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Virtual Public Council Meeting

There will be a virtual Public Council Meeting on **Tuesday October 26th, 2021 at 7:00PM**. The meeting will be hosted on **Zoom**. Please **REGISTER** in advance at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpd-6uqjsuGdCWrWOem62r8mAn6yRXSF9A>

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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CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

Chief Philip Franks

The end of September marked the first Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada as an official holiday. Here at Wahta there was a walk from the Administration Building to the Cultural Healing Centre. Myself and Council were pleased to join in and want to say Nia:wen to the organizers and all the helpers for everything they did. Also Nia:wen kowa to Ryan Decaire for leading the group through explanations of traditional teachings as we honoured those children who lost their lives during the reign of residential schools, and to the Survivors alive and passed for their experience and for telling their stories, stories we have heard for a long time.

Now Canada has finally recognized what really happened and Canadians have come to learn what the “Indian” policies were around education as well as other assimilation laws. You might have heard from watching the television coverage, there is one group of people who are sort of overlooked. They are gone now and did not get to tell their stories, they were the parents who had their children taken and had to live with that all their lives.

From here on in we have the opportunity to learn more about ourselves and what these systems did to Indigenous civilizations within this country. We also have the opportunity to help the public in general understand what was experienced by these children and onward for the rest of their lives.

This morning (October 1), I had the opportunity to join a conference call hosted by Chief Mark Hill of Six Nations of the Grand. Joined by Kimberly Murray, the Executive Lead to establish the Survivors Secretariat who will commence the work of the secretariat. Kim is from Kanasatake membership, she was the former Executive Director to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission – where she oversaw the work and writing of the Missing Children and Unmarked Burials report. She explained the plans of the Secretariat and how they want to include all First Nations who had children sent to the Mohawk Institute. Currently they are focussed on finding where burial sites might be with the assistance of Survivors recollections. They also would speak with generational survivors, family members of those students to help with their efforts. To date the Secretariat has identified more than 500 acres of land around Brantford where there exists possibilities of grave sites.

Council continues with other areas. In development is the second phase of the landfill site. We recently received the go ahead to start this phase which focusses on the engineering design of a waste transfer facility and closure of the existing site. The third phase will be construction of a complete waste transfer station, and actual closing of the site. An engineering firm should be selected by November with the design report due in late winter, early spring.

We are soon going to be meeting with the Solicitor Generals office to begin exploration of the changes to the policing act in Ontario and look at the possible advantages of forming an OPP detachment board jointly with neighbouring Moose Deer Point First Nation. At the top of our agenda is the OPP enforcing First Nation Laws and or by-laws.

In other governance exploration, Council will meet in the near future with the AIAI Tobacco Task Force to get more in depth knowledge around the work being done to help facilitate First Nation Law making. The task force has been working on education about the initiative and the benefit of having our own laws in preparation of interventions by the Ministry of Finance. We will begin community consultations on the subject later this year.

The Council governance policies have been posted and Council is looking for feedback on these statements that outline how Council and individual council members conduct the operation of Wahta Council.

On the COVID-19 front, Ontario First Nations are holding their own in terms of infections, however, there are 22 First Nations that are reporting variants of COVID-19 as of last week. Ontario's vaccination certificate rolled out last week. While it is effect for some public places, the issuance of these certificates will take some time. It was determined during the third week of September that Council can issue letters that certify a person has been double vaccinated if it is found that someone needs to have one sooner for a special purpose. The Ministry of Health notice of being vaccinated will also work for the time being. You should have received one if you were vaccinated at our clinic, or public health clinics.

Environmental assessments of the old hunt camps on the land claim properties has begun. The next step will be the clean up of these sites so the land is ready to be transferred back to reserve status. The rest of the Addition to Reserve process is ongoing and will still take a considerable amount of time to complete.

As I have mentioned before with the development of a land usage plan, we are hoping to identify a possible consulting firm to lead the way for a community driven study. I am hoping for that sometime this month. In the meantime, Council will be doing some consultation regarding the buying of existing lands in the territory and putting together a policy regarding if and how those purchases should happen.

Unfortunately the Public Virtual Council meeting was postponed from September 28 and will now be held Tuesday October 5 at 7 pm. There will be more information on these and other matters at that time.

Once again thank you for reading and if your have questions or comments on any matters please don't hesitate to contact myself or Council for further discussions. Nia:wen for taking the time to read this update.



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Aug 18th, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Jesse Strength

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Regrets:

Councillor Teresa Greasley

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the August 18th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the minutes from August 11th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Administration Roof Change Order

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, presented a Briefing Note to Council on the Administration Building Roof Repair and Furnace Replacement projects. As of August 17th, 2021,

the gymnasium roof has been completed, and 80% of the Eastern vaulted roof has been completed. The Western vaulted roof has not yet started, and the projected completion date is October 7th, 2021. Phase one of the Furnace Replacement project has been completed. Phase 2 which is the supply and installation of four ground mounted furnaces has been put on hold as the contract with the original contractor has been terminated due to non-compliance. Wahta has purchased the furnaces directly from Carrier, and Randell is collecting new quotes for installation. The revised completion date of the Furnace Installation Project is early November. The Eastern wall of the kitchen is badly deteriorated due to water damage over the years. Major reconstruction of the wall is needed. R.J. Burnside is completing engineering design and drawings, and R.J. Burnside has submitted an Engineering Change Order in the amount of \$5,390.00 for the engineering design and site supervision of the wall reconstruction. Randell will put out a tender package for quotes.

