

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

Kentenhko:wa - The Time of Much Poverty



November 2021



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## Virtual Public Council Meeting

There will be a virtual Public Council Meeting on **Tuesday November 30th, 2021 at 7:00PM**. The meeting will be hosted on **Zoom**. Please **REGISTER** in advance at the following link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsc-gqz8iHdW\\_I6yIELG0jtlxJ0-1ffFm](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsc-gqz8iHdW_I6yIELG0jtlxJ0-1ffFm)

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

What a treat it was to see so many children out and about on Halloween night especially after all the time we have been dealing with the pandemic precautions. I should also mention the parents and guardians who drove the little ones from house to house all evening. Those of us who have grown up children certainly remember that role very well.

Regarding up-and-coming Council issues, we continue work in certain areas that are not handled by the administration. Governance policies are being continued. The policies on roles and responsibilities, conduct and procedures of Chief and Council, are largely complete.

Council now has a list of some consulting firms that may be able to assist us in a project to deal with land use for the future, and we will be drafting a request for proposals in a short while. A side part of this initiative will be putting together the latest legal opinions regarding lands held by Certificate of Possession, as well as Common Lands, respecting the collect rights of members. With a trend of more members returning to the territory there is sometimes confusion about the land in this regard.

The membership and residency codes should soon be ready for membership discussion, heading toward the steps of a referendum for voting.

In the first week of November, Council will be discussing a possible investigation as to our situation now and in the future with Child Welfare Laws. Federal legislation C-92 indicates the possibilities for First Nation local laws, and jurisdiction. Our current system of delivery of these services is with Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag, an Indigenous led child and family services organization who are mandated under the Ontario Child and Family Service Act. Undertaking a study into potential gaps or opportunities to consider areas unique to Kanienkehake traditions as we go into the future could prove to be a worthwhile endeavour. Such projects are currently funded as a result of C-92.

Keeping in line with Covid restrictions we are hoping to be able to begin some public meetings as soon as possible. The work of completing the mechanical work to provide a new heating and cooling system at the Administration Building should be complete this month.

The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit recently sent advice to First Nations and Municipalities that while not yet recommended, public council meetings could occur given the meetings follow the protocols of social distancing and mask usage. This is an encouraging sign that with the COVID-19 booster shots we may enter 2022 with a much more positive outlook.

As usual in this newsletter we have posted minutes of meetings Council has had dealing with ongoing business. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Council on any of the issues.

Once again Nia:wen kowa for reading this page.



## Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tue Sep 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Time: 9:30 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

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### Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

#### Motion 1:

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adopt the September 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

#### Motion 2:

**Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by to approve the minutes from September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Road Request – Update on Hydro Corridor Option

As previously discussed, a community member is looking at different driveway options they can use to access their property. One of the options set forward was to use the Hydro Corridor, and Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, provided the section from the Hydro One Agreement that states it is an option. The road would have to meet certain conditions, and some coordination with Hydro One would have to be done, however it is possible. Scott will inform the community member and see if this is something they would consider.

### Staff COVID-19 Return to Work Survey Results

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with the results from a mandatory staff survey on the key issues and concerns that staff have with a potential return to work. The survey will help guide management by providing emphasis on the elements needing attention to ensure everyone feels comfortable with any plan implemented for a full return. Some key results from the survey are that a significant number of staff indicated a less than desirable comfort level with a return to the workplace or continuing to work in the workplace. Everyone currently working from home would like to be able to continue doing so in some form as part of a return-to-work plan. Staff also indicated a high comfort level in most of the safety measures listed in the survey. Murray answered questions from Council about how remote working has been working for staff, as well as overall productivity.

### District of Muskoka Proposed Renaming of Muskoka Road 38

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, received a call from Tina Kilbourne, team lead for continuous improvement at the District of Muskoka. The District is working on finalizing some initiative related to Indigenous relations, and they have included the renaming of Muskoka Road 38. They would like to know what considerations Council would have, and stated that the community would have significant input. At this time, the District wants to know if this is something the community would be interested in being involved with.

### Update on Peter Goodwin Table

Councillor Strength-Fenton provided Council with an update on the table that is being commissioned from Peter Goodwin. Samples and a design are ready, and they are being sent to Lorie. She has not received them at this time, but once they have been, she will bring it to the Administration Building for Council to see.

### Adjournment

#### **Motion 3:**

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

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**



## Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wed Sep 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 9:30 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

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### Adoption of Agenda

#### **Motion 1:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the September 29<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Offer to Council to Buy Land

A community member informed Council that they are selling approximately 300 acres on the territory, and they wanted to give Council the opportunity to purchase the land before advertising it to other members. Council discussed potential uses for the land. Council agrees that it could be discussed at the Public Council Meeting the following week to see how the community feels about it.

