

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



Seskehko:wa- The Time of Much Freshness

September 2018



This issue....

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

Happy Saturday

Pot luck gathering September 15 at 1-3 pm at Culture Centre.

Shawl Making

Shawl making with Priscilla Yellowhead Tobey Thursday, October 4th 10:30 until finished. **9 spaces available.**

Please contact Sherry or Christine to register

Senior Boat Cruise

Senior's **2.5-hour Boat Cruise on the Wenonah II** in Gravenhurst Tuesday, October 15th. Lunch included. Leaving Wahta Community Centre at 10:15am. Limited seating for 12 seniors'. Please Sherry or Christine to **register before September 13th**, as tickets need to be purchased.

General Meeting

September 29th, 2018 Administration Building 9am

Fall Clean Up

Saturday October 20th, 2018 fall road side clean up and breakfast.

Breakfast will be served at 8am.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Church 11am	3	4	5	6 Community Shopping (Orillia)	7	8 Midland Pow Wow
9	10 Toddler Monday's Diamond Dotz	11 Senior Craft Club Apple Pick-up	12 Education Gathering Senior Exercise	13	14	15
16	17	18 Troy Green	19 Chair Exercise Lunch with Brad	20	21	22
23	24 Toddler Monday's Colouring BINGO	25 Senior Tech Club Good Food Box Pick up Council Meeting	26 Book Club Community Kitchen	27	28	29 General Meeting 9 am
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Chief and Council Update

During August council has been engaged in a number of areas, some finalizing current work as well as addressing newer issues. We have covered areas of governance, capital facilities, housing, and community safety. Earlier, Councilors Commandant and Schell had attended the Ontario Chiefs General Assembly which saw the election of new regional chief, Roseanne Archibald. The two councilors are also involved with hunting and fishing issues as representatives to the Iroquois Caucus committee.

Councilor Strength Fenton is a Wahta representative on the Board of Directors to the Woodland Cultural Centre. A recent meeting saw adoption of the 2017-2018 audit, updates on programs and accomplishments of the staff, and a report on the Save the Evidence campaign and renovations. I also attend the Woodland Centre as Chairperson of the board representing member communities Wahta, Tyendinaga, and Six Nations.

Councilor Greasley will soon be attending information session on Indian registration and band membership. The meeting will cover background on most recent developments by INAC in those areas. There will be discussion on the removal of the 1951 cut off date for status, devolving membership responsibility to the First Nations, and inequities to registration and band membership, among other things.

I have joined the Health Social Advisory Board of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians in addition to being a part of the Chiefs Council for the association.

Council as a whole highlights of the past month are as follows:

Muskoka Road 38 will become a Community Safety Zone as passed by the District of Muskoka committee meeting I recently attended. Speed fines will be doubled for a 6.5 km stretch beginning on our west boarder and on to just past What A Convenience store. The rest of the roadway does not meet criteria set out by the district at this point in time but can be reconsidered if necessary in the future.

Not so good news for our administration and community centre. A whole roof replacement will have to be performed as well as repair to other water damages at a cost above \$800,000. Council will need approve a plan to approach this unfunded task so work can begin.

The Additions to Reserve process begins again in September as we work to regaining title to those lands taken from us in 1918.

A housing policy was adopted by Council, and the First Nations Housing Market Fund officially kicked off this month. Partnered with the Bank of Montreal, we should be realized better mortgage rates as well as other options to owning a home, whether a new build or purchasing an existing house.

A revisit of the Wahta Development Corporation with our lawyer will soon enable us to once again advertise for Board members to serve as an initial board to get the corporation up and running.

The landfill long term plan will be developed soon as we await submissions for an engineering contract to help steer the path forward. An ultimate goal will be to eventually close the landfill and ship trash out of our lands.

The Wahta trespass bylaw saw a final tweak and will be posted for public comment prior to submission to Indigenous Affairs Canada.

The summer went by too quickly as usual. School buses will be soon be running once again. We want to extend best wishes to all as we move into September. Once again, please contact the office or council for more information on any of the above issues.

