

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

Ohiarihko:wa - The Time of Much Ripening



July 2021



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## Virtual Public Council Meeting

There will be a virtual Public Council Meeting on **Tuesday July 27th, 2021** at **7:00PM**. The meeting will be hosted on **Zoom**. Please **REGISTER** in advance at the following link:  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUud-uopjkhH9YMIkRpfYog4E2Sk4h97PT2>  
See inside for more information on how to use Zoom and join the meeting.

## Community Buildings Closed

The Administration Building, Cultural Healing Centre, and Gym are closed for the time being in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to reassess the situation and reopen when it is safe to do so. You will find updates on the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. The Landfill will remain open during its normal schedule. If you have any questions about the status of the closures, please call 705-762-2354.

**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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### Message on Canada Day

Chief Philip Franks

The issue regarding cancelling Canada Day is something that the population of Canada should come to grips with. Coming to terms with that day just around the corner may be difficult this year. Cancelling Canada Day as a statutory holiday is not likely going to be a reality, however, Canadian citizens of every ethnicity should reconcile the recent revelations in their minds, and if even for a start, not celebrate Canada Day in the usual fashion this year in the light of the first one thousand graves detected at residential schools.

Indigenous people all over the world have been having trying to reconcile the tragic history we have lived with for generations. For us, our relationship began with a trust in the settlers that we could live harmoniously according to the Two Row wampum. This wampum belt signifies the acceptance of the settlers in that we would live our lives and govern ourselves as would they in their lives. As two canoes travelling down a river, neither would attempt to steer the others vessel.

On this issue of Canada Day while Indigenous peoples' wounds have been opened up once again, we can uphold our side of the Two Row. Since people are asking, we can also add counsel to the Canadian public at large.

Clearly it relies on the leadership of Canada to do more than to express sorrow and the promise of money to right the wrongs that have happened. Serious acknowledgement of Canada's true history should be placed on Government websites, and every other possible means of education from now and into the future.

We urge Canadians to hold the government accountable for actions going forward. Canada's current government should be responsible for locating the burial sites that still exist at the residential schools across the country. There have been many governments over the last one hundred and fifty years, they have created laws in this country all throughout, and so this government today should also take responsibility for those laws.

A serious effort to effect justice on the persons and institutions that caused the deaths of children and, held the children with such low regard as to eliminate recognition of their identities, must be carried out.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations and calls to action should be acted on. As a result of a class action lawsuit by residential school survivors, in 2008 a commission began with a final report issued at the end of 2015. The Truth and Reconciliation Report detailed what the residential school system actually was. It reflected what those brave people who came out to share, talk about their long withheld trauma, and the report represented what generations prior had experienced.

Recent events should not be regarded as a thing of the past, a part of history. Neglect and abuse were a great part of the saga, but the very concept of taking nations of Indigenous peoples' children from them in order to extinguish their language, culture, and self worth in a bid to gain benefit from lands is a crime that cannot be reversed. Across this country, even today, the generational effects are still evident and being lived out by Indigenous people.

Canada has long been touted as a country that stands for its values of democracy and the protection of human rights on the world stage. Meanwhile, Canada has held dark truths regarding the treatment of Indigenous Nations on these lands.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission starts with Truth, and that truth can no longer not be denied, it is very clear. Canadians should know and understand their history so that they can reconcile the policies and actions that happened and are engrained in legislation that exists today. Residential school ended in 1996, but its effects shape the world view of many Canadians regard Indigenous people to this very day.

The display of a decision concerning Canada Day will shape what kind of relationship this country will have with the nations of Indigenous people across the land. This is not just about one day. It is about how Canadians view going forward with such a multicultural population, and with what regard Indigenous people will be held in that progression.

Niawen for thinking about this.



## Wahta Mohawks Public Council Meeting Minutes

**Date: Tue Apr 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 7:00pm**

### **Those Present:**

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Teresa Greasley

### **In Attendance:**

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

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### Opening and Welcome

### **Motion 1:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to accept the April 27<sup>th</sup> Public Council Meeting Agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Meeting Process

Chief Franks explained how the virtual meeting would be regulated to ensure the meeting runs as smooth as possible. Microphones will be muted, and when someone wants to speak, they must raise their hand or type in the chat. This will help eliminate background noise and minimize the risk of people talking over each other.

### General Statement on Public Meetings During COVID-19

Chief Franks updated those present on how Council has been meeting during the past year during the pandemic. Council has been meeting virtually and has felt a disconnect with the community. The meeting information for this current meeting was posted online, although there is some concern about keeping it confined to members only. In the future, Council will use the registration feature to ensure that only members are able to join and participate. Chief Franks shared that he will be providing update on key areas of development that have taken place during the pandemic. He also shared that the weekly Council Meeting Minutes are shared in the monthly newsletter for those who want to stay informed.

## Year End Initial Financial Summary

Chief Franks provided a summary of the 2020/21 finances. The annual audit will take place in early June, however the unaudited early figures are positive. There are some ongoing capital projects, and any extraordinary expenses that occur will be drawn from incoming revenue. Both Ontario and Canada have provided COVID-19 Relief Funding. Some funding had to be returned due to COVID-19, and the inability to hold regular programming.

## Capital Projects

### 1. Safe Drinking Water

The community does not have an adequate water supply necessary for a water treatment plant. Council is currently waiting for the final report. Boil Water Advisory has been in place for community owned buildings. The Boil Water Advisory has been lifted at the Administration Building, as a water treatment system has been installed.

### 2. Community and Administration Building New Roof

The Roof Repair project has been delayed multiple times now due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. The project should be done by the end of the summer, but it depends on the lockdowns. It has also been discovered that the rooftop furnaces have reached the end of their useful life and will need to be replaced. A contractor will be removing the rooftop furnaces, and new ground furnaces will be installed.

### 3. New Duplexes

The new duplexes on Wahta Road 5 have been completed and were mostly funded by Indigenous Services Canada.

## Emergency Control Group Update

Chief Franks informed those present that the Emergency Control Group has been meeting since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is comprised of staff, management, the Environmental Health Officer, as well as nurses from First Nation and Inuit Health Branch. The Emergency Control Group has been responsible for developing educational material and watching for new developments. The group generally followed the same emergency measures as Ontario, as well as the recommendations put forward by the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit.

## Strategic Plan Development

Chief Franks reminded those present of the Future Design School community survey that has been used to create a Strategic Plan and guide Council and the Administration. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, explained how the Future Design School Strategic Plan was created from community input and has been used to identify clear priorities. The Strategic Plan focuses on health, public works, infrastructure, economic development, culture, nation

building, education etc. identified strategic objectives have been identified in each of these areas and activities that need to take place to meet those objectives have been identified. These objectives and activities will be used to form the basis of program planning and resource allocation. The Strategic Plan is almost complete, and once it is officially completed, it will be provided to the community in a mailout and online.

### Policy Work

#### 1. Council Policies

Council has been working on developing governance policies. These policies are being drawn from work done in the past from other First Nations and various input from the community. These policies are also being done in order to help with the orientation of new Council members. The policies that have been completed so far are: Role and Responsibilities of Council, Roles and Responsibilities of Council Members, Roles and Responsibilities of the Chief, and the Code of Conduct.