### Solicitor General Update re: Police Detachment Boards

The Solicitors General Office is seeking feedback from First Nation leadership on the creation of policing regulations. Chief Franks and Councillor Strength-Fenton have been sitting in on the meetings and the First Nations are pushing the enforcement of on territory laws and bylaws. They are willing to assign someone to meet individually with Council to provide a more thorough explanation on the detachment boards. Council agrees that they would like an opportunity to sit on a meeting with someone from the Solicitor Generals office to better understand the process.

### AIAI Tobacco and Law Making Website/Summit In October

Chief Franks attended a meeting with the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Tobacco Taskforce. They discussed the difficulty with trying to explain why AIAI wants to do this and what the benefit would be to tobacco retailers. The idea behind the taskforce is to start setting up an understanding with the province of Ontario to recognize that if laws are to be created within communities, they need to come from within the territory from a place that is not related to the existing laws and statutes. The taskforce has created a website and is planning to hold a summit at the end of October.

### Letter of Concern on Unsanctioned Non-Members

A community member provided a letter to Council regarding concerns of non-members accessing community lands. Council discussed the locations named in the letter and agreed that trespassing is a multifaceted issue that requires further discussion. The letter also discussed Leasees and Council decided they would like to review what specific terms are outlined in the lease. Council will begin an investigation on Indigenous Law regarding the rights of CP holders.

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Events

Council discussed the different events being held in the community and their availability to attend. Detachment Commander, Mike Burton, heard about the scheduled walk and reached out to Council to see if they wanted police presence. Chief Franks said he would respond to let him know that it is a community driven initiative.

### Follow Up on Member Road Request

As previously discussed, a community member is looking at different options they can use to construct an access road to their property. One of the options set forward was to use the Hydro Corridor, and Scott informed the community member to see if this was something they would consider. The community member agreed to explore that option if that is what is being suggested.

### Local Business - Request to Donate

Someone contacted Amy looking for somewhere to purchase orange shirts. A local business sold several of Orange Shirts to the inquiring individual and was looking to donate the proceeds to the Wahta Administration for children's programming. At this time, there is a healthy budget available for children's programming and no existing policy for accepting external donations within the Administration. As such, Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, would like to suggest she donate the money to the Woodland Cultural Centre as they are actively fundraising for the Save the Evidence Campaign.

## Adjournment

### **Motion 3:**

**Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 11:15am.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**



## **Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thu Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

Tracey King, Senior Policy Advisor of Indigenous Policing Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Elsbeth Schokking, Manager of Indigenous Policing Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Joanna Reading, Team Lead of Strategic Policy, Research and Innovation Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Sheela Subramanian, Policy Manager of Strategic Policy, Research and Innovation Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Micheline Longo, Director of External Relations Branch, Ministry of the Solicitor General

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## Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

### **Motion 1:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the October 14<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the minutes from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 3:**

**Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the minutes from September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

**AIAI Letter of Agreement for Child Welfare Law Initiative**

Chief Franks provided Council with information on the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians' Child Welfare Law Initiative. AIAI has secured funding from Indigenous Services Canada under the Child Welfare Law Initiative. In response to *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families*, the First Nation Child Welfare Law Initiative aims to standardize Indigenous Child and Family Services across Canada. AIAI has sought resources for its member Nations to conduct their own analysis, community-led discussions and engagements, self-assessments to determine if *An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families* is the proper vehicle for exercising their inherent right and jurisdiction of their children, youth and families. This initiative would allow Wahta Mohawks to investigate if there is a need to establish its own Child Welfare Laws. Council agrees to allow Chief Franks to sign the Letter of Agreement for the First Nation Child Welfare Law Initiative.

**Motion 4:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve Chief Franks to sign the agreement for the Child Welfare Law Initiative.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

**Market Housing Fund – Loan Guarantee Approval**

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to present a Mohawk Council Resolution for signature. The MCR is required by the Bank of Montreal in order to provide the final approval of a mortgage application for a community member.



**Motion 5:**

**Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Blaine Commandant to sign MCR 2021/22-15 to approve the Wahta Mohawks guaranteeing a housing loan for a community member who has successfully been approved for a housing loan under the First Nations Market Housing Fund program.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Lease Mohawk Council Resolutions

Council reviewed and approved Land Lease Mohawk Council Resolution 2021/22-07.