Chief Philip Franks

2018 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed May 30, 2018

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

Agenda:

- 05.30.01 OPG Meeting** - The Bridge will be 17.5 inches wider. In person consultation June 2. No extra liability for Wahta, they will notify emergency services of the road closure. Will be grading before and after bridge completion and increase grading to 3x per year. Construction start date is August 20.
- 05.30.02 Lease for Health Hub** – Approval to sign – Costs split 50 %, see motion below.
- 05.30.03 New Relationship Core Funding Agreement** – Signed extended one year agreement.
- 05.30.04 Increase in Home and Community Care Funding** – Discussed how this funding can be used to support more travel costs for seniors as well as increased PSW support.
- 05.30.05 Annual Insurance Policy Renewal Cost** – Payment of Band insurance of \$47 475. This includes all band property, liability, accidental etc. See motion below.
- 05.30.06 Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy Agreement** – This funding includes Healthy Babies program, Mental Health programming, staffing, etc. approx. \$200 000. Agreement signed.
- 05.30.07 Request to purchase 30 loads of gravel for Wahta Road #2** - This was deferred until more information is known; gravel inventory, road asset management list etc.
- 05.30.08 Flag Raising request as part of Muskoka Pride Festival** – Tuesday July 24th at 1:00 – Chief Franks agreed to attend.

Motions:

- 05.30.02 – Health Hub Agreement** – Approval to sign the two year agreement with the Health Hub, maintenance costs shared 50%. Carried by consensus
- 05.30.05 – Insurance** - Motion to approve Insurance payment of \$47 475 for yearly Band insurance expense. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Friday June 8, 2018

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Agenda:

o6.o8.o1 MCR Appointing new President/Director of Wahta Signs Inc. – A new Director needs to be appointed for banking purposes. Senior Administrator Murray Maracle will be appointed through a council resolution.

o6.o8.o2 Signed Health Canada assurance letter for Northern Star. The licensing process is still underway. Health Canada requires a letter that will allow them to come onto territory to inspect the activities of Northern Star in order to maintain proper licensing. Chief Franks has signed the letter. Will also schedule an update meeting with Northern Star.

o6.o8.o3 Bus Services Contract for 2018-19 – AIAI has funding of \$76 000 for exclusive bus service for Wahta students to shorten travel time to school. See motion below.

o6.o8.o4 Water Treatment Plant Project – Discussion on where the water treatment plant should be. Only certain wells have the required capacity to be used, some are on private CP land and approval must be obtained from land owner. There have been no agreeable land owners to date. A new well may need to be drilled, more discussion on the general location of the well.

o6.o8.o5 Membership Legal Update Revision – A legal review was requested based on the court case in *Miller v MCK* in which it was found that the membership code violates the charter. This could potentially have an impact on the Wahta Mohawk membership code. Alisa will provide more information and a decision will be made to revise the legal opinion obtained in 2017.

o6.o8.o6 DBCFS Motion to Appoint Board Member - The [Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services](#) is requesting a replacement Board member upon the departure of a staff member. Sherry Byrne is now the interim DBCFS Board member. See motion below.

o6.o8.o7 – Motion for the AIAI Health and Social Advisory Board. See motion below

o6.o8.o8 – Eagle Feather donation of \$200 for Orillia Court Eagle Feather Ceremony. Motion below.

Motions:

06.08.03 Bus Services – Motion to approve Chief Franks to sign the 2018/19 Bus contract with Hammond transportation. Carried by consensus.

06.08.06 DBCFS Board Member - Motion to approve the appointment of Sherry Byrne as the interim Board member of Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services (DBCFS). Carried by consensus.

06.08.07 – AIAI Board - Motion to appoint Chief Franks to the AIAI Health and Social Advisory Board. Carried by consensus

06.08.08 – Eagle Feather – Motion to donate \$200 to Aboriginal Legal Services for the Orillia Court Eagle Feather ceremony. Carried by consensus.

Next meeting: Wed June 20 (No meeting June 13)

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed June 20, 2018

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

Agenda:

06.20.01 Education Assistants- Purchase Approval for 4 full-time Education Assistants – See motion below

06.20.02 OPG MOU - Decision on Approval – Defer signing contract until more details on the compensation package is finalized. Will continue to work on memorandum of understanding.

06.20.03 Staff Updates – Staff Wellness committee is working on ways to improve staff morale including communication training and interactive staff activities.

06.20.04 Monthly Finance Review - Went over monthly finance review, as it is the beginning of the fiscal year there are no noteworthy changes at this point.