Financial Update – Overview of Expenditures to end of July 2021

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, presented an update on the current fiscal year expenditures up to the end of July and answered questions brought forward by Chief and Council. The financial statements will also be presented to the Directors of each department in the Administration to ensure they are kept up to date on their program spending.

OPP School Supply Drive – Approval to Participate

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have reached out to staff, as they are looking to provide a number of backpacks with school supplies, PPE, etc. to students on the territory. They are looking for permission to drop them off directly and to take a photo to help build community relations. Council provided their approval for Wahta to participate in the OPP School Supply Drive.

Meeting with Moose Deer Point re: OPP Detachment Boards

Chief Franks received a letter from Chief Rhonda Williams-Lovett of Moose Deer Point regarding the OPP Detachment Boards and the different options for participation. One of the options is to form a board with other First Nations, and Chief Williams-Lovett would like to know if Wahta would consider that. They discussed setting up an information meeting with the Ministry of the Solicitor General to learn more about that option. Chief Franks will ask Chief Williams-Lovett to provide a few potential dates and work on setting up a meeting.

Broadband: Meeting with Moose Deer Point and the District

The District of Muskoka has approached Wahta about broadband and connectivity needs on territory. The District stated that they have been approved to carry out a regional broadband study to develop a strategy and plan for the installation of reliable and accessible broadband throughout Muskoka. They will be working with consultants who would like to speak with First Nations about their current broadband connectivity needs and have asked if Council would be

willing to meet with them. Chief Franks asked Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, if he could provide an update on the ICON proposal that was submitted in the Fall of 2020. The Government of Ontario has started announcing successful applicants, however Murray is unsure if all the successful applicants were announced at once, or if they are announcing them in phases. He has reached out to Point to Point Broadband to see if they have more information, but he has not heard back yet. Council will investigate further before deciding if they want to meet with the District of Muskoka's consultants.

Roderick Lake Draft Permit

Chief Franks provided Council with the Roderick Lake Draft Permit from the Additions to Reserve Process. Letters have been sent out to those who access the lake informing them that there is now a permit that will need to be signed so they can access their properties. The letter indicated that there may be a fee, but not what that fee will be. The next ATR meeting is in September.

Orange Shirt Logo

The Youth Council has created three "Every Child Matters" Logos to use for flags and t-shirts for September 30th and they have asked Council to vote on which design they like best. Council will send in their votes individually.

Wahta Road 2 Parking Issue

There have been complaints about visitors continuing to ignore "No Parking" signs on Wahta Road 2. Council would like to work with the business owner to post signage deterring customers from parking on the road. Council also discussed asking Jay Herbert from Falls Law to work on revising the Trespass bylaw to include these types of issues and to give the authority to have vehicles towed.

Motion 3:

Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Blaine Commandant to make a request to Falls Law to revise the trespass bylaw to include side roads on the territory.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Follow-Up Email from Peter Goodwin

Councillor Fenton-Strength received an email from Peter Goodwin with a preliminary drawing of the new Council Chambers round table. Council would like to know what the price difference would be between a 10 and 12 person table. Council plans to meet with him in October to discuss the table, and are hoping to see samples of the wood before then. Council will also ask Joanne where the expenditure could be allocated from.

Youth Council

Councillor Strength-Fenton asked A/Health and Social Manager, Christine Cox, for an update on the Youth Council, and provided the information to Council. There are currently five members. Christine is hoping they will be able to present to Council, but they have not yet sat on an AIAI Youth Council, and they are hoping to do that before presenting to Council. Councillor Strength-Fenton would like to have a meeting where they can introduce themselves to Council. Murray and Christine are working on developing a structure and mandate for the Youth Council to follow, which will include age ranges, number of members etc. Once this has been completed, it will be presented to Council for their approval.

Adjournment

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 12:30pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Aug 25th, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Regrets:

Councillor Jesse Strength

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Olivia Franks, Graduate Student, Queen's University

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the August 25th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

KPMG Invoices – CR for Approval

Council was presented with invoices from KPMG and a cheque requisition for the payment of the 2020/21 audit. Council approved the cheque requisition in the amount of \$30,118.00.

Motion 2:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the KPMG invoices in the amount of \$30,118.00.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Hammond Transportation Contract – For Approval

Council reviewed the Hammond Transportation contract for the upcoming 2021/22 school year. The costs are similar to last year and include enhanced daily cleaning due to COVID-19. They approved the contract and gave Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, the signing authority.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to provide approval to Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle to sign the Hammond Transportation contract for the 2021/22 school year.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Gibsons of Muskoka – Inspection Approval Letter

Gibsons of Muskoka provided Council with an Inspection Report from the Technical Standards and Safety Authority. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, will provide them with a letter signed by the Chief that states they are a certified fuel supplier on a First Nation territory.

