

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

Seskeha - The Time of Freshness



August 2019



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Public Council Meeting

There will be a Public Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 6th, at the Administration Building at 7:00pm

Bass Derby & Picnic - Aug. 3rd

Fishing will begin at Webster Lake at 8:00am, and will be followed by a BBQ at the Cultural Centre at 12:00pm. Kid's activities, baseball & horseshoes will began at 1:00pm

Attention Members:

If you are stopped by MNR authorities, please keep a record of the name and badge number of the officer, as well as the date, time, and place that you were stopped. The goal of collecting the information is to assist council in advocating for the protection of the community's rights. Please report this information to Scott Aubichon at 705-762-2354 ext. 242.

Are you thinking about building or renovating? Contact Karen or Matthew for help with the various Housing Programs, Subsidy Programs & Mortgage Programs that are available. 705-762-2354

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matthew.commandant@wahtamohawks.ca



AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Bass Derby & Picnic 8AM
4	5	6 Public Council Meeting 7:00PM	7 Good Food Box Orders Due	8	9	10
11 Church 11:00AM	12 Community Kitchen 11PM	13 Community Shopping	14 Footcare/Sue Siwik/Dietician Sen. Exer. 1PM Back to School Workshop 3:30PM Family Math Night 5:30PM	15	16 Bingo & Lunch 55+ 10:30am	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Rohahio O'Halloran Book Reading CC 10:30am Bingo & Dinner 19-54 5:30PM	27 Good Food Box Pickup Hearing Clinic 10-4	28 Chair Exercise & Lunch 10am	29	30	31

Council Update for August 2019

Chief Philip Franks

We are now midway through summer break and as usual for many it is flying by much too quickly. At this time, we have been experiencing high heat and little rain. The fire danger is extreme so please exercise caution and follow the no burn guidelines. Council continues to meet during the summer months on a regular basis. The following are some updates regarding those discussions and decisions.

Election Regulations: Late in July at the regular general meeting a draft of the election regulations was presented. Changes proposed will bring some clarity to existing regulations, while at the same time introducing new procedures. One of the main departures from the past rules is the introduction of mail in balloting. Also, there will be a longer period of time from time of nominations to date of voting. The final draft will be sent to all voters very soon. In order to amend the regulations, we will follow the existing rules that state voting on changes will be done at a duly called meeting. This meeting will be Saturday, September 14th at the community centre. It is a vote by raise of hands among those in attendance.

Capital Projects: Capital projects are coming along. These include six new residential units, replacing two roofs on Wahta buildings, and most recently the replacement of guard rail posts on our side roads in the Cranberry Growers Road area. We are following two studies being carried out, one is the examination of alternatives to our current landfill operation, the other is the feasibility of the proposed water treatment plant in the core area. On the water note, it is not looking like it will be feasible, so included in the study is the investigation of alternative ways to deliver clean safe drinking water in the community.

Wahta Financial Audit: On July 24th, Council accepted the annual draft audit. Once again it was an unqualified audit, meaning there were no issues found by the auditors. This was the final step before submission to funding agencies by the end of July. Wahta is in a sound financial position, far surpassing the best category outlined by Indigenous Services Canada.

Cannabis: Ongoing discussion is occurring on the implementation of retail cannabis sales and the effect on First Nations. Once again, to date Council has not adopted to create a regulated system on the territory.

Other areas: Council members will represent Wahta in a number of areas in August such as Hunting and Fishing rights, Woodland Cultural Centre, Health and Social issues through AIAI, political issues with the AIAI Chiefs Council, Child Welfare service delivery on the territory, as well as the Additions to Reserve process to reinstate our lands to reserve status.

Please write, email, or call the Council or myself on any of these issues for more information if you desire, or any other items that concern you. Until next month, Niawen.

2019 Council Weekly Meeting Summaries

Council Weekly Meeting Summary –Wed May 8, 2019

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

05.08.01 Donation Budgets – Looked at donation budget from last fiscal year, set it at same amount of \$3000 per year. See motion below.

05.08.02 Election Next Steps – July 20 set as tentative general meeting date. Draft copies to be on hand for discussion.

05.08.03 DBCSF Elders Council - Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services is looking for elders to form an elder's council. To be put in newsletter.

05.08.04 Development Board BCR Conference Call – Deferred, the newly formed Board can speak further with legal council regarding any questions about proposed BCR.

