

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



Ohiarihko:wa- The Time of Much Ripening

July 2018



This issue....

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

General Meeting
July 28th at
9:00am
Administration
Building

Tree Removal

Interested members who run a tree removal business should contact wayne@newman-bros.com, or call 905-641-8111 ex 240. Newman bros have the contract for rebuilding the Ragged Rapids bridge beginning this August.

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

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

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Public Council Meeting 7:00PM	5	6	7
8	9 Toddler Mondays 10:30	10 St. Jacobs 7am Senior Library Craft Club 2:00	11 Troy Greene (mohawk Healer)	12 Community Shopping 9am (Barrie)	13	14
15	16 Diamond Dotz 10am Toddler Mondays 10:30	17 Senior Tech Club 2:00 Stained glass feather Workshop 4:30	18 Lunch with Brad	19	20	21
22	23 Toddler Mondays 10:30	24 Good Food Box Pickup 1:30	25 Chair Exercise 10am Community Kitchen 1pm	26	27	28 General Meeting 9am
29	30 Colouring 10am	31				

Update from Chief and Council

As we move into the summer months I hope everyone stays safe and enjoy all that the season has to bring us. Here are a few things council has been working on.

In the area of public safety, we continue to liaise with the OPP and District of Muskoka on the concerns we have been working on with road safety.

Council is looking to another meeting with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) regarding the rebuilding of the Ragged Rapids Bridge. Construction is slated for the end of August through October during which time our member residents who live beyond the bridge coming from Muskoka Rd 38 will have to detour the long way around back to Highway 400 through Iroquois Cranberry Drive. A final memorandum of understanding will be presented to Council as is expected to include road improvements for safety concerns and more comfortable travel. We also are working on a compensation plan for those residents who will be put out of their way and will be inflicted with a much longer trip to get to work or just to go to town.

Council will be having a session soon aimed at reviewing priorities and initiatives. Working with administration one of the items will be a concentration of efforts to increase senior's support services. Upon review of a phase two report we will determine to what extent we can move toward a facility for assisted living, or what services can be increased and what new services might be introduced. The findings of the report will be available for everyone and likely be presented at the summer general meeting.

The audit for Wahta Mohawks finances should be complete by the end of this month for Council's review and submission to Indigenous Services Canada as required in our funding agreements. As usual this will be presented to the public as well and will be posted on the Indigenous Services website. The audit is a useful tool in not only showing the accounting of funds but also serves to provide direction to help improve administrative processes if need be. To date Wahta remains strong on the rankings posted by Indigenous Services.

Council held an information session with the Executive Director of the Woodland Cultural Centre. Paula Whitlow gave updates on the Save the Evidence campaign and the major renovations going on with the old Mohawk Institute residential school. For the past forty-five years the WCC has been providing historically significant insight into the residential school system. The Mohawk Institute operated for one hundred and forty years. Additionally, the museum offers loads of cultural programming and exhibits in the arts. On internet visit woodlandculturalcentre.ca for more information.

The water treatment plant is still on the go. Currently there is still a need to identify a good source of water to serve the area of the Health Hub and the subdivision. If a long-term care centre ever gets built this would be one of the sites for consideration.

Generally Council endeavours to operate separately from the Administration. Recently Admin has requested Council join in quarterly meetings with staff in an effort to bring more insights and appreciation for the work that each entity does. The results should help to recognize areas of concern and possible improvement on how your services reach you.

June and July are the months for annual Chiefs gatherings. June 11-13 was the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians annual general assembly. (*Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Live Stream on You Tube*) During this time Chiefs and Councils work on the political issues facing us and do resolutions to help guide the AIAI office for the coming year. This year most notably the Chiefs in Assembly signed a resolution rejecting the plan by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada whereby a framework piece of legislation will be passed by Canada to revamp the system. The framework will allow First Nations to depart from the Indian Act and become self governing. Those who do not sign up will be placed on a ten year block funding agreement and still utilize the Act until such time the act is revoked. The AIAI Chiefs reject this plan at the moment because it places recognition of rights with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Recognition but will only recognize existing treaty rights, does not recognize land base issues, the ten principles that are the basis of going forward were written apart from discussion with us, and touts following the United Nations Declaration on Recognition of Indigenous People but removes the international basis and makes UNDRIP a domestic only tool for the government to use.

The initiative was announced by Canada on February 14, consultation is already wrapping up and all of the details are still not clear. Seemingly this would place First Nations on a third level of government alongside municipalities with no identified protections regarding lands. Council will continue to follow this work as it progresses. Hopefully we can have a presentation at a general meeting. It would be important to attend, as all general meetings, to learn how this could affect each and every one our members going into the future.