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve Gibsons of Muskoka as a certified fuel supplier operating on Wahta Mohawks First Nation, and to provide a letter to the Ministry of Finance stating this.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Tobacco Task Force LOA – For Approval

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians has received funding from Indigenous Affairs Ontario to support the continuation of the AIAI Tobacco & Law-Making Initiative for the 2021-22 fiscal year. This phase of the initiative is focused on community capacity building and the development of a negotiation position for future potential negotiations with Ontario. They have provided a letter of agreement which outlines the terms and requirements for the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians to transfer \$40,000 to Wahta Mohawks to support the 2021-22 Tobacco & Law-Making Initiatives. The funds are to be spent before March 31st, 2022. Council agreed to provide Murray with approval to sign the letter of approval.

Motion 5:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to authorize Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, to sign the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Letter of Agreement for the 2021-2022 AIAI Tobacco Project Phase V.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Olivia Franks Thesis Presentation (Meals on Wheels Study)

As a follow up to the Meals on Wheels research project that was first introduced to Council in the fall of 2020, Queens University student, Olivia Franks, joined Council to look for feedback and approval on her finalized thesis document, "Grounding our Meals on Wheels Program in Community Voice: Exploring Food Practices and Perceived Wholistic Health In Wahta Mohawk Territory," prior to its defence on September 21st. The purpose of the study is to address the community-identified need of understanding how the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program can nourish the perceived wholistic health of the older adults it serves on-reserve in Wahta Mohawk Territory. She provided an overview on the study and results, as well as some overall themes. Following the defence of the thesis, some minor edits could be made before being published with the university. Olivia is willing to put some of the findings into a format, such as a poster, to make it easier for the community to digest. Murray recommends that Olivia connect with staff to see how this research could be used for future program planning. Council supports the submission of the thesis to Queens University.

Motion 6:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to support the submission of “Grounding our Meals on Wheels Program in Community Voice: Exploring Food Practices and Perceived Wholistic Health in Wahta Mohawk Territory” by Olivia Franks to Queens University.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

ICG Equipment Sale – Approval to Accept Offer

Murray Maracle provided Council with an email from Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, stating that the owner of Muskoka Lakes Farm and Winery, Murray Johnston, has made an offer to purchase the remaining equipment from Iroquois Cranberry Growers. Randell provided an analysis of the current equipment and made a recommendation. Council would like to know what the equipment is worth before making a decision on whether to accept the offer, and will revisit the discussion at the next meeting.

Elders Community Calendar

Councillor Strength-Fenton provided an update to Council on a community initiative. A community member showed Councillor Strength-Fenton a community calendar from the past, and A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, and Diabetes & Seniors Programming Coordinator, Sara DeCaire, agreed it would be a good idea to do a community calendar this year honouring the elders in the community. Every year will have a different theme. The first one will include 12 elders and have Mohawk language throughout the calendar. There will be a photoshoot in early September, and the goal is to have the calendars completed for the Christmas baskets.

Policy Making

Council agreed to post the completed policies on the Wahta Mohawks website, and to provide links to the website in the newsletter and on social media.

Adjournment

Motion 7:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adjourn at 11:15am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thu Sep 2nd, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Councillor Blaine Commandant
Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Teresa Greasley
Councillor Jesse Strength

Regrets:

Chief Philip Franks

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator
Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager
Carol Holmes, Education and Family Services Manager
Scott Aubichon, Lands and Resources Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the September 2nd agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from August 18th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from August 25th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Furnace Replacement Project Contract Award

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, presented a briefing note to Council on the replacement of the four rooftop furnaces at the Administration Building. Following the termination of the contract with EEL, three general contractors were contacted to determine their interest in bidding on Phase 2 of the furnace installation project and their ability to complete the project by the end of November. Two contractors indicated their interest and ability to complete the work over the next three months. Council reviewed the bids and selected WS Morgan and their bid of \$388,500, as they have recently completed Phase 1 of the project and the work was high quality and completed on time within budget.

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to accept the bid of \$388,500 from WS Morgan to complete Phase 2 of the furnace replacement project at the Administration Building.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Language Funding

Education and Family Services Manager, Carol Holmes, presented a briefing note seeking Council support for ongoing Language initiatives. Community members have expressed interest in Language and Cultural programming, as reflected in the community survey completed and the level of participation in language learning opportunities. Language programming is currently based on external funding, which makes it very difficult to plan for continuation of these programs and services. Financial support is required to continue working toward the community goals of the Strategic Plan. Funding is needed to support salaries and benefits for the Language Activator, Language Instructor, Mentor, and program costs. Carol is also hoping to secure funding to establish the Language Activator position as permanent and full time. Council supports the continuation of language initiatives and would like a more detailed breakdown of where the funding would be coming from. Murray will work with Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, to identify where the funds would fit into the overall budget and report back to Council.

District of Muskoka Mapping Initiative

Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, attended a meeting with the District of Muskoka to discuss the expansion of the floodplain mapping in Muskoka. They are seeking permission to do floodplain mapping along the Moon River, Musquash River, Gibson River, and Gibson Lake. It involves measuring the volume of the rivers over time to complete a survey of the water. All of the information collected will be shared with Wahta Mohawks. It would provide a floodplain map that would show where floods could occur over the next 100 years. Council agrees to allow the District of Muskoka to expand their floodplain maps into Wahta Mohawks Territory, and would like the community to be informed prior to the work beginning.

September 22nd Staff Meeting

The Senior Administration Team is organizing a virtual staff meeting on September 22nd to allow each department to provide updates, discuss the return to work plan and policies, activities etc. Murray wanted to inform Council and give them an opportunity to attend or speak if interested. The draft agenda provides a time slot for Chief Franks to provide a brief update to staff. At this time, Council would like Chief Franks to attend and speak on behalf of Council.