05.08.05 Garage Lease – Interest expressed in the lease, must review offer and look at rental rates. Capital Assets manager to put all building rentals and equipment for sale in the newsletter.

05.08.06 Letter of Support for Parry Sound Regional Airport – Asking for support for airport expansion, Chief Franks would like to first know what other neighbouring First Nations have been contacted and their thoughts.

Motions:

05.08.01 Donation Budget - Motion to set a budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year of \$3000 for annual donations of \$500 each to South Muskoka Hospital, West Parry Sound Hospital, Royal Canadian Legion and others.

On May 8, 2019 Chief and Council were made aware of an occupation at the Cultural Centre. At this time a duly convened meeting was held, the Administrator was made aware of a Trespass through a quorum of council and the Police were contacted. The occupation ended safely in the late evening hours.

Upcoming Travel/Meetings:

Thurs May 16 - Fri May 17 - Governance Training

Tues May 28 - Wed May 29 - IC Meeting Tyendinaga

Tues June 4 - Thurs June 6 - AIAI General Assembly Tyendinaga

Tues June 11 - Thurs June 13 - Chiefs of Ontario Batchewana

Next Meeting: Wed May 15, 2019

Council Weekly Meeting Summary –Wed May 15, 2019**In Attendance:**

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

Agenda:

05.15.01 Audit – Chief Franks discussed carrying out deep audits on specific items that members bring forward to set the record straight on any financial concerns. A more fulsome explanation will be included in June newsletter.

05.15.02 Church Repair – The Church wall is bowing and needs reinforcement or repair, it's undetermined where exactly the compromised areas are located. An engineer's report may be required to investigate the issue.

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Tues June 4 - Thurs June 6 - AIAI General Assembly Tyendinaga

Tues June 11 - Thurs June 13 - Chiefs of Ontario Batchewana

Next Meeting: Monday May 27, 2019

Council Weekly Meeting Summary –Mon May 27, 2019**In Attendance:**

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

Agenda:

05.27.01 Annual Report – Discussed the release of an annual report and how it can be structured. Administrator will have all staff start to submit entries.

05.27.02 Church Foundation – The structural engineer costs to assess the church damage is approximately \$1500, approved by council.

05.27.03 Post Secondary Applications – Education funding is in a shortfall position no other remedies are available at this point. Chief Franks and Councillor Greasley declared a conflict of interest.

05.27.04 Traditional Healer Funding – Signature for request letter for \$4000 to signed to fund and support Chigamik Traditional Healing Programs.

05.27.05 Gravel Price Increase. An increase of \$10/load has been implemented to offset increased costs. A load is now \$100 plus trucking cost.

Upcoming Travel/Meetings:

Tues June 4 - Thurs June 6 - AIAI General Assembly Tyendinaga

Tues June 11 - Thurs June 13 - Chiefs of Ontario Batchewana

Tues June 18 - District of Muskoka Indigenous Leadership Table

Next Meeting: Mon June 12, 2019

June 2019 Community Meeting Minutes

Wahta Mohawks Community Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday June 10, 2019

- I. Present:** Chief Philip Franks, Councillor Blaine Commandant, Councillor Teresa Greasley, Councillor Strength-Fenton. Regrets Councillor Lawrence Schell
- II. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Councillor Commandant, Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.
- IV. Adoption of Minutes of May 7, 2019:** Moved by Councillor Commandant, Seconded by Councillor Strength-Fenton. Carried.
- V. Actions Arising from Minutes:** Additions to reserve meeting took place May 29. There is a request for Ontario and Canada to take more of a lead acquiring permits

for Roderick lake and Sandy Grey area. The cottagers will now require a permit so they can access the river.

VI. New Business:

- **Church Foundation** – Damage to the foundation wall was found but it can be easily fixed. Some bolts on the top plate of the foundation wall came loose. Estimated cost \$4000 to \$5000.
- **Post Secondary Funding** – 4th priority students won't be fully funded this year as the overall budget was over by \$130 000. Kristal Berwick commented that bursaries and OSAP deadlines are closing. There was disagreement on using Trust funds for education funding. Chief Franks stated he will get an update from the Administrator on any further funding.
- **Gravel Pricing** – Price per tandem load is increasing from \$90/load to \$100/load. This will help to break even on the costs. Trucking is an additional cost.
- **Gas Card Updates** – The Provincial government has announced that gas cards are being discontinued and replaced by using status cards by January 2020.