With the introduction of legal cannabis in Canada, Wahta and all First Nations are going to have to decide if we have a desire to regulate the sale of cannabis on the territory as to how it is retailed. First Nations, as other governments are not prepared to introduce such laws at this time. We will follow this process as well and keep you informed.

There is much on the go both with our external relations and initiatives in community. I sincerely hope our members can take time to attend our general meetings for learning and input. Meanwhile we will continue to utilize other methods to bring you information. Again, as usual please contact the Council office for more information on these or other matters.

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Chief Philip Franks

2018 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed April 4, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

04.04.01 Provincial Polling Station – Provincial polling has been done before at the Administration Building. We will discuss rental rates with them and see what their requirements are.

04.04.02 Letter from Gibson Lake Cottage Association – Information letter sent that a private residence may be looking to expand their road which could potentially cross Wahta Territory. The Cottage Association does not support their efforts and will keep Wahta informed.

04.04.03 AIAI Tobacco Project - Permission to approach retailers in community. AIAI would like to do a study of the tobacco retailers. The objective of this project is to take a look at the economic impacts the Tobacco Industry has within our communities. What are some of the tobacco related legislation that affects our Community Owned Businesses and our Community Members Businesses. All of the information collected will stay within your own community and AIAI. Council is in communication with them to arrange some dates to discuss further, more information will be updated.

04.04.04 Donations – Glen Orchard Exchange Program, South Muskoka Hospital and Bala Legion donation requests. Council would like to look at donations made so far and how much is typically donated each year. It was suggested a budget be worked out for yearly donations. Deferred.

Motions:

04.04.06 – Legal – Motion to authorize Chief Franks and Senior Administrator to retain Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP to represent and defend a statement of claim by David Stock. Carried by consensus

Next meeting: Wed April 11, 2018

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In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

04.11.01 Trespass By-Law – Final Amendments – Discussed some final additions to the by-law, especially in the area of future amendments. Put most recent draft in the newsletter and online for final comments.

04.11.02 Salaries for 2018/2019 – Reviewed yearly salaries as per the recommendation from the Senior Administrator and Finance. See motion below.

04.11.03 Ec Dev update (billboards, lease agreement, board selection) – Economic Development Officer gave list of sign requests that have expressed interest in putting up a billboard sign at a cost of \$600/month. Council requested a map of where they would all be located. Discussed more details of the lease agreement for buildings at ICG, minor changes still required for the lease to be finalized. A budget projection was submitted for the Board ongoing costs.

04.11.04 Tobacco Allocation Approvals – Motion to approve the completed tobacco allocations. See motion below. An MCR is also required to add one new retailer to the list.

04.11.05 Meeting with INAC re: Water Treatment Projects – Meeting Dates – Discussed meeting dates, deferred.

04.11.06 Radar Signs - Identifying source of funds for purchase. The purchase has been approved, the maintenance staff will have to be trained on how to use the signs. A motion will be forthcoming when the funds for the signs has been identified.

04.11.07 District of Muskoka - Met with the District to discuss next steps. The District will complete a Community Safety Zone Policy Report and a Pedestrian Crossover report. These reports include such things as accident reports, speeding reports and traffic counts. Report to be submitted to Wahta upon completion. They also inquired about any outdated signs that need removal.

Active Transportation – Muskoka Rd. 38 is currently not on their capital plan for any active transportation upgrades. They stated there is very little budget for sidewalks or walking areas. They recommended we look at our own resources for this and suggested a seat on the District Board would be beneficial for ongoing communication. They also suggested we consider renaming the road and are open to this possibility. They offered to present their completed reports as well as talk about the spot spraying of roadside vegetation at the next general meeting in late summer. Will continue to follow up.

Motions:

04.11.02 - Salaries – Motion to accept the salary schedule for the 2018/19 fiscal year as recommended by the Senior Administrator. Councilor Strength-Fenton objects, carried by consensus.

04.11.04 - Tobacco Allocation - Motion to appoint Chief Franks to sign the completed tobacco allocation application. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed April 25 (no meeting April 18, 2018)

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed April 25, 2018

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

04.25.01 - Waneek Horn-Miller Membership Update – Met with Waneek Horn-Miller to discuss the on-going membership meetings and what the next steps are. Discussed the survey that will be sent out to all members and upcoming one on one interviews. It was felt that once the surveys are completed a draft code can be looked at and presented to the community for further consultation.

04.25.02 - Economic Development - Proposed Billboard Sign Placements, looked at map of area for Billboard signs to be placed. Approved by Council for Economic Development to go ahead with sign placement and contracts.

