■ **PAINT NIGHT AT WOODLAND, SELF REFLECTION PORTRAIT**

JULY 21 | 10 AM
■ **GICHITWAAWIZI'IGEWIN: ARTIST TALK & WORKSHOP**

■ **SURVIVOR SERIES**
10AM - 12PM
APRIL 23 | MAY 7 & 28
JUNE 11 & 25 | JULY 16 | AUGUST 13



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Canadian Heritage



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Canada Council for the Arts

Conseil des arts du Canada



Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Affaires autochtones et du Nord Canada

“ Youth Development Camp 2018”

July 22 – 26, 2018

Batchewana First Nation

Grades 5-8 (ages 10-13)

Only 4 youth will be chosen

The Camp is shaping up to be a unique camp experience infused with cultural activities by well trained presenters.

Please let us know if you are interested ASAP **By June 15th**

Contact Christine (ext 273) christine.cox@wahtamohawks.ca

Or

Sherry (ext 250) sherrybyrne@wahtamohawks.ca



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

On June 21st at 6pm
Wahta Administration Building
Education Recognition to follow Dinner



RSVP: Carol (705) 762-2354 Ext. 233

Library Update

Hello everybody! Don't forget to sign up for a Patron ID so you can access OverDrive. It has approximately 78,000 e-books and 127,000 audiobooks. You can use them with your own devices or borrow an e-reader or MP3 player from the library. Call (705) 762-2354 ext. 225 or email me at samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca, and I can provide you with a Patron ID and OverDrive instructions.

Contact Information

Samantha Walker

Hours: Monday-Wednesday

8:00-4:30

Email: saman-

tha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca

Phone: (705) 762-2354 ext. 225

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.

Begins June 18th and will continue biweekly on Mondays at 10:30am.

Book Club

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

Dates and times will depend on the needs of the group members, so please call or email if you would like to join.

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.

Begins June 26th at 2:00pm, and will continue once a month.

Please call or email if you plan to attend.

Senior Library Crafts Club

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

Begins June 12th at 2:00pm, and will continue once a month.

Please call or email if you plan to attend.

Please visit or contact the email above if you have any research or reference needs, or want help using OverDrive, and I will do my best to assist you!

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



Sewing club



With Yvette Michelle from crafted spaces

June 11, 18

July 9, 16

Aug 13, 20

From

5:30-8:30

At the Cultural centre (basement)

Snacks will be provided

Contact Amy at 705-762-2354 ext.240

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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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 band hall.



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 June 3rd at
11:00am

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 and Addictions 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

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.

Important changes to Status Registration Program

New forms have been introduced by Indian Affairs for registering for Indian status beginning April 1st, 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.

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.

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