Professional and Institutional Development Application

Murray provided Council with a workplan and budget for the Professional and Institutional Development application to support its ongoing work in advancing its core governance structures and processes. If successful, the Professional and Institutional Development Program would provide funding for a governance/policy coordinator, community engagement, and other development costs, governance/finance training, legal review/advice etc. Council agreed to sign a Mohawk Council Resolution in support of the Professional and Institutional Development application to the Professional and Institutional Development Program for 2021-22.

Motion 5:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the Professional and Institutional Development Application prepared and submitted by its Administration seeking financial support under the Professional and Institutional development Program for 2021-22.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Youth Council

Councillor Fenton expressed interest in meeting with the Youth Council prior to them meeting with AIAI. Council would like to see a more defined structure within the Youth Council. A consultant has been hired to provide leadership training to members of the Youth Council. Council has asked Murray to reach out to AIAI to ask for a terms of reference and other guidance.

Adjournment

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to adjourn at 11:30am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thu Sep 8th, 2021

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Councillor Blaine Commandant
Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Teresa Greasley
Councillor Jesse Strength

Regrets:

Chief Philip Franks

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator
Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant
Christine Cox, A/Health and Social Manager
Kristan Sahanatien, NNADAP Worker
Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the September 8th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

September 30 – New Stat Day

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, informed Council that the office will be closed on September 30th for National Truth and Reconciliation Day, and Council agreed to pass a motion to add the National Truth and Reconciliation Day to the list of Statutory holidays in the Human Resources Policy.

Motion 2:

Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Teresa Greasley to amend the Human Resources Policy to include September 30th on the list of Statutory holidays.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Youth Council

A/Health and Social Manager, Christine Cox, and National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Worker, Kristan Sahanatien, joined Council to present a briefing note on the current status of the Youth Council. The group has had a few meetings since being formed, but requires more structure and policies to help guide the group. They are in the process of assigning portfolios or areas of interest to each member (mental health, education, addition, family well-being, etc.). Christine and Kristan are looking for Council to provide guidance and direction on how to proceed to support the youth. Youth Leadership Training has been approved and is currently being scheduled with Turtle Concepts. The Council still needs a guiding framework to help steer the group, and a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. Members of the Youth Council will be encouraged to attend the monthly community meetings and to use the community strategic plan to help identify goals and help with decision making. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle will join them for a meeting in October to discuss the Strategic Plan. Council would like to see a terms of reference from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians for their Youth Councils, and also suggests reaching out to other First Nations to see if they can provide some information on their youth Councils.

Contract Award Approval – Kitchen Wall Repair

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to present a briefing note on the contractor selection to repair the extensive water damage to the eastern kitchen wall. The east wall of the kitchen and the post and beam structure within the wall will have to be removed and replaced. Negan Burnside prepared a tender package, and six contractors were invited to bid on the work, however four declined the invitation due to heavy workload. WS Morgan had the lowest bid and they have provided high quality work on Phase 1 and 2 of the Furnace Replacement Project. Randell recommends approving WS Morgan as the contractor to undertake the kitchen wall replacement, and also to approve R.J. Burnside's Engineering Change Order (ECO) in the amount of \$5,390 for engineering design, tendering and contract supervision related to the kitchen wall reconstruction for a total amount of \$59,950.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to accept the bid from WS Morgan in the amount of \$49,600 for the removal and replacement of the east kitchen wall at the Administration Building.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Administration Building Roof Work Invoice

Council was provided with a progress invoice from Can-Sky for their work on the Administration Roof Repair Project in the amount of \$87,841.70. Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, informed Council that the completion date of the roof repair project is the first week of October.

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the Payment of invoice 5365 in the amount of \$87,841.70 to Can Sky for their work on the Administration Building Roof Repair Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Land Lease Mohawk Council Resolutions

Council reviewed and approved a number of Land Lease MCR's.

Motion 5:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve and sign 2021/22 Land Leases.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 10:30am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thu Sep 16th, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Jesse Strength

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Scott Aubichon, Lands and Resources Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the September 16th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the minutes from September 2nd, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from September 8th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Minor Capital Application (Water Feasibility Surplus)

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to present a briefing note on the utilization of surplus funds from the water feasibility study. The purpose of the briefing note is to seek Council approval on a Council Resolution and Minor Capital Allocation (MCA) to be submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) seeking approval to utilise surplus funds from the Water System Feasibility Study to undertake work on Wahta owned water systems (wells, treatment systems). The Water System Feasibility Study was undertaken by Neegan Burnside in 2019 to identify and evaluate options for the supply and treatment of potable water that will meet the community's current and future 20-year needs. The study was fully funded by ISC, and a total of \$663,000 has been released to Wahta for the study and to upgrade the water treatment system at the Administration building. Neegan Burnside also identified and recommended several repairs/upgrades to Wahta owned wells and water treatment systems. The total estimated cost for the repairs/upgrades is \$209,000. ISC have now given their informal approval for these repairs/upgrades and have requested that a Minor Capital Application (MCA) be submitted for their formal approval. As part of the MCA approval process, a Council Resolution is needed to approve the submission of the MCA. Randell prepared the Minor Capital Application and Mohawk Council Resolution for Council, and they passed a motion granting their approval.