04.25.03 - Funding Agreement Required Signatures:

Health Canada Funding Agreement for 2018-21

AIAI Family Violence Prevention Funding

AIAI Health Program Funding Agreement 2018-19

INAC Funding Agreement Amendment (Increase to New Paths)

LHIN Service Agreement

04.25.04 - Water Treatment Projects – Update and Identifying Dates for Meeting with INAC. More discussions need to be held with INAC as there may be more funding available for Operation and maintenance costs ongoing. Dates to be scheduled.

04.25.05 OPG Bridge Refurbishment – Road condition report completed by maintenance staff has been submitted to OPG for discussion. Will meet with them to decide on final road improvements.

04.25.06 Cranberry Festival – Request for Involvement. Bala Cranberry Festival requested Wahta support through parking, signage or resources through community information. Chief and Council will not be involved this year.

04.25.07 Wahta Health Hub – Lease Renewal and Update Meeting. Wahta Health Hub would like to sign another two year agreement. It was asked how the expenses are shared. A meeting to discuss this and any other concerns will be scheduled.

04.25.08 Hydro One Mediation Issue – Another meeting is to be scheduled to see how we can resolve the issue of in kind services and three phase power.

04.25.09 DBCFS Meeting – Council met with Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services to discuss some issues within the service protocol. There are some outstanding wording issues within the agreement as well as some concerns on how and where the staff employed to serve Wahta will operate. Council will make some final decisions and sign the agreement.
Next meeting: Wed May 2, 2018

April 2018 (Rescheduled for May 1) Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday May 1, 2018

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

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

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

New Business:

- **AIAI Tobacco Project** – AIAI would like to interview tobacco retailers to find out their views on the industry, job creation, access to product and other factors.
- **Health Hub Agreement** – New agreement to be signed with the Muskoka Health Hub team.
- **OPG Memorandum of Understanding** – Still working on the MOU with Ontario Power Generation to undergo the bridge work on Ragged Rapids Rd. and the repairs need to the Wahta portion of the road going into ICG.

Old Business/ Follow-up:

- **District of Muskoka Meeting** – Discussed the ongoing traffic calming issues, upcoming speed strategies, statistics and data and local solutions. Speed signs will be implemented Spring 2018.
- **Membership Update** – Survey to be sent out to continue discussions on the membership code as well as some one on one interviews.
- **Billboard Sign Update** – The Billboard program is underway and billboard signs are available for rent on a first come first serve basis.
- **OPG Update – Road Assessment** – A road assessment has been completed of various repairs that need to be done, this will be presented at the next OPG meeting

April Motion Summary:

Late March 2018 Motion Summary

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.

April Motion Summary

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Next Meeting Date: May 29, 2018

Temporary Closure: Ragged Rapids Bridge

August 20 to November 20, 2018

Ontario Power Generation will be replacing the Ragged Rapids Bridge, located 1 km north of County Road #38.

During this construction, detour signage will be posted directing local traffic only to Cranberry Marsh Road, located off Highway 400.

We appreciate your patience while this work is being performed.

For more information, please contact:
Ontario Power Generation
905-357-6940

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GENERATION



NOTICE

Hydro One will be performing visual inspections on the distribution lines on Wahta Mohawks Territory including Certificate of Possession and leased lands in July. Please refer to the message below and contact myself or Jim Riffel of Hydro One if you have further inquiries.

Scott Aubichon

Lands & Resources

Scott.aubichon@gmail.com

805-762-2354 Ext 242

Routine maintenance now focusses on vegetation that has the potential to grow within a specified distance or presents a strong likelihood to strike an energized apparatus during the next three years. Hydro One's vegetation management program will patrol the distribution circuits on a three year cycle. Vegetation defects will be identified using a visual assessment method during the line patrol.

As we work to a 3 year cycle, some feeders will ultimately receive attention even if they were just completed. This should mean that there will be limited work on those feeders. Although, with the change in focus to remove hazards, this will mean that there may be hazardous trees outside of our corridors that we have not focused on in the past.

Respectfully,

Jim Riffel

Forestry Technician

James.riffel@hydroone.com

289-383-0035

Dream Catcher Foundation

Dear DreamCatcher Charitable Foundation,

In November of 2016 I was selected to play for the Burlington Bayhawks U14 girl's soccer team of the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL). As a second year player with this team, I felt much more comfortable and excited as I now had many new friends on the team. A few changes were made to our roster as some players chose to leave and others were let go. I made sure to make a conscious effort to welcome the new girls and to help them as much as possible with their transition.