VII. Old Business/ Follow-up:

- **Election Regulation Updates** – A revised version will be released and discussed at the July general meeting. Some suggestions are to prohibit vote buying, aboriginal rights, legal council will review these items. All candidates will also be provided a newsletter space or special mail out before election.
- **Cannabis Survey Next Steps** – Results are now in regarding the survey on selling recreational cannabis on reserve. Totals votes casted was 177, of that total 117 voted yes, 60 voted no. On reserve totals were 33 said yes, 26 said no. Off reserve totals were 84 said yes, 34 said no. Chief Franks said that there must be more discussion on enforcement. Many communities are developing their own laws there was discussion on the dangers and benefits of cannabis use and the difficulties of ensuring safe licensed product availability.
- **OPP/Legal Meeting** – Discussed trespass by-law, OPP would like to have their legal dept review it. Discussions were held on cannabis use, they recommended anyone to call crime stoppers to report sale of illegal drugs.
- **AIAI General Assembly Update** – AIAI reported what progress they have made over the year. Some lobbying efforts include Nestle bottled water, Rights

Framework, Policing, adding medical cannabis coverage to the non-insured Health Benefits and education funding.

VIII. May Motion Summary:

05.08.01 – Motion to set a budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year of \$3000 for annual donations of \$500 each to South Muskoka Hospital, West Parry Sound Hospital, Royal Canadian Legion and others.

IX. Questions/Comments:

Kristal Berwick stated she has been conferring with the Trust and it was stated that it can be used for education funding. Councillor Strength-Fenton stated that the Trust agreement does not allow for per capita funding and a referendum would be required to change this.

Kristal Berwick also asked about emergency situations where two estimates are required but there is no time for estimates due to the emergency. Chief Franks stated he will ask the Administrator if there are exceptions and what are the specific rules.

X. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 2, 2019

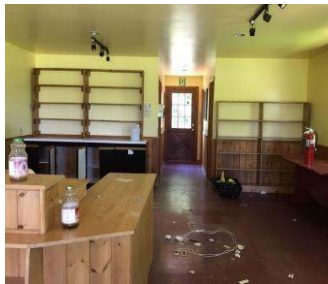
XI. Adjournment

XII. Closing

The Wahta Mohawk Council is inviting expressions of interest in the lease of buildings at the former Iroquois Cranberry Growers location. There are three buildings available: 20X24 Former Retail Space (electric heat) with a large parking lot, 80X60 Warehouse space (not heated) with 4-foot loading dock, and a 30X40 Workshop (propane heat) with a 14-foot garage door. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, please contact **Randy Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager at 705-762-2354 Ext 224** or randall.sonmor@wahtamohawks.com.



Exterior of former Retail Space



Interior of former Retail Space



Exterior of Warehouse Space



Interior of Warehouse Space



Exterior of Workshop Space

There are also several items (some pictures below) that are still available for purchase. If you are interested or want to review all items for sale, please contact Randy.



Fortress Conveyor Metal Detector



Fortress Drop-Thru Metal Detector



Woodhouse metal Lathe with 5-foot bed



Canox AC/DC Stick welder with Canox 'buzz box' for Tig Welding



Busy-Bee Drillpress/Milling Machine

WAHTA MOHAWKS

JOB DESCRIPTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Title: Early Childhood Educator – Wahta Mohawks Early Years Centre
Program Area: Administration
Reports to: Health & Social Director
Location: Wahta Mohawks First Nation

Position Summary:

Reporting directly to the Health & Social Director, the Early Childhood Educator collaborates closely with all other members of the program team to provide nurturing care and education to young children in a group setting, in accordance with the goals and curriculum plans of the centre and the policies and procedures of the Wahta Mohawks.

Primary Duties & Responsibilities:

- Co-responsible for the constant supervision, safety and wellbeing of the children
- Recognizes and responds to the needs of each child by using developmentally appropriate teaching and child behaviour management techniques
- Shares in the responsibility for planning, preparing and implementing stimulating, age-appropriate activities that encourage children's creativity and learning and promote each child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical development
- Participates fully and consistently as a conscientious team member in caring for the children and in the overall operation of the program and centre; maintains regular and open communication with program team members and all other co-workers
- Establishes and maintains regular communication with parents
- Observes and records relevant information on each child's progress as required/as per Centre practices
- Attends and participates actively in all program/centre, parental or other meetings as required
- Shares responsibility for maintaining program equipment in good repair; assists with toy/equipment disinfecting
- Shares responsibility for maintaining the play environments and storage areas in an organized and clutter-free condition
- Participates in regular fire drills and other emergency procedures
- Engages in positive collaboration with the other programs and educators of the centre in coordinating the effective use of equipment, facilities and personnel
- Participates in ongoing professional development and attends/maintains all mandatory training
- Assists the Health & Social Director in maintaining a safe and healthy work environment by promptly reporting any existing and/or potential workplace hazards
- Performs other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Health & Social Director or her/his designate