#### 2. Education Policy

Education Services Manager, Carol Holmes, provided an update on the changes made in the Post Secondary Education Policy. A Priority 5 group has been added, and is used to identify students who have graduated from two or more programs. When surpluses are identified partway through the year, it is clearly now outlined how they will be managed and how students will be notified to ensure it is consistent. Books and supplies will be only be reimbursed if a surplus is identified in January. Distance Education students will only receive a living allowance during the months when extra living costs occur. A change has also been made to the appeals process, which now allows for appeals and responses to be submitted in writing.

### Bill C15: Canada's Response to UNDRIP

Chief Franks updated those present on the C-15 legislation, which is "An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples." This act is concerning to members of AIAI as it will give the government more control and could be detrimental to the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

### Census Canada

Chief Franks shared that in the past, First Nations people have not typically participated in the Canada Census. Council will be putting together a statement on whether Wahta will or will not accept the Census. The data from the census is often used for funding purposes, and current numbers are quite outdated. Chief Franks suggests that Wahta does not block the Census in the community, but that no penalties be imposed on those who do not wish to participate.

### Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership – Internet Gambling

Chief Franks provided an update on the Ontario First Nation Limited Partnership. This year's gross income is projected to be approximately half of what it has been in the past due to the COVID-19 pandemic and casino closures, however final numbers are not in yet.

### Mohawk Language at Secondary School

Chief Franks informed those present about a current issue with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry currently requires each student to complete one French or Indigenous language credit. However, in order for the Indigenous language credit to be counted towards the required language credit to graduate, the student must have taken the Indigenous language at the elementary level. This is a concern as some students may not be able to take two language courses within four years, which may deter students from taking a Mohawk language course at a secondary level. Council strongly disagrees with these requirements and will be sharing their concerns with the Ministry of Education, with the support of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

### Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Community Boards

Chief Franks informed those present that there is a new concept coming out in Ontario to have more community involvement in each OPP Detachment Boards. The boards will have a minimum of five people and take on a variety of roles. They will help to advise the District Commander of the development of the local action plan, determine objectives and priorities for the detachment, and monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander. Chief Franks and Murray will attend a meeting with the Solicitor General's Office on the new detachment boards and Council will have further discussions on the matter.

### Land Policies Development

The Additions to Reserve process is still ongoing and is very tedious. Progress is being made, but it is slow. Council received news that the Ontario representative attended the Georgian Bay Township Council Meeting and requested that Wahta obtain the shoreline allowance on McMaster Lake, and they approved it unanimously. Council is looking at how to develop a working document to capture community ideas on land policy development, which is included in the strategic plan. Council would like a group of advisors and a terms of reference to be created in order to capture the needs of the community.

### Questions and Answers

- Tim Thompson asked how much COVID-19 Relief funding was received during the 2020/21 fiscal year. Murray explained that the funding was provided in various amounts throughout

the year, and we do not have an exact number on hand, but he believes it is somewhere between \$400,000 and \$450,000.

- Tim Thompson asked if Council knows how many households on the reserve do not have safe drinking water. Chief Franks responded and said that Council does not have an exact number but expects that a well analysis would have to be done at all houses on reserve to make that determination.
- Tim Thompson asked if land will be designated based on community input, and Councillor Greasley suggests that a Mohawk Council Resolution be created to express what types of land use would be wanted in different areas, and furthermore, which development would not be wanted in the community.

### **Adjournment**

**Moved by adjourn by consensus at 9:00pm**



## **Wahta Mohawks Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Mon June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Time: 9:30 am**

### **Those Present:**

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

### **In Attendance:**

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

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### **Briefing Note: Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program, Application for Funding**

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, and Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, joined Council to present a briefing note on a funding application for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program. Randell informed Council that the Government of Canada recently announced up to \$1.5 billion in federal funding over five years, starting April 1, 2021, to establish the GICB program. The GICB program supports retrofits, repairs or upgrades of

existing publicly accessible community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings that serve underserved and high-needs communities across Canada. The program focuses on publicly accessible community buildings (including portions of administration buildings that are utilised by the community). Approval of the application would provide Wahta with the funding to implement 'green' oriented projects (solar panels, replacing old furnaces with energy efficient units to reduce green house gas emissions). In addition, the funding would address known deficiencies (inefficient windows, poor lighting, gym ventilation/outdated bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances. Chief Franks asked Randell to confirm that the aspects of the projects undertaken prior to funding approval would still be covered once the funding is received. Council was also hoping to have more information on the potential installation of solar panels before approving the application. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**Briefing Note: Award of Contract for Supply and Installation of Rooftop Furnaces**

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to present a briefing note on the award of contract for the supply and installation of the new rooftop furnaces. Six contractors initially expressed an interest in this work and were provided the tender package. Due to workload, three declined to submit a bid. Three contractors did submit a bid; Sexton, Carmichael and EEL. EEL had the lowest bid, and Randell suggests that Chief and Council award them the contract. Council agrees to award EEL the contract.

**Motion 1:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to enter into a contract with EEL in the amount of \$219,600 to install the rooftop furnaces at the Administration Building, and to give Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle the authority to sign the contract.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by adjourn by consensus at 10:30am**





## Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

### Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

### In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

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### Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

#### Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adopt the June 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

#### Motion 2:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

### New Round Table for the Council Chambers - Discussion

Councillor Strength-Fenton reached out to Peter Goodwin to inquire about the round table he built for Hiawatha First Nation. He is willing to meet with Chief and Council to discuss potentially designing and making a new table for the Council Chambers. Chief Franks asked Councillor Strength-Fenton to find out approximately how much it would cost for him to build a round table that seats 12 people, and if the price is reasonable, Council will invite him to one of their virtual meetings for discussion.

### Renewal of Insurance – Approval to Pay

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, provided Council with the updated insurance policies for 2021/22 from Mink Insurance for approval to pay. She explained that there is a slight increase in the cost due to the new rental units, and the fact that they were sitting empty. Council agreed to approve the payment, but would like to look into other insurance companies next year.

#### **Motion 3:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to pay the Mink Insurance invoice in the amount of \$69,641.00.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Indigenous Healing and Wellness Funding Surplus – CR for Approval

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, provided a cheque requisition for approval to return the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Indigenous Healing and Wellness funding from the community wellness worker and mental health programs due to underspending in the amount of \$47,603.24. Joanne explained that AIAI usually allows the money from these programs to be carried over, and that there were challenges spending the money due to the pandemic. Council agreed to approve the return of funding.

#### **Motion 4:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the cheque requisition for the reimbursement of \$47,603.24 due to underspending in the community wellness worker and mental health programs.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### 2021-22 Budget Presentation

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, presented the budgets for each program alongside the department manager. She was joined by Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox; Education Services Manager, Carol Holmes; and Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, and they were able to answer questions and provide clarity on the different program budgets. Joanne made some revisions and will send the updated budgets for approval at the next Council Meeting. At the end of the meeting, Council held an in-camera discussion to review and approve the proposed salary schedule for the 2021-22 budget.