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to authorize the use of excess funds outlined the Surplus Utilization Plan for upgrades and installations of new water treatment systems at Wahta owned housing units and community buildings, as well as upgrades and repairs to existing wells and the drilling of new wells providing water to these housing units and community buildings.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Market Housing Fund Application

A community member is seeking conditional support from Council for a mortgage application with the Bank of Montreal. The applicant has met Wahta Mohawks pre-qualifications requirements and is now eligible for a pre-approved mortgage. Council agrees to approve the signing of the conditional letter of support. Final approval rests with the Bank of Montreal.

Motion 5:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to authorize Chief Franks to sign a conditional letter of support to the Bank of Montreal under the Market Based Housing Program.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Road Construction Requests

Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, joined Council to discuss a member request to build an access road to their property. He answered questions about the band owned land around the property, and different ways for the member to access their property. Chief Franks would like to know where the potential driveways could be located, and then follow the proper steps before making any decisions. Scott will look at the driveway options, follow up with the community members, and report back to Council.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Tuition Invoice

Council reviewed the Trillium Lakelands District School Board invoice for tuition for students on the nominal roll for the period of April to June 2021, and agreed to pay the invoice.

Motion 6:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to pay the invoice from Trillium Lakelands District School Board in the amount of \$106,354.80 for tuition fees from April to June 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Finance Policy Amendments

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, presented a briefing note on a proposed financial approval increase. The current Financial Management Policy provides financial approval limits for each level of management within the Administration. With the new management structure solidly in place within the Administration and operations maturing as a result over the last 2 years, Murray feels the timing is right to increase the upward limits of the financial approvals currently existing for each Director and the Chief Financial Officer. It is proposed the upward limits be adjusted within the Financial Management Policy to reflect an increase from \$0-\$999.99 to \$0-\$1,999.99 for Directors, from \$1,000-\$1,999.99 to \$2,000-\$3,999.99 for the Chief Financial Officer, and from \$2,000-\$29,999.99 to \$4,000-\$29,999.99 for the Senior Administrator. The overall upward limit within the Administration will remain at \$30,000. Other safeguards within the policy will of course remain with respect to quotes needed, documentation retained, and conflict of interest. Council agrees to approve an amendment to the existing Finance Policy to reflect the newly proposed upward financial authorities for Directors and the CFO.

Motion 7:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the Finance Policy amendment dated September 16th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Governance Training Contract

Council reviewed and agreed to sign the AFOA Canada contract stating that they are to provide two one-day workshops on First Nations Governance I: Community and First Nations Governance II: Leadership on October 12 - 13, 2021 using the online platform Zoom.

Motion 8:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve Chief Franks to sign the AFOA Canada contract for Governance training in October.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 9:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adjourn at 10:45am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Virtual Public Council Meeting

Tuesday October 26th, 2021, 7:00pm

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

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemtpjkiHtJtcWIn2k7O4VVv5l1QodKs>

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

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.

October 1: Update on Applications for Housing, Renovations and Water & Sanitation Subsidy

The Administration would like to inform Community members that two applications were received and approved in the second phase of our revised application process (please refer to the March newsletter for information on the changes).

To date, a total of five applications have been approved.


As funds remain available for the above subsidies, we are now inviting applications for the above subsidies as part of the third phase of our revised process.

For this third phase, we request that applications be submitted by December 30, 2021. As with the first and second phases, all applications will be assessed at the same time. We plan to assess all fully completed applications by January 15, 2022, after which we will notify applicants.

Please contact Karen Sahanatien at karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca for the application form.

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.



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.

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					

Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Trust Election

To elect three (3) Trustees to serve until the end of the term of December 31, 2024.

All candidates must meet the eligibility criteria to stand for election to the Wahta Mohawk Community Trust, per the Wahta Mohawks Community Trust Election Rules & Regulations, as enacted by authority of Article V11, Section 7.3(e) of the Wahta Mohawks Trust Agreement.

NOMINATION MEETING:

Saturday November 20, 2021 – 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

CANDIDATES QUALIFYING FORUM:

Saturday November 27, 2021 – 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

ELECTION:

Saturday December 4, 2021 – 10:00am to 3:00p.m.

Education Update

Our department welcomes Jacqueline (Jacquie) Stewart as she began her employment with Wahta Mohawks on September 13, 2021, as the Education Assistant.

Jacquie will have a few roles within education, primarily working in post-secondary.

As we move in to the first weeks of school, we are learning of classrooms within Simcoe Muskoka area with positive cases of Covid-19. Most recently, our local school at Glen Orchard reported a positive case in a classroom in which several of our students belong to. Parents have received messaging from the Health Unit and school and must follow the directives as provided. We thank you for your diligence in following these protocols (including isolating with your child attending class online).

Last month we advertised support for tutoring services for our member children. Please reach out to Jacquie at Jacqueline.Stewart@wahtmohawks.ca should you be of interest to access this support.



Hi everyone! I would like to introduce myself and share a little about me. My name is Jacqueline Stewart but most call me Jacquie. I just recently joined the Wahta Community working in the education department team. I was an EA at Glen Orchard Public School and worked very closely with the Wahta kids. I have tutored many of the kids and rode on the Wahta bus every morning and afternoon for many years. I am so excited to be working here and look forward to meeting everyone soon. Thank you for believing in me.