Education/Professional Requirements:

- Early Childhood Education diploma or provincially recognized equivalent. Registered member of the College of Early Childhood Educators of Ontario.

Skills required:

- Must have the ability to work in and contribute to a team environment.
- Must have a proficient level of organizational and time-management skills.

- Must have a proficient level of computer skills in areas suitable to the requirements of the position
- Must be willing to work flexible hours including evening and weekend hours based on the needs of the tasks and activities assigned by the Senior Administrator.
- Must have the capacity to take initiative and to multi-task at times to accomplish the tasks and activities assigned.
- A knowledge and understanding of the community environment and culture an asset.
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's License and dependable vehicle.
- Valid Standard First Aid and Level "C" CPR.
- Required to submit a CPIC (Criminal reference check) with a vulnerable sector screening.

Please submit resumes to HR@wahtamohawks.ca



Employment Opportunity

"Family Well-Being Coordinator"

Reporting To: Health and Social Services Manager

Overview:

The Family Well-Being Coordinator will provide a key role in developing, coordinating and delivering the Family Well-Being Program. This will include working with the Family Well-Being Worker, other Health and Social Services staff members, Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services (DBCFS), various Federal Agencies and other First Nations to engage community members and support strong, happy and healthy families.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1) Technical Functions:

- Collaborate with Family Well-Being Worker in preparing and delivering programming to the community (i.e. organizing presentations, workshops, family-based activities, etc.), pursuant to the Family Well-Being Program (FWBp)
- Maintain strict confidentiality and promote an atmosphere in which parents/guardians are provided encouragement and support in meeting the needs of their children
- Work collaboratively with Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services in supporting child welfare on and off territory
- Support families in developing partnerships with professionals, which promotes children's learning and development
- Facilitate group- and family-based culture-focused workshops and life skills development
- Assist and support the planning and delivery of Wahta's children's-based programming (i.e. After-School Program)
- Provide information and support to families in Wahta on funding opportunities for psychosocial/health development (i.e. Jordan's Principle, Ontario Northern Travel Grant, etc.)
- Actively collaborate with co-workers in other areas of Health and Social Services, based on community need

2) Administrative Functions:

- Collect data for rollup that is comprehensive, accurate and systematic.

- Provide activity reports, time sheets, written reports and other requests as required.
- Complete financial requests for developed programming autonomously, accurately and in a timely fashion

3) Communication & Liaison

- Prepare annual evaluations of programs
- Assist in conducting research, compiling data and preparing reports
- Actively engage families in sharing program and supportive services information

4) Other Related Duties:

- Performs other job-related duties as may reasonably be required by the Health and Social Services Manager and/or Senior Administrator

Education and Experience Requirements:

- University degree in a Human Services area of study (i.e. Bachelor of Social Work, Family Studies, etc)
- At least two (2) years of direct experience coordinating and/or managing social programs and services
- Experience working with children and families in health and social sectors is preferred
- Experience designing and delivering community-based programs, preferably in a First Nation community
- ECE Certification is an asset
- Valid CPR/First Aid Training, Safe Food Handling Certificate, WHIMIS are assets

Skills and Knowledge Requirements:

- Knowledge of Kanienkeha:ka culture, traditions and teachings preferred
- Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of children, young people, families and parenting including the wider context, such as services, legislation, policies and strategies
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite
- Knowledge of the various types of support services available to families, within the community and beyond
- Well-developed organizational, communication, interpersonal, time management and analytical skills
- High level of initiative and self-direction
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Must be reliable and dependable, and committed to maintaining confidentiality
- Non-judgmental and positive approach to all service users
- Self-awareness of own limiting factors that may impact job performance

Other Requirements:

- Must be able to work flexible hours when needed for community programming purposes
- Must have a valid Ontario Class "G" license and access to a vehicle

Terms of Employment:

This is a full-time position beginning immediately. Hourly wage will be based on qualifications and experience.