### Briefing Note: Follow-up on Green and Accessibility Application

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to present an updated briefing note on the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program application. Infrastructure Canada has confirmed, in writing that costs incurred after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are eligible and that the project can proceed prior to the confirmation of funding. Randell has also researched the dimensions

and number of solar panels required at the Administration Building and the Cultural Healing Centre. The Administration Building would require six panels and approximately 13,000 sq feet, and the Cultural Healing Centre would require three panels and approximately 6000 sq feet. Council has asked that these dimensions be further reviewed and confirmed with First Nation Technical Services, but will approve the application be submitted while that further work is explored and confirmed.

**Motion 5:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the submission of the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program application for funding.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

All Ontario Chief's Conference (AOCC)

Chief Franks informed Council that the Chiefs of Ontario 2021 All Ontario Chiefs Conference (AOCC) is being hosted by Grand Council Treaty #3 and will take place virtually June 15-17, 2021. The election of the Regional Chief will take place during this virtual gathering, with votes cast online on June 16, 2021. Chief Franks also provided a brief summary on each of the candidates.

Gravel Issue

Council would like to begin working on a policy regarding the sale of gravel in order to create more consistency, fairness, and to protect the resource. Murray will work with Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, to put something in place that will ensure gravel is sold to members on territory for personal residential uses only.

Governance Training

Councillor Greasley informed Chief and Council that there is upcoming virtual governance training in August and September. Council will ask that Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, book the training for them, and they are hopeful that newly elected Councillor, Jesse Strength, will have joined Council before the training so he can attend.

Internet – Discussion

Councillor Greasley informed Council of the Universal Broadband Fund, which Wasauksing First Nation used to have high speed fibre internet brought into their community. Council will continue to discuss the different funding available for internet availability in First Nation communities.

**Moved by adjourn by consensus at 2:50pm**



## **Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wed June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

### **Those Present:**

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

### **In Attendance:**

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

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### Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

#### **Motion 1:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to adopt the June 17<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion 2:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the Public Council Meeting minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion 3:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes from June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion 4:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the Council Meeting minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Land Leases – Resolutions Required

Council was presented with a couple of draft Mohawk Council Resolutions approving land lease renewals and amendments respecting lands held by community members.

**Motion 5:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve and have Council sign the Mohawk Council Resolutions as presented regarding land lease renewals and amendments respecting lands held by community members.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Wolf Energy – Approval of Signs on the 400

Murray was contacted by Wolf Energy and the external company they are working with to have Tourism Oriented Directional Signing (TODS) signs installed along the 400 and off ramp where the business is located. They are seeking Council approval for the placement of the signs and will also have a contract in place with the Ministry of Transportation. There was some discussion around whether Council approval was required for this, but given the ongoing jurisdictional issues around the 400 corridor Council felt their involvement was indeed necessary in this approval. Council is in approval of the placement of the signs and have asked Murray to follow-up with Wolf Energy and the external company coordinating the signs to determine in which manner the approval needs to be communicated.

Local Business Support for Charitable Activities – Discussion

Discussion was held on the involvement of local businesses in charitable type activities and the Administration's potential role in supporting these. A local business has requested information from the Administration to assist it with an initiative it is looking to implement. Besides ensuring privacy obligations are respected, the request also involves an activity the Administration typically undertakes each year itself through community program dollars. A discussion was held on how to encourage local businesses to be involved in these types of activities but also ensuring the Administration's role is clear and that all businesses are given an equal opportunity to participate and support these types of initiatives. Council has asked the Administration to work on a policy that balances all these considerations and to bring back a draft for Council to review.

Membership Application – Appeal Request

Council has received a request from an individual looking to appeal their membership application decision. Council will take time to further consider the request and grounds stated for the appeal and revisit the issue at a future Council meeting.

Sand Pit Request - Discussion

A recent request regarding the taking of sand from a pit on community lands was discussed. Council feels it is time to develop a policy that standardizes access to resources on community lands that creates a consistency approach that is also in line with ensuring sustainable practices for resource use on community lands. Site remediation is also another element Council discussed as an element that needs to be considered and potentially incorporated into a future policy. Council will further explore this work and the next steps necessary to initiate it at the next meeting.

#### Muskoka Pride Flag Raising

The Muskoka Pride Committee is requesting to once again to hold a flag raising ceremony at the Administration Building on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. The ceremony will be kept small and streamed online in order to respect current pandemic restrictions. Council approved the request and will work to ensure they are represented at the small flag raising ceremony. Murray will also ensure the Committee has the necessary support from the Administration that day as well.

#### Trespass Appeal Request

Council discussed a request by an individual looking to appeal a trespass order placed on them by Council. The Chief will reach out to see if the individual is available for a virtual discussion with Council on Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### **Motion 6:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adjourn.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

## **Virtual Public Council Meeting**

**Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00pm**

Please join us for a virtual Public Council Meeting on Zoom!

#### **Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUud-uopjkvH9YMIkRpfYog4E2Sk4h97PT2>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

If you need help getting started or have any questions, please contact Samantha at [samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca)



## **Employment Opportunity**

### **Public Works Aide – Summer Student**

**Contract – Full Time (37.5 hours a week for 8 weeks)**

**Reporting to:** Capital Assets Manager

**Eligibility:** A student aged 15-30, who was enrolled in full time studies this past year, and is planning to return to secondary or post secondary studies full time this fall, and is a member of Wahta Mohawks. Applicants must have a valid Social Insurance Number.

#### **Key Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Landscaping: including, but not limited to mowing, raking, brush clearance, trimming
- Operation and maintenance of small equipment (ex: mower and leaf blower)
- General labour duties at community buildings and other assets
- Landfill relief duties

#### **Skills and Knowledge Requirements:**

- Well developed organizational, communicative, interpersonal and time management skills
- High level of initiative and self direction
- Ability to work in a team environment
- Must be reliable, dependable, and committed to serving the community

#### **Terms of Employment:**

This is a full-time contract summer student position beginning July 5, 2021 and ending August 27, 2021. Hourly wage is \$14.25/hr.

#### **Application:**

Please submit your resume and provide details on how you meet the requirements/eligibility of the position to Kathleen White at [kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca)

Deadline for applications is **July 4, 2021 at 4:30pm**. Late applications will not be accepted.

## Wahta Housing Subsidies

Wahta Mohawks offers subsidies for New Construction and Renovations. We also have a subsidy for Water and Sanitation.

- New Construction Housing subsidies are limited to a maximum of \$26,300.00 each.
- Renovation subsidies are available to a maximum of \$26,300.00 on a 50/50 cost sharing basis.



We have only two of these subsidies available each year so it would mean two housing subsidies, or one housing subsidy and renovation subsidies totaling \$26,300.00 etc.

We also offer a Water and Sanitation subsidy of \$15,000.00 available for two new homes or to assist with the replacement of a well, pump, water system or for septic system renovation.