06.20.05 Gravel Road Request – There is a request for Gravel at the Sugar Shack Rd. (Camp Jackson Rd.). Four loads have been approved for this road. All gravel requests for roads that are not maintained by Wahta or by members do not qualify for the member pricing.

06.20.06 Membership Code Update – Request to get an updated addendum to the legal review completed in 2016 as the *Miller c. Mohawk Council Of Kahnawà:k* can set a precedent and changes should be reflected in the legal opinion in the interest of accuracy.

Motions:

02.20.01 – Education Assistants - Motion for approval for expenditure of \$120 604 to hire four full time Education Assistants for students of Wahta. Funded through special education funding through the Department of Indigenous Services. Carried by consensus

Next meeting: No meeting June 27, next meeting to be announced

Council Weekly Meeting Summary – Wed July 4, 2018

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

Agenda:

07.04.01 – Electronic Signs Update – Review of MTO safety requirements and permit issue

07.04.02 – Knowledge First Signatures required – Deferred to next week.

07.04.05 - Seven Leaf Proposed visit – Touring the area July 10.

07.04.06 - Water Treatment – Identify dates for meeting with INAC.

07.04.07 - Speed Radar Signs – Scott Aubichon to place signs at ideal locations on Muskoka Rd.38

07.04.08 - High Speed Internet – Senior Administrator looking into other options for band hall.

07.04.09 - Ontario Power Generation Bridge Construction – Looking at the compensation update for home/cottage owners affected by bridge construction.

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018

June 2018 Community Meeting Minutes

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday July 4, 2018

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

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

Adoption of Minutes of May 29, 2018: Moved by Councillor Commandant Seconded by Councillor Schell.
Carried.

New Business:

TD Trust Interest Account – Another meeting scheduled to go over an investment policy for the Trust interest account.

Water Treatment Plant Update - Finding the water source is still an issue, the area should be close to the units and not the baseball field as previously discussed. Another meeting is to be held to get further updates and look at more water sources.

Invasive Species Discussion - There is a new invasive species called Phragmites that gets quite high and needs to be sprayed or it can take over swamps, wet and dry lands. Spray is commonly referred to as Round Up with specific restrictions. We need to commit to joining all the other surrounding communities to make this work and stop the spread. The people who do the spraying are trained, there are spraying stipulations on wind conditions etc. Resolution required for Wahta.

Chiefs of Ontario Conference Update - Election held for Regional Chief. Isadore Day was the incumbent, by 3rd round of voting Rosanne Archibald won the election. Rama would like to take full partnership in the limited partnership agreement, this is opposed and currently on hold. Rama already gets other funding from Casino funds. The Province has lifted ban for licensing Long Care Term projects, the licensing phase is extensive. Long term feasibility must be considered. Phase Two Long care study is almost complete.

Education Update – School Bus/Education Assistants – A School bus for Wahta children that will take them directly to school has been secured, this will reduce travel time for students. The Renewed Education Enhancement funding is approved and will be helping 4 education assistants for Wahta children in need.

Old Business/ Follow-up:

New Relationship Funding – MCR required for one-year renewal which funds the lands Manager position and related activities.

Church Roof – Building Inspector suggested new roof with downspouts and eavesdrop for ice and water. The current roof was built in 2004. Matthew will obtain quotes. This project could be funded by the Wahta Trust.

June Motion Summary:

06.08.03 Bus Services – Motion to approve Chief Franks to sign the 2018/19 Bus contract with Hammond transportation. Carried by consensus.

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Questions/Comments:

Chief Franks spoke of some complaints made by Muskoka residents/cottagers about the electronic signs. He made the point that no one took notice when they took the ATR lands or ran old highway 103 through our lands or when the hydro lines came through our lands. The viewing time on the highway is less than five minutes.

The Federal Government is looking at a new legal framework legislation which could eliminate the Indian Act. They may offer larger funding possibly in 10-year funding blocks for those nations that are ready depending on linguistic group. There are still many unanswered questions around how it will roll out. The Framework has been rejected by the AIAI Chiefs.

Chief Franks was notified that there may be some sort of protest in the evening over various issues such as assimilation, band councils, confederacy systems, hunting. Details are still unclear.

Councillor Schell stated that Haudenosaunee Longhouses generally do not agree on issues. The position council takes on the Longhouse should be up to the people.