Application:

Please submit a resume and cover letter detailing how you meet the requirements of the positions to:

Joanne Contant

HR@wahtamohawks.ca
P.O. Box 260
Bala, Ontario
POC 1A0

Phone: (705) 762-2354 ext. 227 Fax: (705) 762-2376

Deadline for applications is **August 16th, 2019 at 4:00 pm.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The successful candidate will be required to provide an acceptable Canadian Police Information Check (CPIC) before commencing work.



Employment Opportunity

Family Well-Being Worker

Reporting To: Family Well-Being Coordinator

Overview:

The Family Well-Being Worker will provide a key role in delivering supports for families. This will include working with the Family Well-Being Coordinator to develop and implement culturally appropriate community-based programming, and to support strong, happy and healthy families in Wahta.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

1) Technical Functions:

- Collaborate with Family Well-Being Coordinator in preparing and delivering programming to the community pursuant to the Family Well-Being Program (FWBp) (i.e. organizing presentations, workshops, family-based activities, etc.)
- Maintain strict confidentiality and promote an atmosphere in which parents/guardians are provided encouragement and support in meeting the needs of their children.
- Support families in developing partnerships with professionals, which promotes children's learning and development.
- Facilitate family and group culture-based workshops and life skills development
- Actively collaborate with co-workers in other areas of Health and Social Services, based on community need.
- Assist and support the planning and delivery of programming for children in Wahta (i.e. After School Program)

2) Administrative Functions:

- Collect data for rollup that is comprehensive, accurate and systematic.
- Provide activity reports, time sheets, written reports and other requests as required.
- Complete financial requests for developed programming autonomously, accurately and in a timely fashion
- Provide intake and administration of Ontario Works to clients in a supportive role

3) Communication & Liaison

- Assist the Family Well-Being Coordinator in preparing annual evaluations of programs.
- Assist in conducting research, compiling data and preparing reports.
- Actively engage with families to share program and support services information
- Develop culturally-relevant communicative and informative resources for the community

4) Other Related Duties:

- Perform other job-related duties as may reasonably be required by the Family Well-Being Coordinator, Health and Social Services Manager and/or Senior Administrator.

Education and Experience Requirements:

- University degree or college diploma in a Human Services area of study.
- At least one (1) year of direct experience working with children and families in health and social sectors is preferred
- Experience designing and delivering community-based programs, preferably in a First Nation community.
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May 31, 2019

Chief Philip Franks
Wahta Mohawks (Mohawks of Gibson)
2664 Muskoka Road, P.O. Box 260
Bala, Ontario
P0C 1A0

Dear Chief Franks,

RE: Sixties Scoop Survivors Compensation

We represent the Plaintiff in Marcia Brown v. Canada. This matter was finally resolved in October 2017 and the official implementation date is December 1, 2018. If you know of anyone who identifies as a survivor of the 60's Scoop, we enclose 15 blank Applications, which are to be filled out by that individual and signed in two different places and sent in to Collectiva at:

Mail: Sixties Scoop Class Action Administrator
c/o Collectiva Class Action Services, Inc.
200-2170 René-Lévesque Boulevard West
Montréal, Quebec H3H 2T8

Tel: 1-844-287-4270

Fax: (514) 287-1617

Email: sixtiesscoop@collectiva.ca

They must send in this Application before August 30, 2019. Anyone who misses the deadline will not be eligible to receive compensation.

Many thanks for assisting us in this matter in locating any possible survivors as they stand to receive between \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00 if their Applications are accepted. All we need you to do is put these Applications out in a public place or provide them to any individuals you know to believe themselves to be survivors. If you would like more copies of the Application, please let us know, or they can be downloaded from www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alexandra Seaton at 416-956-5621 or Jessica Braude at 416-956-5644 or our general line at 1-866-360-5952.

Thank you.

Ontario Sixties Scoop Class Action

**Please Note: Applications can be
downloaded at www.sixtiesscoopsettlement.info
or picked up from the reception desk at the
Administration Building.**

Reminder:

Gravel is now available to members. Effective immediately the price of gravel will be \$100.00 per load.

To purchase gravel please contact Randy Sonmor at 705-762-2354 ext. 230



We have some remaining cranberry juice available for free to community members.

Contact Harry Byrne at 705-641-0833 for more information, and to arrange pick up.