## **Land For Sale**

100 Acre parcel for sale , never severed, fronts onto side dam Big Eddy to large swimmable pond on south end.

BEST Offer , contact Tim 705 790 9982 or email [timfalcs@gmail.com](mailto:timfalcs@gmail.com)




## Gravel Delivery Notice

Following the purchase of each gravel order, members are now requested to call Sahanatien Haulage to provide delivery instructions. Their number is 705 762 5346.

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### GET YOUR WATER TESTED

The best time to sample your well water is when the probability of contamination is greatest. This is likely to be in early spring just after the thaw, after an extended dry spell, following heavy rains or after lengthy periods of non-use. If you live on the Territory and would like your water to be tested, please contact Evan Holmes at 705-644-9884.

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Land for Sale	Land for Sale	Land Wanted	Land Wanted	Land Wanted	Land Wanted
2 acres adjacent to Musk. Rd. 38 with driveway	Various locations	Band member looking to purchase waterfront property on lake Gibson.	Band member interested in purchasing a building lot along the river. If you own one of these lots and would consider selling it, we're most interested in speaking with you. We may also be interested in other lots not on the river. Please contact Diane at 226-332-2352	Band member looking to purchase property. Please contact 705-801-9508	Property for lease for member to use as recreational land, e.g. Camping Any size, any location Leah 705-238-9004 leah.readman@gmail.com
5 Acres adjacent to Musk. Rd. 38 with no driveway	Call 705-762-0013 for more information	Please contact Chantell. 289-440-2464			
80+ acres with bush lot and waterfront					
For more info, please call 705-644-4227					

## Accepting Applications for the New Rental Units

The Administration is pleased to announce that applications for the six rental units (four two-bedroom units and two three bedroom units) in the three new duplexes are now being accepted. Each unit comes with five main appliances (refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, washer and dryer).

As with the existing rental units, tenants are responsible for payment of all utilities (propane and electricity) and telephone/TV/Internet service.

We are targeting mid-November to have all the units ready for occupancy.

The rental rate for the two-bedroom unit is \$900/month and for the three-bedroom unit is \$1000/month. A deposit of \$500 is required and will be returned when the unit is vacated if there are no damages beyond normal wear.

As per Wahta Mohawk's Housing Policy, to be **eligible** to apply for a rental unit a person must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- a) Only Members qualify to apply for a Unit
- b) The rental unit must be the primary residence of the Applicant
- c) A Member must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, with the exception of a sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old Member who can demonstrate that he or she has withdrawn from parental control.
- d) Applicants must provide evidence of sufficient income to support rental payments and utilities (pay stubs, training allowance, shelter allowance, letter from social services). Applicants who are in Arrears (any account) with Wahta Mohawks will not be considered for housing until the Arrears are paid in full.
- e) Existing Tenants may become eligible to apply for a new allocation in cases where there is overcrowding. Overcrowding refers to a situation where Household Composition exceeds the Canadian National Occupancy Standard.

Pets are not permitted in the rental units.

The Administration's Housing Department will assess all applications based on the criteria set out in Wahta Mohawks Housing Policy.

To obtain an application form, please contact Karen Sahanatien at 705 394 5134 or email [karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca)



**Wahta Mohawks  
Housing Program**

# EDUCATION AND FAMILY SERVICES

In order to best serve our students in a wholistic manner we have restructured our programs to combine the education program, which includes Kanienkeha language programming, with the programs under the umbrella of family services.

Our team consists of Amy Davidson (Family Services), Sarah Chaloux (Language Activator) and myself, Carol Holmes, as Team Lead. We are in the process of hiring an employee who will work within the Education Program. Interviews should happen in the next two weeks. The Family Well Being Program was originally staffed by 4 individuals, and we will be hiring two more team members in the near future.

Our purpose is to continue to meet the goals of the Wahta Mohawks Strategic Plan based on community consultation and programming has been developed from this document. We will be seeking information to evaluate the programs, and welcome suggestions for improvement.

We have been working toward these community goals and will continue to do so. Within the Education program we have exciting language programming (see information in this edition reported by Sarah Chaloux). Through summer zoom programming we are providing opportunities for cultural learning, and we cannot wait until we are given the “green light” to move forward with in person programming. On a side note, we may continue to provide some zoom sessions as this has allowed participants who do not reside close to community to participate. Children’s mental health (as well as support for parents) is being addressed and through assessment, individualized counselling and through workshops.

The collaboration and strong partnership with Trillium Lakelands District School Board continues. We are pleased to know the number of self identified students and staff continue to grow as individuals come forward in sharing their identity. We look forward to continued cultural sharing from those who have expressed an interest to do this work and those who may express interest in the future. Mohawk language classes will begin at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School and we are planning to provide language classes at Glen Orchard Public School in the near future.

There will be many programs offered for children and youth over the summer months via Zoom or other platforms. Our programming staff, Amy Davidson, has developed programs to infuse cultural teachings throughout. TLDSB, Wahta Mohawks and Future Design School is offering programming in partnership again this summer; see advertisement and registration process.

**Ionkwatsennón:ni tsi eniakhiio'tenhse ne kanakerahserà:kon**

“We are happy to be working for the Community”

## Education/Child Family Programs

**Detailed Information will be sent out confirming program dates and times after July 9<sup>th</sup> sign up deadline.**

**Sign up is required for each program. Limited spots available.** Please contact Amy at [amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca)

**Children's Book Club** – ages 0-18. The objective is to promote and support literacy, writing and public speaking. Participants will be provided books of their choice and will be required to submit a book review by way of video clip and or journal after each book read. Parents will be required to submit for children ages 0-6. **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Model Making** Ages 3-14 . The objective of this program is to develop fine motor skills as well as cognitive and problem-solving skills. Model kits will be available for pickup at Wahta Mohawks Cultural Centre. Limited quantities available. **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Child and Youth Clan Workshop** Over the year children and youth receive teachings about our clan system. This summer we will focus on the Bear Clan. The teachings will take place over Zoom. Parental or Guardian supervision is appreciated during the workshop. Activities will accompany this workshop. Ages 4-18 **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Boys Coming of Age Workshop** The purpose of this program is to share knowledge of Rites of Passage and to teach our boys about responsibilities of becoming young men as Kanienkehake. Due to current Covid restrictions this program will be offered over Zoom. Ages welcomed from 11-16. **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>** Parental consent under the age of 12.

**Girls Moon Teaching Workshop** Young girls will be offered teachings and will gain a deeper understanding of Rites of Passage from a cultural lens. Teachings on acceptance and respect of their bodies will be emphasized. Due to current Covid restrictions this program will be offered over Zoom. Ages welcomed from 9-16 **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>** with parental consent under the age of 12.

**Traditional Medicine and Essential Oil Workshop** Participants aged 6-18 will learn about the health benefits of essential oils and will receive a medicine teaching. This program will occur over Zoom. **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Arrow Making Workshop** participants aged 6-18 years will receive an arrow making kit to be constructed over a Zoom meeting along with a cultural teaching. **Sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup> limited quantities.**

**Recreation Assistance Program.** As in person programming is not yet permitted in Wahta we are offering this program for our community and member children and youth aged 3-14 years. We encourage summer participation in recreational activities that are currently being offered in a safe manner. Therefore up to \$100.00 may be reimbursed for registration fees, lessons, and equipment related to an activity that the child is registered in. The receipt to be reimbursed must identify the child's name, and reimbursement payment will be released by **cheque only**. **The parent/guardian must come to the Wahta Cultural Centre to pick up this cheque and sign a form** for accountability purposes.