Merv Dewasha addressed the change of the Indian Act in 1967. He stated that we own all resources of this land now, this is protected under the Indian Act as well as treaty rights to hunt and fish. The provincial system could eliminate this.

He advised that if the Indian Act is abolished then the Crown may no longer own the land, it is important to retain title of the lands without Provincial or Federal rule. There are also special rights as aboriginal people to travel to US with a letter from your reserve and a status card, no green card is required.

Next Meeting Date: Postpone one week to Tuesday August 7, 2018

Adjournment: Moved by Councillor Commandant Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.

Great Law Teachings

We are pleased to announce Tekarontake Delaronde, Loran Thompson and Francis boots will be coming to our community in the fall (date soon to be determined). They will visit Wahta to speak about the Great Law, Creation Story and other related topics. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

The Story Behind Orange Shirt Day

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, and there was no welfare, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School Institute. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had eyelets and lace, and I felt so pretty in that shirt and excited to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never saw it again, except on other kids. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years I want my orange shirt back!"

Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, Dog Creek, BC

This orange shirt taken from one child, is a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students, and their families and communities, over several generations including: loss of family, language, culture, freedom, parenting, self-esteem and worth and painful experiences of abuse and neglect. Wearing orange shirts are a symbol of defiance against those things that undermine children's self-esteem, and of our commitment to anti-racism and anti-bullying in general.

The date was chosen (September 30) because it is the time of year that children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other.

Legacy of Hope <http://www.legacyofhope.ca/>

EMPLOYMENT

SHORT TERM CONTRACT

September 17 – March 29, 2019 (with possibility to renew)

Wahta Mohawks is looking for a qualified individual to assist the Education Department in providing support to elementary and secondary students and families.

Responsibilities would include assisting the Education Services Coordinator with the following:

- Coordinating resources for Tsi Iontiatrarorohksta (the Gathering Place) at Glen Orchard Public School.
- Coordinating and attending circles for secondary students.
- Attending scheduled gatherings for parents and assisting with follow up work.
- Assisting with coordination of special education services for Wahta Mohawk students.
- Other responsibilities as required.

Desired Qualifications:

Post secondary diploma or degree in Child and Youth Care Program or related field.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO MARTIE STANTON

Martie.stanton@wahtamohawks.ca



Job Posting – Community Energy Specialist

Wahta Mohawks is a small native community located in central Ontario that operates a number of programs including Public Administration, Housing, Public Works, Social Services, and Economic Development.

We are seeking a Community Energy Specialist to undertake community education and capacity building in Wahta. The job is a six-month contract position.

Duties and Qualifications

- Community outreach
- Strong written and verbal communications skills
- Energy efficiency planning
- Knowledge of energy efficiency assessments and solutions
- Renewable energy planning
- Knowledge of small scale renewable energy technologies
- Field work and travel
- Valid driver's license

Desirable attributes include:

- Experience working with First Nations communities
- Highly detail oriented, efficient and precise
- Positive, energetic and productive and works well with others
- Self-starter, innovative and creative
- Culturally sensitive with a passion for environmental sustainability

Remuneration

The Contract Position pays \$28,000.00 to \$33,500.00 depending on qualifications and experience.

Closing

Applications will be received until September 14, 2018.

For further information or to apply, please contact Matthew Commandant
(matthew.commandant@wahtamohawks.ca) 705-762-2354- Ext 275

Orillia Courts now have the use of an Eagle Feather

By Brenda Ingersoll

On June 20th, 2018 Rama's Chief, Council, Social Services, Biidaaban, and community were invited to a special Eagle Feather ceremony at the Orillia Courthouse. The Enahtig Healing Lodge and Learning Centre Justice Program also brought their Eagle Staff. The event was open to anyone who wanted to come.

Rama Chief Rodney Noganosh provided opening remarks for the event. He saw the ceremony and the use of eagle feathers for our people in a courtroom as a step forward in the relationship between our peoples. He also said that First Nations people are overrepresented in the courts and jails. Midewiwin Elder from Beausoleil, Hector Copegog, conducted the ceremony. He taught that the Eagle is the closest to the Creator and intervened on all peoples behalf when a malevolent spirit was going to destroy creation. "Our people hold the feather when speaking from the heart and it has great significance in our culture." He went on to say that sometimes our people are afraid to speak on their own behalf in a courtroom and having an eagle feather present may help him or her. Hector joked that as a very young man he too had once experienced the courtroom from the witness box, "but that was a long long time ago" he said grinning.