When the season started in April, I was very proud and honoured to once again be selected as the team's captain by my coach. This was special and little surprising to me as our team had a new coach this year so I wasn't sure that he would see me the same as my previous coaches. Again our team travelled throughout Ontario from April to the end of October and finished with an overall record of 8 wins-15 losses-6 ties. This record was disappointing as we should have won at least 5 more games that were one goal losses. Training took place four times a week throughout the season and all games were on the weekends.

I wasn't able to be a volunteer coach this year as I had done last year because the teams schedule conflicted with my own. However, I was able to volunteer for the latter part of August with my next door neighbor who is a teacher. I assisted her with her classroom and activities preparation for her pre-school class. I really enjoyed this time and it was a great experience as I think that I may want to be a teacher in the future.

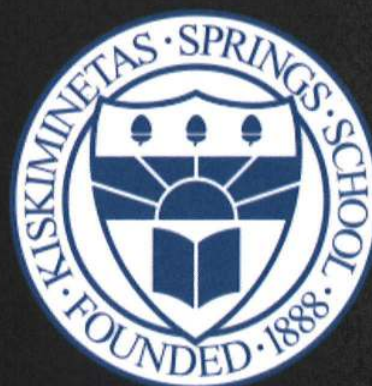
This past November 2017, the OPDL held their Provincial Screening tryouts. Over the course of my season OPDL scouts were at many of the games, looking for girls for the Provincial team. Once again I was selected to go to the Provincial Screenings! On November 19th I attended the tryouts for the Provincial team and had a great day playing with some fantastic players. On December 5th I was notified that I was selected to move on to the second phase of the Provincial Screening process! I am very proud and excited for this opportunity. On January 13th, 2018 I will report to the Ontario Soccer Centre in Toronto to begin phase 2 of Provincial screenings.

The Burlington OPDL tryouts were held in November and I am very proud to have been selected for the U15 team for the 2018 season.

Thank you DreamCatcher for helping me and my family experience this awesome opportunity!

Sincerely,

Koby Commandant



Thank you DreamCatcher Foundation for all your support of my education and athletic endeavors at the KISKI Prep School in Saltsberg, Pennsylvania. As I complete my sophomore year, I was on the Dean's List for educational achievements and was selected as a MSLCA Second Team Allstar. As I enter my Junior year I look forward to being a Residential Prefect, School Tour Guide, and member of the Green Club and Yearbook groups. None of this is possible without the support of the DreamCatcher Foundation.

Sincerely,

Caleb Commandant

Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Update: Continued Recommendation for Possible Testing

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Family Health Teams, Dentists, Central LHIN, NSM LHIN, Neighbouring Health Units

Date: June 19, 2018

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) continues to recommend that patients who have received dental services at the dental clinic, previously known as Joe Philip and Associates located at 18 Wyandotte Street in Orillia between January 1, 2012 and December 18, 2017, discuss possible testing for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) with their health care provider.

We wish to remind health care providers (and members of the public) of this because of two recent reports of hepatitis C in individuals who received dental services at the clinic between the dates noted above. Both individuals sought testing as a result of the health unit's recommendation in February that patients who attended the clinic between the dates above should consult with a health care professional to discuss possible testing. The original recommendation in February was a result of an investigation by SMDHU that identified that patients who attended the dental clinic between January 1, 2012 and December 18, 2017 may have been exposed to dental instruments that were not cleaned and sterilized properly according to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario infection prevention and control guidelines.

Improper cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of medical and dental instruments can spread infectious diseases such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV to patients. The risk of infection with disease in this situation is low. However, as a precaution, the SMDHU is still recommending that health care providers consider testing exposed patients for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV.

On our website at www.smdhu.org/ipac you will find the Public Health Ontario Laboratory requisition needed. Only 1 requisition and 1 vial of patient's blood is needed to test for the following:

- o Hepatitis B acute infection
- o Hepatitis C screen
- o HIV screen

We recommend that patients also receive counseling regarding risk reduction during the evaluation period, including the recommendation to avoid sharing articles such as clippers, razors, toothbrushes, and the use of barrier protection (such as condoms) during sexual activity.

Clinician resources are available at our website specific for this situation at www.smdhu.org/ipac or on our Health Professionals Portal www.smdhu.org/hpportal.