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 at 705-644-9884.



ACCEPTABLE BATTERIES INCLUDE:

Alkaline, Lithium-ion (Li-ion), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Lithium Primary, Carbon Zinc, button and coin cell batteries, laptop batteries, all rechargeable batteries, and all cellphones.

DEPOT LOCATED AT WAHTA LANDFILL SITE

WEDNESDAY 5PM TO 7PM SATURDAY 9AM TO NOON



Lot for Sale

Lot 5-2, Concession 5 (23.40 Acres)

Please call Teresa DeCaire
at 778-587-3784 for more information

Land for Sale

- Two 2 acre lots off Wahta Road 2
- Three lots off Muskoka Road 38

For more information, please call
705-644-4227



Recycle your electronics at the landfill but...

Protect your privacy!

- Wipe your media including SIM cards prior to drop off as they may have confidential information on them.
- Clear all personal data that may be on your device.
- Consult the manufacturers website or the owner's manual on what to do.



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Here is something you
never want to hide...

Maintain your 911 Sign



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Your Civic Address is how emergency services find you. It is made up of 3 components: Your **911 Number** or Street Number, the name of the **Road** you are on, and your Place Name. It is important to remember all when giving your address. An example is below.

2664 Muskoka Road 38 Wahta Mohawk Territory

The place name for all of Wahta is Wahta Mohawk Territory



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EDUCATION

Our annual Education Dinner recognizing the accomplishments of the children occurred at the end of June with large crowd attending to support our students. We celebrated two children who completed their pre-school program and will be entering Kindergarten next year; **Jordana Marsden** and **James Nancekievill** – Congratulations to both!

Our other graduates that evening, graduated from Glen Orchard in the grade 8 program. Congratulations to **Ava DeCaire** and **Marco Oliveira**.

Principal of Glen Orchard School Tanya Fraser, Simon Sutherland, and myself offered heartfelt thanks to **Terry, Lucia, and Iohate Sahanatien** for their on- going work in the classrooms at Glen Orchard Public School.

We also were thankful for **Sarah Chaloux, Makayla Smith, Doreen Schade** and **Grace Franks** for their participation with the TLDSB education meetings.

Parent Education Meeting – Wednesday September 18

Our first Education Meeting of the new school year will be informative as **Autism Ontario** will be attending and providing a 30 minute presentation. We have also invited Principal Tanya Fraser to join us to speak about Ministry of Education changes and how this has impacted Glen Orchard Public School in terms of class sizes, curriculum priorities and classroom teacher placements. Information will also be shared about plans for Indigenous education programming within Glen Orchard school. As in the past we will provide a dinner for children attending the afterschool program and will provide childcare during the meeting.

Please note:

The week of August 5th both Simon and myself will be out of the office. Simon will be enjoying some vacation time and I will be attending the Chiefs of Ontario meeting. Simon will be returning Friday August 9th. During my absence I can be reached by email or by cell phone 705-641-1548.



Wahta Mohawks Person in Profile

Have you, or another Wahta Mohawks member you know, recently achieved success in your career or schooling after working with Kagita Mikam or the Education department of Wahta Mohawks? If so, we want to hear about it so we can share it with everyone!

Working with Kagita Mikam, we want to show off all the tremendous successes that happen everyday where members are striving to reach their career and educational goals and making their dreams come true!

If you think that your successes, or those of someone you know, should be featured in the newsletter then please contact Simon Sutherland at 705-762-2354 or simon.sutherland@wahtamohawks.ca for more information.

****Submissions will be selected based on their relations to Kagita Mikam funding primarily but all submissions will be considered****

Quinn and Caleb Commandant would like to publicly thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation for their financial support as they pursue their educational and lacrosse goals. Quinn has completed his Sophomore year at the Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in Finance, while playing on the lacrosse team. Caleb has completed his Junior year at The Kiski Prep School in Pennsylvania also playing on the varsity lacrosse and wrestling teams. The Dreamcatcher Foundation and the Wahta Mohawks have truly helped make this happen. Both Quinn and Caleb will be going back to the US to continue their educational and athletic dreams in the fall.