Education Child and Family Programs

Children's, Cultural teachings and craft every Thursday in October and November from 430-530 over Zoom. Contact Amy Davidson for the link at amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca

Children's Weekly bedtime stories and videos will be starting on October 6th, every Wednesday on Zoom. Please contact Amy Davidson for the link. amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca

Children's Felting program for children October 4, 18th and 25th from 430-530 on Zoom. Contact Amy Davidson for the link at amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca

Children's Boxing footwork drills November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 430-530 over Zoom. Contact Amy Davidson for the link at amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca

Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language

Kanien'kéha Language Update

Niá:wen kowa to the many members and families who participated in language classes over the last few months under the Heritage Canada funding. Chief and Council and Administration remain committed to supporting mohawk language initiatives and to providing Wahta with Kanien'kéha language learning opportunities. We are grateful to be able to continue this work for community.

Community Language Classes – Online Zoom

Classes will now run seasonally, if you would like to register for the Fall Session of Kanien'kéha Community Classes, please email sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca to reserve your spot. Class sizes will have maximum capacity for greatest learning.

Classes will run for 10 weeks starting the week of October 11. Twice weekly. Ability to commit to each class is ideal. Weeknights to be determined; 7-8pm. Please reach out for more information.

Youth and Family – Online Zoom

We would like to continue the school-aged youth and family sessions. Please email to show your interest and we will pick an evening and time that works best for families interested.

Language Nest - Online Zoom

Sessions run Monday mornings 10-11am. Caregivers and preschool aged children may participate in this early-years exposure and supports for Kanien'kéha in the home.

CAN8 Language Software - sign ups are still welcome. Please email if you would like instructions and access to this program for self-led learning paired with Richard's teaching supports.

Community Consultation

Please consider joining a Community Consultation Advisory group for future language endeavors. Your input and guidance is important to the success of Kanien'kéha in Wahta. Email me to help connect and facilitate any meetings. Alternatively, you may also send in ideas or requests at any time.

All registrations and questions welcome at sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca

Language Instructor Richard Hay can be reached at richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca

Kanien'kéha Mohawk Words of the Month

A'nó:wara Tekonhahí:ia'ks - Turtle Crossing

Ò:niare Tekonhahí:ia'ks – Snake Crossing

O'nenste – corn

O'saheta – beans

Onon'onhsera – squash

Kaienthókwen – Harvest Festival

Wahta Mohawks Health and Social

October 2021 Programs

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 or Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext 241 or 250.

Music Therapy

Once a month we will provide an online group music-assisted progressive muscle relaxation session. Music can be used to assist the relaxation process, and to teach relaxation skills for independent self-care. Along with this, we also offer 1:1 music therapy sessions. For more information, please contact Kristan Sahanatien – kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca or Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca

Virtual Escape Room

Date TBD. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca. Registered participants will be contacted with the zoom link. Deadline to register is October 8th, 2021.

Hot Chocolate Bombs and Chocolate Making 101 Kits

Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca . Deadline to register is October 8th, 2021.

Woodland Cultural Centre – Online Mohawk Institute Residential School Virtual Tour In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day – Sept 30)

The tour of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School, gives the history of the school from when it opened in 1831, until it closed in 1970. **October 22nd – 10am-12pm**. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca by October 8th. Registered participants will be sent a zoom link.

Child and Youth Mental Health Kits

Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca , or Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca deadline to register is October 8th, 2021.

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Virtual Race – 5K

For more information or to register please contact Kristan Sahanatien – Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca – deadline to register is October 8th, 2021. Registration is on a limited basis, and availability with Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront.

Cheese Making Workshop

Do you love cheese?

We will be offering a VIRTUAL cheese making class in November. Hosted by Alexis at CheeseMaker.ca. If you are interested in attending this workshop please contact Sara DeCaire – sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca or (705) 801 5300. Sign up by October 15th. Spaces limited

Community Dinner Nights With Sara

This program is open to all! We will meet online and will all make the same dinner together. We will be using seasonal, traditional and cultural ingredients. If you are interested in joining our Monthly Community Dinner, please email Sara DeCaire by October 8th at sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 801 5300. Our Monthly dinner will be held on Wednesday October 20th. Recipes will be posted ahead of time so that everyone is able to get the ingredients that they will need. Wahta will provide some specialty ingredients. Let's come together and have a fun night as a community.

Covid and Boredom (adults/seniors)

1. 3D Mandala Layered puzzle - If you are interested in receiving a 3D Mandala Layered puzzle. Made with Baltic Birch wood. This is a ready to assemble kit that comes with paints, brushes, wood glue and colourful instructions.



Please note: this is an example. There are many different Mandales, you may receive a different then the one shown.

2. Indigenous Puzzles (adults/seniors)



Please note : this is an example. There are many different puzzles, you may receive a different one then the ones shown.

3. Word Search Puzzles or Cross Words Book (adults/seniors)

If you are interested in either the 3D Mandala, Indigenous puzzles or word search puzzle /crossword books, please contact Sherry Byrne at sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca by October 7th, 2021.