If you have any further questions please call the SMDHU Communicable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-751-7520 Ext. 8809 or email at: HC.CD@smdhu.org Monday to Friday between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

View all HealthFax bulletins at the Health Professionals Portal

www.smdhu.org/HPPortal



Subscribe to urgent health email communications (E.g. Health Fax) by registering at www.smdhu.org/ehealthfax

Infection Prevention and Control Lapse Update 2: Additional Clinically Relevant Information

Attention: Physicians, Emergency Departments, Infection Control Practitioners, Nurse Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Family Health Teams, Dentists, Central LHIN, NSM LHIN, Neighbouring Health Units

Date: June 22, 2018

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) would like to update clinicians with additional clinically relevant information regarding one of the two cases of hepatitis C reported earlier this week.

The two cases sought testing as a result of the health unit's recommendation in February that patients who attended the dental clinic located at 18 Wyandotte Street in Orillia previously known as Joe Philip and Associates between the dates of January 1, 2012 and December 18, 2017 should consult with a health care provider to discuss possible testing. The original and continuing recommendation was a result of an investigation by SMDHU that identified that patients who attended the dental clinic between the above dates may have been exposed to dental instruments that were not cleaned and sterilized properly according to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario infection prevention and control guidelines.

One of the two cases is a child. The child's mother has verified that the child received dental treatment at the clinic during the period of concern. The mother subsequently underwent testing with the results showing her Hepatitis C antibodies to be negative. The Canadian Pediatric Society has stated that in Canada, the infection in childhood is now transmitted "almost exclusively by perinatal exposure". However, the mother's negative antibody test for hepatitis C indicates that the child most likely did not contract hepatitis C during pregnancy or at birth. Improperly cleaned and sterilized medical and dental instruments can spread infectious diseases, such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). This is why we continue to recommend that for those patients who received treatment at the clinic between the dates noted above, they should discuss possible testing with a health care provider. While the risk of transmission is low, it is not zero.

Until this week, the SMDHU has not been able to track all the testing done as a result of its February recommendation, as Hepatitis B and C testing can be done both at the public and private labs and we only receive results that are positive. At this time, the SMDHU has requested that tests be done exclusively at the public health lab where an investigation number has been assigned to track all lab results being conducted.

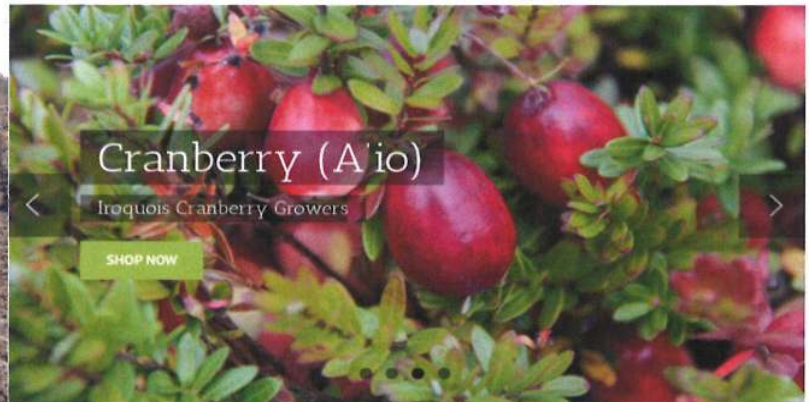
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Iroquois Cranberry Growers Oral History Project



Do you have stories about the cranberry marsh that you'd like to share?

The Wahta Mohawks First Nation and researchers from the University of Waterloo are working together to document knowledge and share stories associated with the Iroquois Cranberry Growers and marsh. The research study will begin in July 2018. If you decide to participate in this research study, you will have the opportunity to take part in an interview (approx. 60-90 minutes) and a workshop with other community members (approx. 90-120 minutes), and to share photographs or other symbols/objects you associate with the cranberry marsh with the researchers and other participants. In appreciation of your time, you will receive a \$50.00 honorarium for each session. For more information about this study, or if you would like to volunteer for this study, please contact:

Bryan Grimwood
University of Waterloo
(519)888-4567, ext. 32612
bgrimwood@uwaterloo.ca

*A Mohawk Council Resolution was passed July 26, 2017 in support of this research. The research has been reviewed and received ethics clearance from the University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE #23054).

**THE ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND
ALLIED INDIANS
&
WAHTA HEALTH SERVICES**

**INVITE YOU TO
A COMMUNITY SUPPER &
DISCUSSION ON CHILD WELFARE
REFORM
JULY 16, 2018
DINNER AT 5:00PM
DISCUSSION AT 6:00PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

RSVP Sherry 705-762-2354 ext. 250 by July 10th, 2018

**THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND ARE CAN PROVIDE
FEEDBACK THROUGH THE ONLINE SURVEY:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/2L3UKGB](https://bit.ly/2L3UKGB)**



July Newsletter Info

Tuesday, July 10th St.Jacobs Bus leaves at 7am and returns at approximately 8 pm. Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Thursday, July 12th Community Shopping Bus leaves for pick up at 9am (Barrie) (Mall, Foodcourt – or Moxies upstairs or Tim Hortons and then to Walmart) Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Monday, July 16th Diamond Dotz 10am-12pm

Tuesday, July 17th Stained Glass Feather workshop 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, July 18th 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.