Health & Social Events

Monday, August 12th – **Community Kitchen** 11-12:30 Contact Christine to sign up

Tuesday, August 13th – **Community Shopping Orillia (Mall, Value Village, Winners, Montana's, and Walmart)** contact Christine to sign up

Wednesday, August 14th – **Footcare/Sue Siwik (Blood Pressure Clinic)** Contact Christine for more information

Wednesday, August 14th – **Seniors Exercise** at 1pm Contact Christine to sign up

Friday, August 16th – **Bingo and Lunch 55+** 10:30 am contact Christine to sign up

Monday, August 26th – **Rohahi:io O'Halloran** will be coming to the Cultural Centre to do a reading of his book (Cortney Christina Rae's First Day of School). 10:30 am. RSVP by Aug 16 to Kristan or Sherry

Monday, August 26th – **Bingo & Dinner ages 19 – 54** 5:30 – 7pm @ admin RSVP to Sherry by Aug 19

Wednesday, August 28th **Chair Exercise and Lunch** 10 am Contact Christine to sign up

Tuesday, September 3rd – **Drumming** at the cultural centre, 1:30-2:30pm. Bring your drums or rattles if you have one.

Thursday, September 5th – **Car seat clinic** @10:30 am Admin Building – RSVP to Kristan by Aug 1.

Monday, September 9th – **FASD Info dinner** @ admin @5:30pm – RSVP by Sept 3. To Kristan Giveaways to all participants

Tuesday, September 17th – **Drumming** at the cultural centre, 1:30-2:30pm. Bring your drums or rattles if you have one.

Tuesday, September 17th – **Opioid and Naloxone Workshop and Training** & Dinner @ admin 5:30pm. RSVP to Kristan by Sept 10

Wednesday, September 25th – **Dinner with Brad** – 5:30pm RSVP to Sherry by Sept 18

Saturday, September 28th – **Medicine Walk and teachings** – 10am – 4pm @ admin RSVP to Kristan or Sherry by Sept 20

ABORIGINAL DAY FEEDBACK

**BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND ENJOYED
THE DAY!**

DRAW WINNERS:

Charlotte Sahanatien-
Adult Bikes

Charlotte Sahanatien-
Diamond Dotz Artwork

Lloyd Mason- Patio Set

Kara Wanoth- BBQ

Liam Stock- Small Bike

Ava DeCaire - Teenager
Bike

1. What did you think of the length of the event?
2. What would you like to see included in this event next year?
3. Is there anything specific about this event that you did not enjoy this year?
4. What did you enjoy about the event this year?
5. Did you enjoy the food and activities?

(Please write responses below)

Please email/call in/drop off all responses to: allana.healey@wahtamohawks.ca



Lua says:

Watermelon (In season in Ontario: JUL; AUG; SEP):

Fun Fats:

1. Watermelon is almost entirely water!
2. Most watermelon take 85-100 days to fully grow.
3. In Japan some farmer grow square watermelons by growing them in a square glass box!

Nutrition Facts:

Corn (In season in Ontario: JUL; AUG; SEP; OCT):

Fun Facts:

1. There is actually one corn kernel for every strand of corn silk
2. Corn isn't just yellow. It can also be red, white, blue, black and purple.
3. A cob of corn is sometimes called an "ear" of corn

Nutrition Facts: Corn is good source of folate and contains fibre, Vitamin C, niacin and thiamine. An average ear of corn has 83 calories.

Lua will be at the Wahta Administration Building every second Wednesday of the month from 9am -12:30pm.



We are Excited to announce YOUR LOCAL HEARING CLINIC
RIGHT HERE IN WAHTA. Partnered with the Wahta Health and
Social Services Department and for now, clinic will held out of
Administration Office. First Clinic will be held March 26, 2019
from 10 am-4:30 pm

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IROQUOIS CRANBERRY GROWERS

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



This project aims to document and celebrate the history of the Iroquois Cranberry Growers and marsh, informed by the stories, knowledge and experiences of Wahta Mohawk community members.



PROGRESS

- Consultation workshops in Fall 2017 & Winter 2018 involving Wahta elders, administration, and representatives
- Life story interviews with former Iroquois Cranberry Growers employees
- Compiled archives related to cranberry marsh



NEXT STEPS

- Additional interviews and workshops with Wahta community members, including those involved with the Iroquois Cranberry Growers
- Collect additional documents (e.g., photos, newspaper articles) relating to the Iroquois Cranberry Growers
- Work with Wahta community to create a display that documents and tells the history of the Iroquois Cranberry Growers