**This program is in place while funds are available.** All receipts must be submitted by **August 20, 2021** with no exceptions. If you are unsure of what type of expenses qualify, please contact Amy Davidson at [amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca)

## ***Congratulations to Our Post Secondary Graduates***

***Kelli Acree*** graduated from the Health Care Aide program. Makami College

***Chance Bell*** graduated with Honours from Architectural Technology Diploma program. Humber College

***Kristal Berwick*** graduated with Distinction from the Bachelors of Indigenous Social Work program. Ryerson University

***Nathaneal Commandant*** graduated with Honours from the Bachelors of Early Childhood Leadership program. Sheridan College

***Stephanie DeCaire*** graduated from the Social Services Worker Diploma program. Canadore College/First Nations Technical Institute.

***Nadia Dewasha*** graduated from the Bachelors of Health Sciences (Honours) in Kinesiology. Ontario Tech University.

***Rhett Finlay*** graduated from the Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship program. Lakeland College.

***Olivia Franks*** graduating from a Masters of Science in Health Promotions (summer 2021). Queen's University

***Heather Harbridge*** graduated from the Engineering Technology Diploma program. Niagara College

***Kyla Holmes*** graduated from a Masters of Indigenous Social Work program. Wilfrid Laurier University

***Braydon Jones*** graduated from the Registered Massage Therapy program. Sutherland Chan School of Massage

***Taitum Strength*** graduated from the Mental Health and Addictions Diploma program. Fleming College.

***Kara Wanoth*** accepted the Elders Award and graduated from the Bachelors of Indigenous Social Work Program. Ryerson University

***Aryn White*** graduated from the Early Learning Child Care Diploma program. Norquest College.



## Indigenous online summer programs for TLDSB

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board is excited to announce an opportunity for students this summer! We will be running a number of programs designed for students of all ages.

Co-created with Wahata Mohawks, these experiences are designed to provide participants with the tools and methods to explore big ideas, immerse themselves in culturally responsive processes while fueling personal interests.

### **STEM for Kindergarten - Grade 3 | July 19-23 | 9 - 11:30 a.m.**

Students will delve into STEM based experiences that build skills and set the foundation for a passion in problem solving. Receiving daily challenges that require participants to create, build and test out different ideas, these hands-on activities are designed to connect students to the natural world while they explore and understand cultural teachings such as the importance, interconnectedness and inspiration of Mother Earth in all areas of life.

### **Leadership for Grade 4-8 | July 19-23 | 12:30 - 3 p.m.**

Students will have an opportunity to understand and analyze their own leadership style while identifying opportunities to deepen their skillset. Students will develop an action plan to pursue individual leadership goals while empowering others in their community to share their voice and have a meaningful impact. Leveraging cultural knowledge, students will engage in opportunities to share their own learning and create a community of leaders.

### **Leadership for Grade 9-12 | August 9-13 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Learn how leadership is developed, deepened and executed in various situations and through different styles. Students will design opportunities to take authentic action in their community and help to inspire others to also get involved. Developing an understanding of both traditional and current practices, students will make meaningful connections to culture to understand, action and empower others.

### **Key Takeaways from the Programs:**

- Apply cultural learning and knowledge to innovative practices and future ready skills
- Engage in collaborative and immersive experiences
- Share your ideas and designs with others



Participants who complete the program will receive an Official Certificate from Future Design School as well as a Certificate from Trillium Lakelands District School Board.



**Register today:** Email Holly Groome, TLDSB Indigenous Education Consultant at [holly.groome@tldsbc.on.ca](mailto:holly.groome@tldsbc.on.ca)

**Accessibility statement:** If you require this information in an accessible format, contact Communications Services at [info@tldsbc.on.ca](mailto:info@tldsbc.on.ca).

## Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language

### Kanien'kéha Language Instructor

We are please to welcome Richard Hay as our Kanien'kéha Language Instructor. Richard is a member of the Wahta Mohawks and the Turtle clan. He has been listening to and learning the Mohawk language since an early age and has now taken on the responsibility to share the knowledge and skills he has gathered along the way. In his new role he will be helping language learners both in Wahta and abroad to learn the fundamentals of Kanien'kéha and how to become a successful language learner during this time. Richard will be available in an online capacity during the week to engage, teach and support individuals on their language journey. The goal being the revitalization of Kanien'kéha from a community-based vision and direction, he believes this can be achieved when we all learn the language together.

Richard can be reached at [richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca)

### Community Language Classes – NOW RUNNING

We are excited to begin classes in community via Zoom at this time.

Classes will run every **Monday and Tuesday evenings 7-8pm**. You may participate in both or either. These classes are introductory level at this time and everyone is welcome and encouraged to dive in and get started on your learning journey. ALL ARE WELCOME.

### Youth and Family – summer schedule

Daytime language session **Tuesday mornings 10-11am**. This session is focused on school-aged youth and family focused environment. Students may join in this weekly class and caregivers are welcome to join so you may learn and interact together bringing Kanien'kéha Mohawk into the home.

### Language Nest

Children 0-7 years old are welcome to participate in Language Nest sessions running **Monday mornings 10-11am**. Grandparents and caregivers are also welcomed to sign up with children. Please do not forget to email to access Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language resources in the home.

Please email to register and receive the link to zoom meetings. Paired with this class you will also access the Can8 Language learning software as a key learning tool. Language kits and resources will also be sent to registered families.

If you are unable to participate in the classes but wish to register for the language software, please reach out for a registration link and password.

All registrations and questions welcome at [sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca)

# Wahta Mohawks Health and Social July 2021 Programs

## Cannabis Zoom Workshop Series

Dr. Marks de Chabris is an Ontario based physician and full-time clinician with a practice focus in Pain Medicine and Addiction Medicine. Wahta is happy to have Dr. Marks de Chabris come and share his knowledge with us for three workshops over the summer.

### **Workshop #2 - Myths and Misconceptions About Medical Cannabis** **Monday July 12, 5:00 - 6:30PM**

### **Workshop #3 - Chronic Pain and Cannabis** **Monday Aug 23, 5:00 - 6:30PM**

Please register for workshops with Kristan Sahanatien – please indicate which workshop you are registering for. All workshops will be done online. [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca)

## Video Game Addiction Workshop

Elaine Uskoski, Video Game Addiction Speaker, Author and Coach will be sharing her personal story and the numerous aspects of addiction including: the personal and professional toll, economic/social impact on both the gamer and their family. Elaine offers statistics, information, resources and tips for managing technology. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca). **Workshop Date: August 19<sup>th</sup> @5pm.**

## Child and Youth Zoom Bingo

Date: Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) . **Registration Deadline – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

## Youth Logo Drawing Contest

Attention all youth! Wahta Mohawks is asking all interested youth to submit their drawings to be featured on promotional material this fall for the Every Child Matters Initiative. Please send your drawings to Kristan Sahanatien – [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) . Photos submitted will be posted on Wahta Mohawks Health and Social Facebook page and featured in the monthly newsletter.