Tuesday, July 24th The Good Food Box Arrives available for pick up after 1:30 at the administration (an order must be placed by **the 7th** of the month)

Wednesday, July 25th Chair Exercise and Healthy Lunch 10am contact Christine (273) to register

Wednesday, July 25th Community Kitchen 1-2:30 pm Administration Building, Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Monday, July 30th Colouring 10am-12pm Administration Building

Library Update

The Library now has a Facebook page! It contains information on programs, services, as well as library updates. You may also use it to contact the library. You can find us by searching “Wahta Mohawks First Nation Public Library,” on Facebook, or by visiting facebook.com/wahtamohawkslibrary

OverDrive Collection

Don't forget to sign up for a Patron ID so you can access OverDrive. It has thousands of e-books and audio-books. You can use them with your own devices or borrow 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

Library 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.

The program will be held July 9th, 16th, and 30th, and will continued biweekly on Mondays at 10:30am.

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.

The next three sessions are on July 10th, August 14th, and September 11th at 2:00pm at the Wahta Mohawks Administration and Community Centre. The program will continue once a month.

Please call or email if you plan to attend.

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.

The next three sessions are July 17th, August 28th, and September 25th at 2:00pm at the Wahta Mohawks Administration and Community Centre. The program will continue once a month.

Please call or email if you plan to attend.

Book Club

The Library is still looking to start a 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. Books will be provided.

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

Sewing club

July 9,16

5:30 at the Cultural Centre

Santa's village Family Outing

July 27th (meet at the park for 10am)

Must Contact Amy to sign up 705-762-2354 ext.240

Bingo

July 30th

6pm at the Cultural Centre

More games and prizes

Free to play

Wet n' wild Park Family Outing

Aug 7th

Leaving the administration at 8am

Returning at 7pm

Contact Amy to sign up 705-762-2354 ext.240

Community Fishing Derby and Family Picnic

Aug 4th 8-12 fishing at the Administration

12-5 Lunch & activities at the Cultural Centre

Baseball, horseshoes, rock climb, bouncy castle, cotton candy, games and more!

Children's Swimming lessons

July 20, 23-26

Contact Amy for the schedule and to sign up

705-762-2354 ext.240

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Thursday, July 5th 2018

UPDATED VENUE

**10 AM Christie Mills Inn & Spa
263 Port Severn Rd. N. Port Severn, ON**

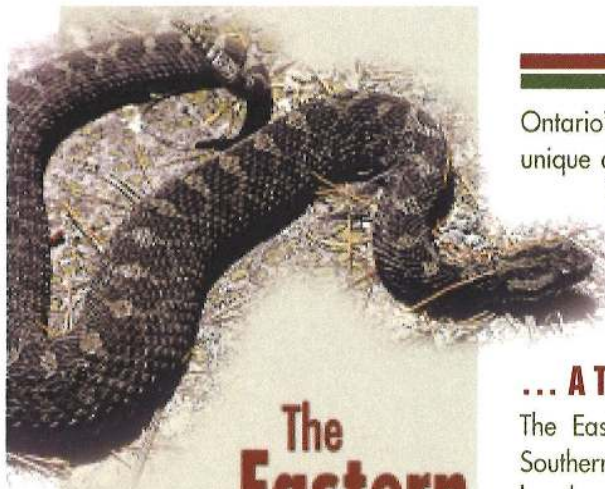
Join us as we share our successess and learnings over the past year and how we've emerged as leaders of change for Indigenous Child & Family Services.

Hear how our development has made an impact in our partner communities and jurisdiction

**PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 25TH: (705) 295-7135
EMAIL: lshearer@binnoojiiyag.ca**

Lunch Provided
Accomodations available in Port Severn & surrounding area

FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake



Ontario's only venomous snake, the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake is a unique and fascinating reptile. Many people will never get to see a massasauga because of the snake's behaviour. They are non-aggressive and will avoid people. They rely on their colouration and remaining still to stay hidden. The rattle may be used as a warning if someone moves too close.

... A Threatened Species

The Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake once had a much wider distribution in Southern Ontario than it does today. Persecution, habitat fragmentation and loss have resulted in their decline. This threatened species is protected by both Provincial and Federal legislation. Massasauga rattlesnakes are a unique component of Ontario's natural heritage. By being aware of your surroundings and following some precautions, you can safely share habitat with the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake.