GET INVOLVED

- Take part in an interview or workshop to share stories, photographs and other symbols / objects that you associate with the cranberry marsh. You will receive a \$50.00 honorarium for each session
- Offer ideas on how to showcase the history of the Iroquois Cranberry Growers
- Contact Bryan if you're interested in working together on the project



CONTACT

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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)



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Wahta Mohawks

Bass Derby and Picnic

Saturday, August 3rd, 2019

Fishing at Webster Lake

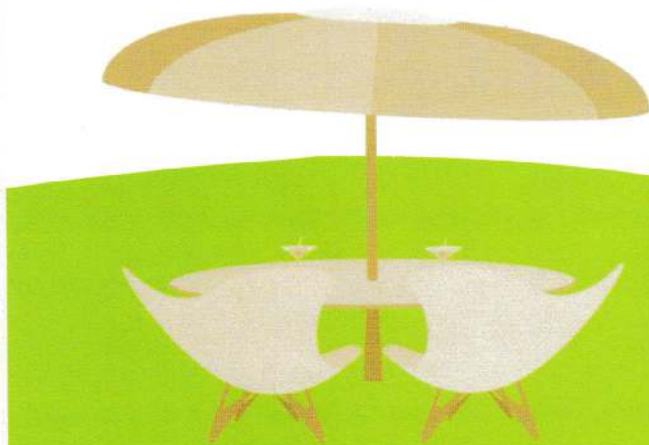
Picnic/activities at the cultural centre

Everyone is invited to attend our annual fishing derby and community picnic on the civic holiday weekend. The fishing will begin at Webster Lake at 8 am and continue to 12 noon, bring a canoe/small boat or fish from shore. Then come over for a bbq at the cultural centre. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 2 pm. Kids activities, baseball and horseshoes will begin at about 1 pm.

Parents, please ensure that children wear hats and bring lots of sun screen.

Bring a chair or not, there's plenty of lawn available.

Hope to see you there, rain or shine!



DECAIRE FAMILY REUNION!

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2019 TIME: NOON

LOCATION: HALL/CULTURAL CENTRE

2343 MUSKOKA ROAD 38 (ACROSS FROM HEALTH HUB)

POTLUCK – BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

RSVP TO: TERESADECAIRE@HOTMAIL.COM 778-587-3784

LISA2MAK2JACK@GMAIL.COM 705-644-3118

PLEASE BRING BASEBALL EQUIPMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY AND PASS THIS INVITE ALONG

Wahta United Church

Church Service will be on
August 11th at 11:00am

Church Service will be on the
second Sunday of each month

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

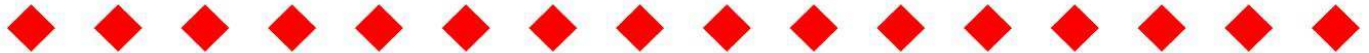


Kagita Mikam Employment & Training

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 **Simon Sutherland** at **705-762-3343 x. 245** or by email at **simon.sutherland@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)
705-746-2512 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.

If you would like an appointment with **Dr. Ed Connors** please call **Sherry Byrne** at 705-762-2354 ext. 250.

Join our Newsletter Email List!

In an effort to help save paper and postage costs, we would like to email the newsletter to as many community members as possible. There are two ways to join the newsletter list.

1. Register at www.wahtamohawks.com/member-registration
2. 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 300 newsletters sent out each month, it is a time consuming and costly procedure for staff. Electronic newsletters also make it easier to visit links provided for websites and contact information.

When will I get the Newsletter?

You will receive the newsletter as soon as it is ready. You will not have to wait for it to be sent out in the mail.

Do I need to be a member to receive the newsletter?

If you are the spouse or parent of a member of the community, please email us at info@wahtamohawks.com, and let us know you would like to receive the newsletter.

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 the occasional communication regarding community updates.

The Good Food Box



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, and they are available for pick up on the fourth Tuesday of every month

The next scheduled pick up days are August 27th, September 24th,

October 22nd, and November 26th

Please contact Christine or Kristan

Contact Information

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Brittany DeCaire	Ontario Works Administrator	Ext. 259
Sara DeCaire	Cook/Custodian	Ext. 221
Allana Healey	Family Well-being Coordinator	Ext. 241
Carol Holmes	Education Services	Ext. 233
Murray Maracle	Senior Administrator	Ext. 231
Kim North	Finance Assistant	Ext. 237
Karen Sahanatien	Lands and Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
Kristan Sahanatien	NNADAP (CHC)	Ext. 230
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Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

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