Adult/Seniors Book (1 per household) - Raven Reads Subscription

If you are interested in signing up for a Raven Reads subscription , which contains a book written by an Indigenous author, a letter from the author or box curator and a few more little items , please contact Sherry Byrne at sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca by October 7th 2021.



Wendy Hill Saturday , November 6th from 9:30am to 11:30am

Finding the Hero within (seeing the strengths developed from struggles) If you are interested in attending, please contact Sherry Byrne at sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca by October 21st 2021.

Christmas Wreath Making Kits (Adults) (1 per household)

If you are interested in receiving a Christmas wreath making kit, please contact Sherry Byrne at sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca by October 7th, 2021.

Music and Memory

We run an ongoing Music and Memory program that has many benefits to our seniors. This program is designed to assist with Anxiety, depression, dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and many other things including just being a simple relaxing positive feeling for our seniors. This is a personalized program for each senior. If you are interested, please contact Bobby Decaire for sign ups and more information. Contact: Bobby Decaire – bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca or call 705-641-1263

Thank you to those who participated and provided feedback for the
Health and Social Q1 Program Survey.

Your input is very much appreciated!

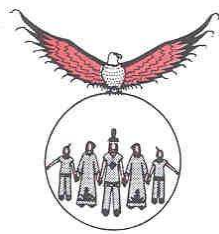
The winner of the Q1 Survey draw is:

KELSEY MULLEN!

CONGRATULATIONS, KELSEY!

Please continue to look for other opportunities to enter draws for your
chance to win!

- The Health and Social Team



Kagita Mikam Aboriginal Employment & Training

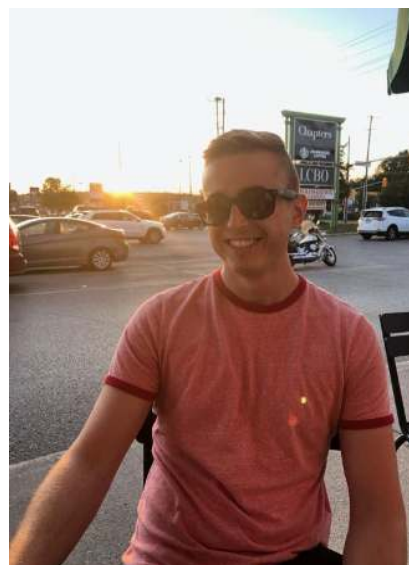
2021 Success Story:

“The first time I had heard about Kagita Mikam was in 2019, shortly after I graduated from Trent University with a degree in Forensic Science. When I first started at Trent, I believed that I wanted to pursue a career in science. As forensic scientists need to be knowledgeable in both science and law, I was required to take several courses on Canadian law. It was by taking these courses that I realized that I was much more interested in the legal side of forensics, and I started thinking about pursuing a career in law. During my third and fourth years at Trent I learned more about the role the justice system played in the genocide and destruction of Indigenous nations and cultural practices. In my final year at Trent, I wrote a thesis on the overincarceration of Indigenous people in federal prisons. It was during these 8 months that I realized the “justice” system rarely dispensed justice on behalf of Indigenous people in Canada.

By the time graduation finally came, the way I viewed Canadian history and society had changed completely. Although I grew up in a relatively poor family, I had a deeper understanding of how privileged I had still been throughout my life just because of the colour of my skin. Despite the financial struggles my family faced growing up, realizing that we had still been better-off than many visibly Indigenous people was incredibly humbling. I knew that I wanted to make a change, and that I wanted to use my privilege to advocate for change in the Justice system.

I wrote the Ontario Law School Admission Test (LSAT) with the goal of entering law school right out of university but was not accepted. Discouraged but still certain I wanted to enter the legal profession, I started looking at college-level courses that could provide me with legal experience. This is when I learned that Fleming College offered a 2-year Paralegal program, part of which consisted of a 120-hour placement under the supervision of a practicing lawyer or paralegal. There was only one problem: I could not afford it. During my time at Trent most of my tuition was covered by OSAP, with any outstanding fees being covered by my part-time job earnings. OSAP was unwilling to provide me with enough financial support to attend Fleming’s paralegal program and I was faced with the prospect of having to work full-time while also taking seven courses a semester.

I heard about Kagita Mikam from my uncle, who over the past decade had started delving into Church and local records to learn more about our family’s Indigenous heritage. He discovered that my mom’s side of the family had several Indigenous and Metis ancestors, going back as far as the 1600s. While I am not able to obtain status from the government, I self-identify as Metis and have a Certificate of Aboriginal Status from l’Communaute Autochtone du Pontiac and am an Aboriginal within the meaning of Articles 25&35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.



My uncle had heard about organizations that offered support to Indigenous, Inuit and Metis students in finding employment, and so I searched online until I discovered Kagita Mikam. After meeting with my employment officer Jo-Anne and receiving word that Kagita Mikam would be willing to fund part of my schooling, I was overjoyed. I was not expecting a whole lot, but the financial support provided to me by Kagita Mikam exceeded my expectations and did wonders for my mental health.

The monthly living allowance given to me while I was completing my diploma allowed me to continue working part-time rather than switch to full-time. When the COVID-19 pandemic gripped Ontario and I was laid off, Kagita Mikam's financial support was one of the only sources of income I had for months. The allowance undoubtedly had a positive impact on my academic success too, as I was able to devote far more time to my schoolwork than I would otherwise have been able to.