**Entry deadline: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

## Online Traditional Healer Sessions

Rebecca Maracle from Tyendinaga will be available for one on one online healing sessions. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to participate, Rebecca also offers sessions over the phone.

When registering, please indicate how you would prefer your session. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) or Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) or 705 762 2354. Ext 241 or 250.



### **Family Feud Game Night!**

Register with Kristan Sahanatien – [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) – Registration deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Registered participants will be notified of a date.

### **Wahta Mohawks Youth Council Requested Program: Cineplex Movie Night At Home**

Register with Kristan Sahanatien – [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) – **Deadline to Register – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

### **Herbal Tea Making Workshop**

Who doesn't like a nice cup of tea and a good book?  
If you are interested in making your own herbal teas, please contact  
Sara DeCaire- [sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca) by Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>  
705 801 5300

### **Respite Care and supports available**

Being a full-time caregiver can be physically and mentally exhausting. You need to look out for your mental health as well as your loved ones you are caring for. We have been fortunate to make a connection with Andy's house in Port Carling (hospice Muskoka) to allow us to offer our families other options such as

-Caregiver support

-Bereavement support

-Spiritual care

- Pediatric Grief

-Respite Care

Andy's' house website- <https://www.hospicemuskoka.com/andys-house>

Please contact Bobby-jean Decaire for further information or for a referral to any of these programs.

[Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca)

705-641-1263

### **Pocket Letter Project with Tyendinaga community:**

We will be doing a Letter Project for our seniors to be able to connect with other seniors from Tyendinaga. We will have different themes to add in our binder (we will be using photo album pockets).

At the end of the project we will be sending our completed project to Tyendinaga which in turn will send us the letters from them ( same idea) One theme may be Beading – you would write a letter about beading could be stories or whatever you choose and could even add a couple of your favorite color beads in your pocket and when we mail our pocket books they will send us their binder back where you will get the pockets with their letters in return with their stories/letters or beads for example.

This does not have to just be writing, you can draw a picture or even just add a something like a piece of fabric you like the pattern on. Deadline to register with Bobby is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

[Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca)

705-641-1263

**Christmas in July (adult program)** If you are interested in receiving one of the Christmas Trees greenware kits to paint. Please contact Sherry Byrne at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) or Kristan Sahanatien at [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) by July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please indicate which tree you would like, we will try our best to get the one you choose. (each kits comes with paints, brushes, lights to finish your project)



**Children and Youth Tie Dye Kits** If you are interested in receiving a dye tie kit for your children/youth, please contact Sherry Byrne at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) or Kristan Sahanatien at [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) by July 7<sup>th</sup>. We will also need the t-shirt size of your children when you register, please indicate if it's a s, m, l, xl in child/youth or adult size.

**Children and Youth Book Club** This will be a pilot project for three months. Your child will receive an Indigenous children/youth book once a month for three months. Please contact Sherry Byrne at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) or Kristan Sahanatien at [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) by July 7<sup>th</sup>. We will require your child(ren) name & age when you register.

**Jane Burning Awakening Your Sacred Bundle (session had to be rescheduled from May to Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am to 11:30am)** We will explore on a deeper level how our soul came to this earthly realm and the reason why we chose to come into form. We will look at the lessons and the sacred contract which we made including the darkness we've endured. Please register with Sherry Byrne at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca). Registered participants will be contacted with a zoom link. Deadline to register is July 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Recipes Wanted For Community Cookbook!**

*Do you have a family recipe you would  
like to share with the community?*

Wahta Mohawks is putting together a collection of recipes to share within our community.

Everyone is welcome to share any of your favourite and family recipe(s) of all kinds! If you would like to, please also include a blurb about the recipe, where it came from, or its history in your family.

**Please send a picture of your recipe(s) to Sara at:  
[sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca)/ 705 801 5300**

## Health and Social Services Resources

### **Mental Health Services**

#### **B'saanibaamaadsiwin Aboriginal Mental Health & Addiction**

Referrals can be made over the phone. An intake worker will call back to arrange an intake appointment, also over the phone. If a crisis referral comes in, they will be given directly to the crisis worker on-call that day. 24/7

#### **Contact Information:**

Office Phone: 705-746-2512

Toll Free Phone: 1-866-829-7049

Crisis Phone: 1-888-893-8333

### **Muskoka Women's Shelters and Services**

There are two shelters in Muskoka for abused women (with or without children): **Muskoka Interval House** (MIH) in Bracebridge, 1-800-461-1740 or 705-645-4461 and **Chrysalis** in Huntsville, 1-866-789-8488 or 705-789-8488.

Safe, short-term shelter \* 24-hour phone support/ 24 hour staffing \* child and youth programming \* outreach support \* support groups \* assistance with navigating the legal system \* accompaniment and advocacy \* safety planning \* risk assessment \* practical needs assistance

### **Assaulted Women's Helpline**

With assistance in English and up to 154 other languages

TTY: 416-364-8762

Toll-Free: 1-866-863-0511

Toll-Free TTY: 1-866-863-7868

Rogers, Fido, Bell & Telus: #SAFE (#7233)

### **Muskoka/Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services**

#### ***Muskoka District Office***

29 Manitoba St., Suite # 1, Bracebridge, ON P1L 1S4

Phone: (705) 646-2122 or

1-877-406-1268

#### ***Parry Sound District Office***

7 William Street, Suite # 3,

Parry Sound, ON P2A 1V2

Phone: (705) 774-9083 or

1-877-851-6662

For more information, please call Sherry Byrne at 705-762-2354 ext: 250 or email

[sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca)

## Health and Social Services Update

Happy Spring. It seems like it took a long time to get here, and yet time seems to be going very fast. Health and Social is busy creating programs with purpose. Programs that are reflective of the current times, whether it be virtual, or supplies and created on your own time. Hoping that we are touching many elements of interest within the community: **cannabis education, youth employment, an art show, traditional healers, sign making, raising healthy eaters, music and memory with seniors, cooking with Sara, knife skills for parents and children, youth/parents online safety, mini drum craft, as well as seniors at home exercise.** We are hopeful that programming will be in person soon, however we have no idea of when that may be. Please go to our program pages, get in touch with the specified person to sign up. As always community ideas are always welcome. Fingers crossed that we will see everyone soon, until then keep safe.