Left to right back: Shirley Hay, Elder Lorraine McRae, Terri-Dawn Craig and Elder Hector Copegog



Intertribal Police Drum Group: Left to right: Tom Batisse, Rama Police; Segwan Spence, Barrie City Police; Jules McKenzie, Rama Police; Russ Kohoko, Rama Police; Steve Jacobs, Rama Police; Riley Brown, OPP



Terri-Dawn Craig OPP (right) introduces Rama First Nation Chief Rodney Noganosh to speak. Elder Lorraine McRae

The summer 2012 edition of Footprints produced by the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs said that the eagle feather can now be used in any courthouse in Ontario

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/37458773/footprints-ministry-of-aboriginal-affairs-ontarioca>

Rama Elder Lorraine McRae conducted a shortened version of the water ceremony and offered a hand drum song. She spoke to how the water is in and around us from birth and that praying for the water changes it. She then gently brushed the feathers using the water from the ceremony. The feathers were then presented to Justice Krelove, Justice Nichols and Justice Rosenberg by Hector and Lorraine.

Hector spoke to them about the use of the Eagle Feather in the courts as a significant step for all Ontarians. The Intertribal Peacekeepers Drum Group attended the ceremony and performed an honour song. Dancers Dave Rice, Patty



Left to right: Biidaaban Coordinator, Brittany Simcoe and Rama Baillie Redfern, and Allison Ferth led the



Rama member Jeremy Cote with young Mason Morris.

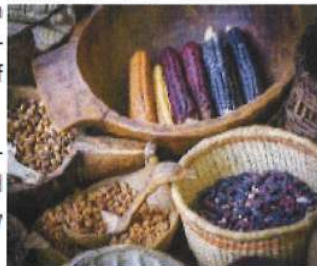
procession around the room with the Justices' carrying the feathers held high.

Shirley Hay, who is Haudenosaunee, and Terri-Dawn Craig who is Ojibway and a member of Rama, began this initiative in 2012. "Our first ceremony was in May 2014 at the Barrie courthouse, the first time ever a ceremony has been held in a courtroom. Shirley was the aboriginal court worker at the Barrie courthouse and I was the Supervisor of Court Operations for the Orillia courthouse when we met. She wanted to have a feather in the courts and once I heard this I had to be involved. Since then we have become best friends." Their goal is to have feathers available in all courts across the province for all First Nations people. They have to date organized 4 ceremonies and gifted 5 feathers, in Barrie, Bracebridge, Parry Sound, Orillia and Midland. Terri Craig explained that the feathers were gifted by the Dene peoples in the North West Territories for the Orillia, Midland and Parry Sound courthouses specifically.

Since 2012, similar initiatives have been undertaken by First Nation's friendship centres and individuals in Ottawa, Toronto, and North Bay courthouses.

Prayers were offered in Ojibway and by Hector Copegog and Tim Thompson in the Iroquois language. Tim related to the courtroom that there are similarities but also significant differences between the Haudenosaunee and Ojibway Cultures. He remarked that few outside of First Nations people are aware of this.

The feast consisted of bison, wild rice, 3-sisters casserole, berry salad, baked and fried bannock, cedar tea and strawberry tea.



Acting Rama Chief of Police and member of the Intertribal Police Drum Group, Tom Batisse



The dance procession with court workers and Justices'



Orillia Courthouse was full of Native people and court workers to celebrate the use of Eagle Feathers in the Ontario Courts. Members of council including Ted Snache, Tracey Snache and Ron Douglas were also in attendance.

EDUCATION RELATED GATHERINGS FOR PARENTS

As a new school year begins, and as we update our Education Services Agreement for those students registered on our nominal roll with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, I invite parents to come together to discuss school related issues. Your input is important to guide discussions with TLDSB education committees, ultimately affecting services for your children.

The plan is to schedule quarterly meetings throughout the year. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Wednesday **September 12, 2018** - 5:30 Cultural Centre

Wednesday **December 5, 2018** - 5:30 Cultural Centre

Wednesday **March 20, 2019** - 5:30 Cultural Centre

Wednesday **May 15, 2019** - 5:30 Cultural Centre

Dinner and child care services will be provided.