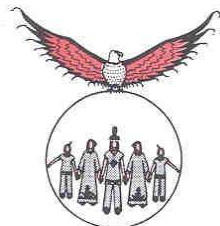
When I was faced with paying hundreds of dollars for books that were required for the paralegal program, Kagita Mikam covered the costs. When it came time to pay the required \$1300 fee to write the paralegal licensing exam, Kagita Mikam covered the cost days after I had submitted an inquiry. Every time I needed financial assistance, Kagita Mikam was there for me. While I tried to with this story, I cannot properly put into words how much of a positive impact Kagita Mikam has had on my life, my family, and my career. When I enter the legal profession as a paralegal, I know that I am going to gain valuable experience which will in the future help me in succeeding in law school. Without the assistance of Kagita Mikam, I would not be where I am today, a soon-to-be paralegal. With every fiber of my being, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank Kagita Mikam for everything.

- **Taylor Urquhart – Non status Pikwakanagan**

Partnering with Wahta Mohawks, Kagita Mikam Aboriginal Employment and Training Inc. provides funding for members to return to school or engage in a training program so that they can get back into the workforce, or to improve career opportunities. Support is available upon meeting criteria and funding availability. Intake applications are available on an ongoing basis!

**This could be YOU! Are you interested in learning more about
Kagita Mikam's Employment and Training?**

Contact Kathleen White – Wahta Mohawks Employment and Training Coordinator at:
kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca or (705) 330 – 1875.



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. You can also contact our receptionist Skye at 705-762-2354, and she will give Sara the message.



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

www.wpshc.com



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

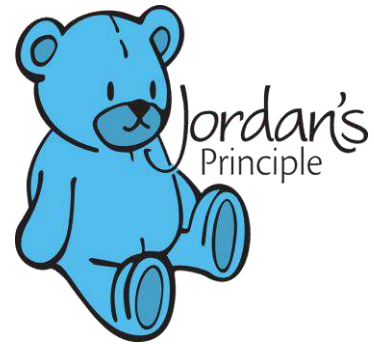
If any questions arise please contact Christine for assistance.

if you live elsewhere and have to use an ambulance get in touch with that hospitals 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



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The District of Muskoka is pleased to announce it has chosen Voyent Alert! service to keep you informed during times of crises. Register now to receive important notifications that matter to you. The service is free, easy to use and totally anonymous.

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register.voyent-alert.com

Wahta Mohawks has joined the District of Muskoka in implementing an emergency alerting system. The system will be used to let the public know about emergency situations such as large fires, roads closed due to major accidents, bear issues and the like. The system is geographically based so you will not receive information on event in, say, Huntsville. It will send information to your mobile device and will include instructions to keep you and your family safe. The system can also call your land line to let you know the same information so everyone receives information.

Please consider signing up on the app or contact Matthew Commandant at 705-762-2354 Ext 275.



Do you suffer from foot/knee/back pain?

Visit Zach, the onsite pedorthist at the Wahta Health Hub. Specializing in orthotics, footwear, compression socks and braces.

Diabetics or those with a family history are now eligible for footwear coverage

Booking new appointments for September 9th and 27th

Please call Zach at 705-796-0050 to book an appointment

Thank you!

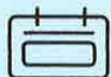


RAAM CLINIC

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

Business Name	Phone Number	Website	Services Offered
Commandant Towing and Recovery	(705)-205-1418		Towing and Recovery
First Nations Liquidation	(705)762-0101	https://firstnationliquidation.com/	convenience/gifts/ fireworks/house wares
Long House Grill	(705) 762 6687	https://firstnationliquidation.com/longhouse-grill/	Restaurant
Mrs. H's Fish & Chips	(705)762-4262	https://mrshsfishandchips.ca/	Restaurant
Muskoka Rural Electric	(705) 762-3440	www.muskokaruralelectric.com	Licensed Electricians
Poseidon Plumbing	(705) 801-6164	http://godofwater.ca/	Full-Service Plumber
Redd Roads Craft and Smoke Shop	(705) 706-1476		Native crafts and smokes
Sahanatien Haulage	(705) 762-5346	https://lshaulage.com/	Site development/Roads and driveways/Septic systems/Landscaping and supplies/Material delivery
Team Boats	(855) 770-8326	https://teamboats.ca/	Custom Aluminum Boats
The Big Smoke	(705) 762-4934		Smoke/Convenience
Wahta Station	(705) 762-2195	https://thewahtastation.com/	Convenience/Grocery
Wahta Springs	(800) 593-0127	http://www.wahtasprings.com/	Water Bottling
What-a-Convenience	(705) 762-1923		Gas Station/Bakery/Gifts
Wolf Energy Muskoka and Trading Post	(249) 605-0238	https://wolfenergymuskoka.ca/	Trading Post/Gas Station/Gifts/Grocery/Wellness
Womb Rising	(705) 323-5599	www.wombrising.com	Birth Services

If you own and operate a business on territory and you would like to be included in this directory,
please contact Kathleen White at
kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca or (705) 330-1875.

Contact Information

Chief & Council

Chief Philip Franks	philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-528-9468
Councillor Blaine Commandant	blaine.commandant@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-394-8699
Councillor Teresa Greasley	teresa.greasley@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-644-9934
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