Christine



Quinn #12 and Caleb #5 Commandant would like to formally and publicly thank the Dreamcatcher Foundation and the Wahta Mohawk Nation for helping fund our education and lacrosse dreams at RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology). This year our team won the NCAA National Championship in double overtime, with Quinn being named MVP of the game and Caleb being one of two freshmen to earn regular playing time. This is all possible because of Wahta and Dreamcatcher. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Quinn and Caleb Commandant  
NCAA National Lacrosse  
Champions 2021

**Saturday July 31st, 2021**

**Starts at 8am**

# Bass Fishing Derby 2021

*Great prizes for those who participate.*

*To sign up, please contact  
[karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca)  
by June 4th, 2021.*

*Due to the ongoing pandemic the annual bass fishing derby wont be held on reserve at Webster Lake.*

*Instead, people can fish at any location on July 31st, 2021 from 8am to 4pm.*

*If you catch a bass, please take a picture with you and your fish with a measuring device and send to*

*[karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca)*

*Please remember to social distance and wear your masks as necessary.*

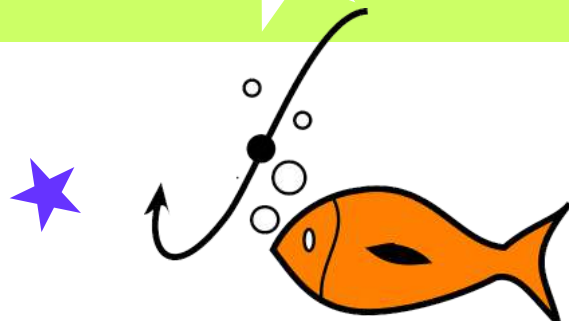
*Stay safe everyone!*

*Bass Fish at any location*

*Fun for the whole Family*

*Prize categories for women, men and youth*

*Pictures maybe used in the Wahta newsletter and facebook page*





# Good Food Box

Northern Produce will be delivering Good Food Boxes to everyone who is signed up.

If you have not signed up and are interested in receiving the Good Food Box, and you live on reserve, please email Sara at [sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca). You can also contact our receptionist Skye at 705-762-2354, and she will give Sara the message.



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## Ambulance Payment Assistance

**Attention:** If you have used an Ambulance to West Parry Sound Health Centre (Parry Sound Hospital)

When you receive your bill please get in contact with:

Patricia Austin, M.O.A.

Financial Services Clerk

West Parry Sound Health Centre

6 Albert Street, Parry Sound P2A 3A4

Phone: (705) 746-4540 ext 4112

email: [paustin@wpshc.com](mailto:paustin@wpshc.com)

[www.wpshc.com](http://www.wpshc.com)



Patricia can, with the status number that you provide, send the bill to FNIHB for payment directly!

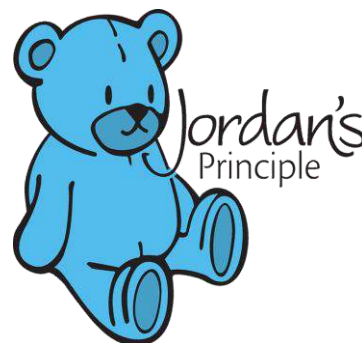
If any questions arise please contact Christine for assistance.

**\*if you live elsewhere and have to use an ambulance get in touch with that hospital's finance department and see if this can be arranged for you\***

### What is Jordan's Principle?

Jordan's Principle is meant to prevent First Nations children from being denied essential services or experiencing delays in receiving them. Different levels of government fund different services for First Nations children, and as a result it can be hard to figure out how to access necessary products, services, and supports. Under Jordan's Principle, we can:

- ✓ Inform families about the resources available for their child and how to access it
- ✓ Coordinate access to products, services, and supports
- ✓ Provide funding when it's needed to make sure products, services, and supports are accessed without delay



### Who can apply to Jordan's Principle?

A child under the age of majority in their province of residence can access Jordan's Principle, if they permanently reside in Canada, and if the child meets **one** of the following criteria:

- ✓ Child is registered or eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- ✓ Child has one parent or guardian who is registered/eligible to be registered under the Indian Act
- ✓ Child is recognized by their nation for the purposes of Jordan's Principle
- ✓ Child is ordinarily resident on reserve

### What is covered under Jordan's Principle?

#### Health:

- ✓ mobility aids
- ✓ wheelchair ramps
- ✓ addiction services
- ✓ services from Elders
- ✓ mental health services
- ✓ specialized hearing aids
- ✓ traditional healing services
- ✓ services for children in care
- ✓ assessments and screenings
- ✓ transportation to appointments
- ✓ medical supplies and equipment
- ✓ long term care for children with specialized needs
- ✓ therapeutic services for individuals or groups

#### Social:

- ✓ social worker
- ✓ land-based activities
- ✓ personal support worker
- ✓ specialized summer camps
- ✓ respite care
- ✓ specialized programs based on cultural beliefs and practices

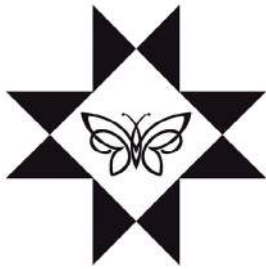
#### Education:

- ✓ school supplies
- ✓ tutoring services
- ✓ teaching assistants
- ✓ specialized school transportation
- ✓ psycho-educational assessments
- ✓ assistive technologies and electronics

### For more information, please contact:

Kathleen White, Jordan's Principle Navigator

kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca or (705) 330-1875



## B'SAANIBAMAASIWIN

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

60 James Street Suite 201, Parry Sound; (705) 746-2512

Agency, self and family referrals accepted

24 Hour Crisis Support

July

2021

### Summer Wellness

Summer is here and with it comes an amazing day, June 21<sup>st</sup>. This day brings the summer solstice/longest day of the year, National Indigenous Peoples Day and the first day of summer!

Along with the change in weather, summer can also mean a change in schedules and adjusting to this change can be challenging. There can also be a feeling of pressure that we often place on ourselves: the weather is nice so we should be out enjoying it; for a lot of us, our kids are home, so we should be spending time with them. There are any number of examples about why summer can be a stressful time for any of us, and it is okay to admit it.

#### Drop the *shoulds*.

Let go of pressuring yourself with summer activities you think you should/shouldn't be doing. Instead, allow each day to be what it is.

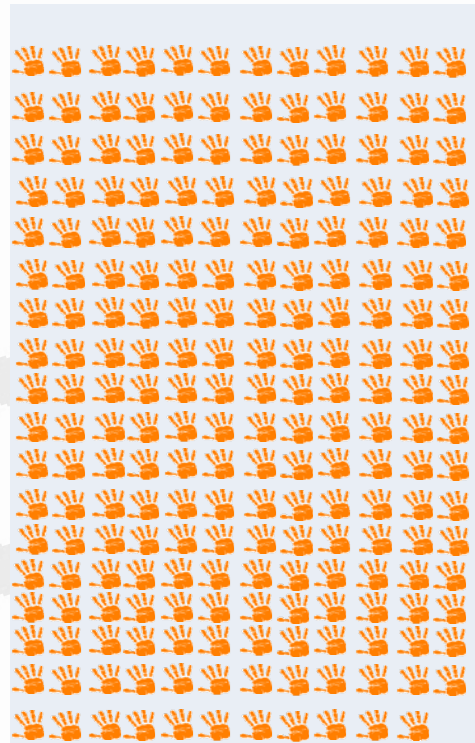
#### Quality is better than quantity.