Please register to attend the first meeting by September 5, 2018.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20, 2018

FALL ROADSIDE CLEAN UP DAY

AND

BREAKFAST

After the traffic subsidies and the Cranberry Festival attendees have departed, we would like to invite community to come out and participate in a 2nd road side clean up day.

This is a good time to clean up our Mother Earth before she is blanketed with snow.

Secondary students can receive volunteer hours if they bring in their paperwork for signature!

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am

From Administration Building



Library Update

Visit us online at 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 audiobooks. 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 September 10th and 24th, and will continue biweekly on Mondays at 10:30.

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 September 11th, October 9th, and November 13th at 2:00pm at the Wahta Mohawks Administration and Community Centre. The program will continue once a month.

Please call (705) 762-2354 ext. 225 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 September 25th, October 23rd, and November 27th at 2:00pm at the Wahta Mohawks Administration and Community Centre. The program will continue once a month.

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Book Club

Book club meets the last Wednesday of each month. This month's meeting will be on September 26th at 6:00pm at the Wahta Mohawks Administration and Community Centre.

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 best place to find more information about programs is on the Library's Facebook page.

September Newsletter Health Services

Community Shopping – Orillia- Thursday, September 6th, bus leaves at **9am** (Orillia Square Mall, Fabricland, Montana's, and Walmart) Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Midland PowWow - Saturday, September 8th, 2018, meet at administration bus leaves at **8:30am** returns at **3pm**. If not an elder best to bring a lawn chair. Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Diamond Dotz – Monday, September 10th, 2018 10-12

Apple Pick-Up and Lunch Tuesday, September 11th bus leaves at 9am. Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Seniors Exercise with Sue Wednesday, September 12th 1pm-2pm Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Troy Greene Mohawk Healer/Seer Tuesday, September 18th contact Sherry for an appointment

Chair Exercise Wednesday, September 19th 10am-11:30am Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Lunch with Brad Wednesday, September 19th 11:30am-1pm Contact Christine or Sherry to register

Colouring Monday September 24th 10am-12pm

Good Food Box Pick up Tuesday, September 25th after 1pm

Community Kitchen Wednesday September 26th 1pm-2:30pm

Up and coming in October

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Attention!!
Afterschool Program
Starts September 17th

The program will run, Monday – Wednesdays until 5:30pm, (except for holidays and days of bus cancellations). Please contact Carol Holmes and the school to allow permission for your children to be dropped off at the Cultural Centre on these days.

Student Nutrition bags will start this same week pick up on Mondays before 5:30. This program is for children living on res or attending the afterschool program. If you do not wish to participate, please contact Amy Davidson at 705-762-3343.

Moms Group Freezer meal work shop

Sept 19th from 12-3

At the Cultural Centre

Only 8 spots available

Participants will be expected to pay approximately \$175.00 each

Please contact Amy for more information 705-762-3343

Bingo

Sept 24th 6pm at the Cultural Centre

No fee to play

Children's Apple Picking

Barrie Hill Farms

Sept 22nd, Bus leave at 8am

13 child spots available

Contact Amy to sign up 705-762-3343

Wahta Health Hub Welcomes

Tread Orthopaedics Inc.

“A community based, eco-conscious pedorthic practice”

Custom Foot Orthotics

Custom Footwear

Orthopaedic Footwear Modifications

Orthopaedic Hip/Knee/Ankle Braces

Compression Garments

Custom Shoes

Common issues treated include:

Fatigue/ache in the feet/legs, arch/heel/forefoot pain, ankle pain, knee pain, hip pain, low back pain, osteoarthritis, diabetes, ulcers, etc..

Patients are not charged for an assessment and most orthotics are covered by First Nations Inuit Health Benefits (FNIHB) or personal medical benefits. Zachary directly bills FNIHB.

To book an appointment with Zachary, please call the

Wahta Health Hub at 705-762-1274.

Tread Orthopaedics is owned and operated by Zachary Quesnelle, H.Kin, Dip PED, C.Ped (C), Pedorthist.

Dinner and Cranberry Marsh Story Exchange

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Community Hall, Wahta Administration
Building



Come celebrate and share stories about the Iroquois Cranberry!