Identifying Ontario's Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake

Learn to identify Ontario snakes, and to distinguish the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake from other snakes. Teach your children and visitors how to identify the massasauga. Ask children to tell an adult if they see a snake. The message is not meant to scare them, but to make them aware.



What To Look For

Colour

Brownish grey to dark grey background with dark saddle-shaped blotches on the back with several rows of alternating blotches on the side. Blotches are edged in white. Belly is dark.

Shape

Heavy-bodied snake. Head is diamond shaped with white stripes along jaw. Neck is narrow in contrast to wide head and body. Stubby tail has a brown, segmented rattle.

Eyes

Vertical (cat-like) pupils. Heat sensitive pits are located between eye and nostril. If you can see this you are probably too close! Try using binoculars to see these features.

Length 47 - 76 cm

www.massasauga.ca

Snake Safety Tips



DO NOT
pick up snakes or
other wild animals.

DO NOT
harass, chase, or
threaten a snake.

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1. Wear protective footwear (such as hiking boots that cover the ankle) and long, loose fitting pants, especially when hiking at night or in open rocky areas, through brush or long grass.
2. Use a flashlight when traveling at night.
3. Always watch where you are putting your feet and hands. Poke around gently with a stick before reaching into brush, under rocks, or into dark places where snakes may be hiding.
4. Keep pets on leashes; curious pets are more likely to encounter a snake than people.
5. If you hear a rattlesnake, STAY CALM! Stop walking, and then determine the snake's location. Slowly move away from the snake and give it room to also move away. Enjoy the unique encounter but observe it from a distance and try not to disturb the snake.

If a Snakebite Does Occur

1. Do not panic. Remain calm. Remember that the person may have been bitten but no venom injected.
2. Call emergency services to request transportation to the hospital. If possible, carry the patient or assist them in reducing activity. Ensure they are laying down while waiting for transportation. Remaining calm and inactive will slow the circulation of venom through the body.
3. Wash and cleanse the wound.
4. Remove any jewellery from the bitten limb in case of swelling.
5. Loosely splint the limb to reduce movement.
6. Always seek medical attention.

Never apply a tourniquet, ice, cut the bite area or apply suction. Never try to catch or kill the snake; this is unnecessary, dangerous, and illegal due to its protected status.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

The massasauga rattlesnake's striking distance is limited to 1/2 its body length. The fangs and venom glands of the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake are quite small. The fangs are not likely to penetrate leather-hiking boots or loose clothing. If a rattlesnake does bite, there is a 25% chance that no venom is injected. In many other instances, only a small quantity of venom may be injected.

Keep the danger of snakebite in perspective. There have only been two fatalities in Ontario linked to snakebite. These fatalities occurred over 40 years ago, and in both cases, neither person received appropriate medical attention.

For more information: www.massasauga.ca



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.

Electronics Recycling

Now you can recycle 'anything with a cord'. At the landfill site you will notice a new shipping container. Inside are totes and skids for your old electronics. Also, in the container is a barrel for all your old batteries. Look for more material information material at the Cultural Healing Center and the Community Center.



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. Please, no scavenging.



What Can I Recycle?

Electronics accepted at our drop-off location

Display Devices -- Televisions and monitors, including various technologies such as Cathode Ray Tube (CRT), flat panel (LCD, LED and plasma) and rear projection	Non-Cellular Telephones -- Includes corded and cordless telephones, as well as telephone answering machines.
Office Equipment -- Floor-Standing Photocopiers/Multi- Function Devices	Portable Computers -- Includes portable computers such as laptops, netbooks, notebooks and tablets.
Personal/Portable Audio/Video Systems -- Includes docking speakers, portable stereos, portable CD players, portable audio recorders, tape/radio players, digital media (MP3) players, voice recorders, and digital and video cameras.	Desktop Computers -- Desktop computers (including those acting as servers) and all bundled keyboards, mice, cables and internal components.
Computer Peripherals -- Includes both wired and wireless manual input devices such as keyboards, mice and trackballs.	Home/Auto Audio/Video Systems -- Includes VCRs, DVD and CD players, speakers, amplifiers, receivers, data projectors and similar audio/video systems.
Home Theatre In-A-Box (HTB) Systems -- Includes pre-packaged disc player/speaker/amplifier systems for use with video or television display to create a home theatre experience.	Desktop Printers -- Printers designed to reside on a work surface, including laser and LED, ink jet, dot matrix, thermal, dye sublimation and “multifunction” copy, scan, fax and print devices. Stand-alone desktop fax machines are also included in this category.
Cellular Devices -- Cellular phones, including those offering camera, video recording and/or audio	Batteries -- All types of batteries accepted: household batteries as well as vehicle batteries.