Make frequent trips outside (walks, hikes, swims). Many short outdoor breaks and exercise can be extremely helpful for mental health and wellness, instead of a lengthy hike or day in the sun, trying to make the most of the day.

#### Bring an intention to making joy in each day.

Create small moments of relaxation and fun throughout the day, no matter what the weather turns out to be or what else the day brings.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!



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#EVERYCHILDMATTERS

Full Moon: July 23rd

Next Full Moon: August 22nd



**OJIBWE — MSKOMINI GIIZIS (Raspberry Moon)** : when great changes begin. By learning gentleness and kindness, we may pass through the thorns of its brush and harvest its fruit, as we gain knowledge that will help in raising our families.

**CREE — OPASKOWIPISIM (Feather Moulting Moon)** : Month when young fowl are moulting

**HAUDENOSAUNEE — Oyhóhtseh (Green Bean Festival)**: Around the beginning of August we honor the bean, an important part of our ancestors diet.



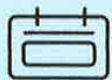


# RAAM CLINIC

## West Parry Sound Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic

The Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic is a low-barrier, culturally safe clinic for individuals 16 years of age and older who are struggling with substance use concerns; or for friends and family seeking personal support around a loved one's substance use.

Although not required, referrals are helpful and appreciated. Walk-ins are welcome.



Start Date:  
Monday May 27, 2019



Mondays: 2 PM - 6 PM  
Thursdays: 8 AM - 12 PM



West Parry Sound Health  
Centre - Ambulatory Care  
6 Albert St., Parry Sound



Check-in at Admitting

For additional information, referral forms, patient hand-outs, and brochures, please contact us:



**705-375-9900**

or call:



**705-746-4264**

and ask for a RAAM counsellor



Canadian Mental  
Health Association

Addictions and  
Mental Health Services



West Parry Sound Health Centre

*Rural Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic*

# 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 **Kathleen White** at **705-762-2354 x. 240** or by email at **kathleen.white@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.

## Wahta Mohawks Business Directory

<b><u>Business Name</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>Website</u></b>	<b><u>Services Offered</u></b>
Bala Auto Detailing	(705)641-1263	<a href="http://www.Balautodetailing.com">www.Balautodetailing.com</a>	Full-service auto detailing
Commandant Towing and Recovery	(705)-205-1418		Towing and Recovery
First Nations Liquidation	(705)762-0101	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/FirstNationLiquidation">https://www.facebook.com/FirstNationLiquidation</a>	convenience/gifts/fireworks/house wares
Long House Grill	(705) 762 6687	<a href="https://firstnationliquidation.com/longhouse-grill/">https://firstnationliquidation.com/longhouse-grill/</a>	Restaurant
Mrs. H's Fish & Chips	(705)762-4262	<a href="http://mrshsfishandchips.ca/">mrshsfishandchips.ca/</a>	Restaurant
Muskoka Rural Electric	(705)762-3440	<a href="http://www.muskokaruralelectric.com">www.muskokaruralelectric.com</a>	Licensed Electricians
Poseidon Plumbing	(705)801-6164	<a href="http://www.godofwater.ca">www.godofwater.ca</a>	Full-Service Plumber
Sahanatien Haulage	(705)762-5346	<a href="https://lshaulage.com/">https://lshaulage.com/</a>	Site development/roads and driveways/ septic systems/landscaping and landscaping supplies/ material delivery
Team Boats	1 855-770-8326	<a href="http://www.teamboats.ca">www.teamboats.ca</a>	Custom Aluminum Boats
Wahta Station	(705)762-2195	<a href="http://thewahtastation.com/">thewahtastation.com/</a>	Convenience/grocery
Wahta Springs	1 800-593-0127	<a href="http://www.wahtasprings.com">www.wahtasprings.com</a>	Water Bottling
What-a-Convenience	(705)762-1923	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/whatabakery/">https://www.facebook.com/whatabakery/</a>	Gas Bar/bakery/Gifts
Womb Rising	(705)323-5599	<a href="http://www.wombrising.com">www.wombrising.com</a>	Birth Services

If you own and operate a business on the territory of the Wahta Mohawks and would like to be included in this directory please contact Kathleen White at [kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca) to share the details of your business.

You will be asked to provide the name of your business, the type of services provided, and contact details.

# Contact Information

## Chief & Council

Chief Philip Franks	<a href="mailto:philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca">philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca</a>	705-528-9468
Councillor Blaine Commandant	<a href="mailto:blaine.commandant@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca">blaine.commandant@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca</a>	705-394-8699
Councillor Teresa Greasley	<a href="mailto:teresa.greasley@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca">teresa.greasley@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca</a>	705-644-9934
Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton	<a href="mailto:lorie.fenton-strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca">lorie.fenton-strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca</a>	705-774-2796
Councillor Jesse Strength	<a href="mailto:jesse.strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca">jesse.strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca</a>	TBD

## Administration

**705-762-2354**

<a href="#">Scott Aubichon</a>	Lands and Resources Coordinator	Ext. 242
<a href="#">Sherry Byrne</a>	Community Wellness/Mental Health Coordinator	Ext. 250
<a href="#">Sarah Chaloux</a>	Language Activator	Ext. 259
<a href="#">Matthew Commandant</a>	Housing Coordinator	Ext. 275
<a href="#">Joanne Contant</a>	Chief Financial Officer	Ext. 227
<a href="#">Christine Cox</a>	Health & Social Services Manager	Ext. 273
<a href="#">Amy Davidson</a>	Family Well-Being Worker	Ext. 203
<a href="#">Rubecka Davidson</a>	Band Representative	Ext. 202
<a href="#">Bobby DeCaire</a>	Personal Support Worker	N/A
<a href="#">Courtnei DeCaire</a>	Financial Assistant	Ext. 230
<a href="#">Sara DeCaire</a>	Cook/Custodian	Ext. 206
<a href="#">Skye DeCaire</a>	Receptionist	Ext. 221
<a href="#">Richard Hay</a>	Kanien'keha Language Instructor	N/A
<a href="#">Carol Holmes</a>	Education Services Manager	Ext. 233
<a href="#">Murray Maracle</a>	Senior Administrator	Ext. 231
<a href="#">Kim North</a>	Finance Clerk	Ext. 237
<a href="#">Karen Sahanatien</a>	Membership/Lands & Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
<a href="#">Kristan Sahanatien</a>	NNADAP	Ext. 241
<a href="#">Randell Sonmor</a>	Capital Assets Manager	Ext. 224
<a href="#">Samantha Walker</a>	Council Executive Assistant/Librarian	Ext. 272
<a href="#">Kathleen White</a>	Ontario Works Administrator/Employment & Training	Ext. 240

## Maintenance & Public Works

<a href="#">Berry Berwick</a>	Public Works Supervisor	705-641-0722
<a href="#">Harry Byrne</a>	Maintenance Supervisor	705-641-0833
<a href="#">Terry DeCaire</a>	Maintenance	705-644-9862
<a href="#">Evan Holmes</a>	Public Works	705-644-9884

Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

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

Fridays 8:00am - 2:00pm