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. Please join us on Wednesday, October 10 for a free dinner and storytelling event at the community hall. If you decide to participate in this celebration, you will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop with other community members (approx. 60-90 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 after the workshop. For more information about this study, or if you would like to volunteer for this study, please contact:

Wahta staff:
Samantha Walker (Librarian) or
Christine Cox (Community Health Services)
(705) 762-2354

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*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).

BUTT OUT SMOKING FIRES



SMOKING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF FATAL HOME FIRES

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking fires account for **8%** of all home fires.

One in 10 smoking fires results in an injury or death.

One in four home fire fatalities are caused by smoking.

65% of smoking fires are caused by “**improper discarding**” of smoking materials.

The average dollar loss per smoking fire is **\$37,000**.

**A Dangerous Mix:
Alcohol is a factor in many
smoking-related fires**

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014.
Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal
and Emergency Management

How do I prevent a smoking fire?

- ❖ Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
- ❖ Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- ❖ Never smoke in bed.
- ❖ Use large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over.
- ❖ Empty ashes into a metal container – not the garbage can – and put it outside.
- ❖ If people have been smoking in your home, check behind chair and sofa cushions for cigarette butts before going to bed.



Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

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Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management
www.ontario.ca/firemarshal



Wahta Mohawks is reducing the amount of paper we use. We would like to communicate electronically with Members when appropriate. On July 1, 2014 Canada's anti-spam legislation came into effect. Wahta Mohawks is required to obtain consent to communicate electronically with Members.

Wahta Mohawks uses commercial electronic messages as a way to update and inform members on our initiatives and programming areas of advocacy, community, education and governance. Electronic publications sent to Wahta Members include: E-vites, Programming Notices, Information to Tenants, and other items listed below. Depending on the message, we may communicate via email or SMS (Short Message Service or Text).

To consent to receiving electronic communications from Wahta Mohawks, please Complete and sign this form. Return this form to us (by hand, fax, scanned email). If you do not wish to participate, please ignore this request. Complete the form by filling in your name, Email Address and/or Mobile Number, and check off items you would like to receive from us. Not all items will be available immediately. ***If you have already signed up for the newsletter, you will continue to receive the newsletter.**

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Email:
Phone (SMS)



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Updates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant Information/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Updates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis or Emergency Situations | <input type="checkbox"/> Invoicing |

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Signature

Date

Moose Deer Point Health Fair 2018

Date: Wednesday September 26th

Time: 10am – 5pm

There will be a good mix of informative booths and holistic wellness booths, definitely something for everyone.

Tarot card readings, energy readings as well as all-natural soaps, stones and oils etc. will be available for purchase.

Come and fill out a passport to win door prizes!

There will be some never-done-before **SURPRISES** too, but you have to come and join in the fun to find out what they are!

Snacks will be available throughout the day and the children will be welcome to come after school.

First come, first serve on the tarot and energy readings so get there early if you can!

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Child & Family Services



Providing strength based, inclusive child welfare services.

Our Indigenous Child Welfare values are rooted in the Seven Grandfather teachings. We understand the importance of relationships and connections, therefore, we work tirelessly to ensure family and community are meaningfully engaged throughout our involvement.

We are a predesignated child welfare agency on our way to becoming a mandated child protection agency. (Indigenous Child Wellbeing Agency).

At Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag, we utilize the original ways of knowing and being, while respecting and honouring the uniqueness and needs of each child, youth, family and Nation.



Join our **team today**

- **Significant Growth:** Over the next 12 months we are actively recruiting in all areas of our agency, including: Supervisors, Senior Managers, Intake, Family Services, Children's Services, Resource (Alternate Care) worker, and all administration positions.
- **Potential For Increased Responsibility:** Future opportunities for advancement within the organization.
- **Competitive Salary & Benefits:** Similar packages that compare with our partner Children's Aid Societies
- **Submit your resume today:** Check out our facebook page for what you need to submit with your resume and send to: careers@binnoojiiyag.ca



www.facebook.com/binnoojiiyag

We're always posting new opportunities, events and news. It's the easiest way to stay up to date with timely alerts.

Call us **+1 844 523 2237**

Visit **www.binnoojiiyag.ca**

PROPERTY FOR SALE

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.



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

Wahta United Church

Faith Circle will be meeting at 1pm
at the Church every Thursday
Afternoon.

Church Service will be on
September 2nd at 11:00am

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



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

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.ca 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.

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.

The Good Food Box

A Pilot Project (Started 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

Chief and Council

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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

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