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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



Muskoka Community Health Hub: Wahta Site

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wahta Health Hub staff, along with the Health Hub Operations Committee (District Municipality of Muskoka for Health Links, Algonquin Family Health Team, and Cottage Country Family Health Team) is extremely pleased to announce that

the Muskoka Community Health Hub Demonstration Project has been approved for *PERMANENT FUNDING* by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term-Care effective April 1st, 2018.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Community of Wahta and to Chief and Council for 6.5 years of contributions and dedication to the Wahta Health Hub (formally the Wahta Nursing Station).

With your support, we began as a community initiative that has grown into a Ministry of Health recognized success.

We are ecstatic to say we will now be able to provide permanent primary care services to the community of Wahta.

First Nations and Inuit Education

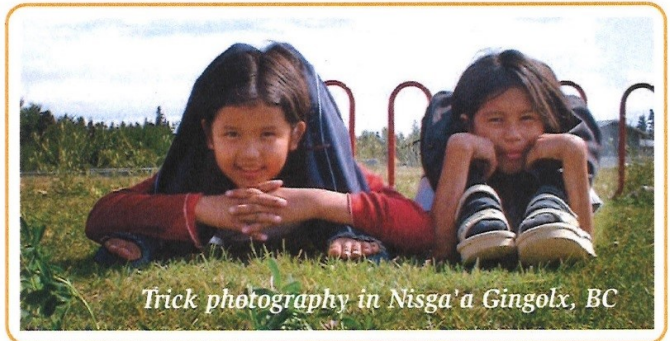
SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP

Our summer science camp has been educating and igniting imaginations across Canada since 2004. This high quality science and technology program has excited countless youth and children in over 100 communities from the Yukon to New Brunswick. As the name Elephant Thoughts implies, our aim is to promote the 'Big Ideas' of science by encouraging our participants to ask questions and challenging them to examine the world in which they live. They experiment with a wide variety of fully interactive, high-tech equipment that stimulates curiosity and educates them about careers in the field of science and technology.

BENEFITS OF SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP

Promotes a love for science and technology

- *Allows for exploration of science and technology topics.*
- *Culturally relevant programming that bonds native and non-native teaching of science.*
- *Enhances development of problem solving strategies.*
- *Relates theory to practical with hands-on experiments.*
- *Solidifies a working foundation of scientific principles.*
- *Develops such skills as observing, hypothesizing, designing and conducting experiments, and evaluating results.*
- *Brings real world relevance to the scientific process to better make sense of how the world around us works.*
- *Encourages careers in science and technology.*



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP!

AT THE CULTURAL HEALING CENTRE

ON

JULY 9TH - 13TH

&

AUGUST 13th - 17TH

9am - 4pm

Please contact Amy to register 705-762-2354 ext. 240
(limited space available)

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

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

PROPERTY FOR SALE

LOCATION 1

CON 4, LOT 7, PLAN T1025,
100 ACRES WITH 2 BEDROOM HOUSE
ON MUSKOKA RD. 38

LOCATION 2

CON 6 LOT 6-1 & LOT 6-2, PLAN 64976,
100 ACRES WITH FRONTAGE ON MUSQUASH RIVER

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

PLEASE CALL: BEV FRANKS @ 705-645-8008

House for sale with property

4 Bedroom House for sale

7.7 Acres

705-687-6554 for further details

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 Evan Holmes 705-644-9884.



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.

Wahta United Church

Faith Circle will be meeting at 1pm at the Church every Thursday Afternoon.
Church Service will be on July 1st 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 Conners 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.

Chief and Council

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Councilor Lawrence Schell	lawrence.schell@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-644-3001

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Matthew Commandant	Housing Coordinator	Ext. 275
Joanne Contant	Chief Financial Officer	Ext. 245
Sherry Byrne	Health Services	Ext. 250
Christine Cox	Health Services Family Violence	Ext. 273
Amy Davidson	Health and Social Assistant	Ext. 240
Carol Holmes	Education Services	Ext. 233
Murray Maracle	Senior Administrator	Ext. 231
William Manary	By-Law Coordinator	Ext 228
Kim North	Finance Clerk	Ext. 237
Bonnie Racine	Housing Intern	Ext. 259
Karen Sahanatien	Lands and Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
Martie Stanton	Human Resources/Employment	Ext. 272
Samantha Walker	Librarian	Ext. 225

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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