**Motion 6:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve and sign the 2021/22-07 Land Lease MCR.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Electronic Sign

A representative from ID Outdoor has reached out to Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, seeking approval to put up 3<sup>rd</sup> electronic sign on Highway 400. Murray provided Council with a map with the proposed location on the West side of the highway at Twelve Mile Bay Road. Council would like to review the initial agreement with ID Outdoor, and to see a more detailed map of the proposed location.

Municipal/First Nation Partnership – Approval to Proceed with Joint Approval

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, is seeking Council approval to proceed with the proposal development for the Municipal/First Nation Partnership. The Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table is looking to develop a Friendship Accord. There is a program called the First Nation Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative, which would provide funding and technical supports for Municipalities and First Nations to develop and formalize their relationships and to form a Friendship Accord. The Leadership Table is looking to submit an application to the program, and needs to know which partners are interested in joining. Council agreed to express their interest in joining the program, and provided Murray with approval to proceed with the proposal development.

**Motion 7:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, to proceed with the development of the Joint**

**Partnership Proposal with area municipalities and other First Nations under the First Nation Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Update on Professional and Institutional Development Fund

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with an update on the Professional and Institutional Development Funding application. A proposal was submitted, and Murray received a letter stating that Wahta Mohawks has been approved for \$60,000. The funding will be put towards the salary of a Policy Analyst and can be applied for annually.

Hydro One Projects – Discussion and Update

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, informed Council that Hydro One is looking to begin two projects on the Territory. The first is to replace insulators on seven towers and the second is to inspect and repair damages on the metal towers on the transmission lines. They provided maps showing where they would like to access the required areas, however some require they access CP owned land. Murray is working with Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, to get permission from the community members who own the land and to identify alternate access points if required before providing approval. The projects are set to commence at the end of October.

Solicitor General Presentation on Policing Regulations

Chief Franks and Councillor Strength-Fenton have been attending Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board Information Sessions regarding the legislative changes under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA). Chief Franks invited members of the Ministry of the Solicitor General to provide a summary of those meetings to help the rest of Council understand the overall topics and to clarify certain aspects of a First Nations' role in the new Act. Manager of Indigenous Policing Unit, Elsbeth Schokking, provided an overview of the Policing Act in which she explained that the overall goal is to modernize policing standards and practices to ensure that all Municipalities and First Nations have access to equitable and adequate policing by giving First Nations the opportunity to have representatives on an OPP Detachment Board. Chief Franks will be meeting with Chief Williams-Lovett of Moose Deer Point in order to discuss the potential advantages of forming a joint OPP Detachment Board.

Summary of Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services Board Meeting

Councillor Teresa Greasley provided an overview of a two-day Annual General Meeting with the Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services Board. The agenda included a discussion on a hybrid model work week, an incident report, a snapshot on current staffing, a discussion on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a financial update, as well as a discussion on their funding model.

### Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services Knowledge Keepers

Council received a request from Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services employee, Kristal Berwick, seeking approval to put forward a recommendation to DBCFS to name Tim Thompson and Luann Hill as Knowledge Keepers for Wahta Mohawks. Council agrees to approve Kristal's recommendation.

### Membership/Residency Code – Discussion on Next Steps

Council discussed the current status of the Membership/Residency Codes. Council agrees that they need to review the code and discuss how to move forward. At this time the Membership Code is nearing completion, and the Residency Code, which has been removed from the Membership Code, requires more edits and community input. Councillor Greasley will send the latest draft of the Membership Code to Chief and Council.

### Community Meetings – Discussion on Approach/Format

Council discussed the overall format of the Public Council Meetings, and ways in which they can be improved. Council would like to encourage more engagement, and allow for community members to submit questions or topics for the meeting in advance. Chief also invited the Councillors to speak on items that they put forward. Council discussed the potential of having a portfolio system, so that each Councillor can focus on different issues outlined in the strategic plan, and provide updates on those issues.

### Wahta Cemetery

A community member reached out to Council with concerns about the appearance of the Wahta Cemetery. Council agrees that it is up to the individual to take care of their family plots and remove any items left behind.

### Adjournment

**Motion :**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 1:45pm.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**



## Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

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### Adoption of Agenda

#### Motion 1:

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adopt the October 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Approval of Can Sky Invoice

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to seek approval to pay a Can Sky Invoice for work completed up to October 5<sup>th</sup> on the Administration Building Roof Repair Project. He provided an update and informed Council that there was a final inspection on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and the work is largely completed. There are only a few minor corrections that remain. Randell answered questions put forward by Council, and they agreed to pay the Can Sky invoice.

**Motion 2:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the payment of Can Sky Invoice in the amount of \$150,251.53**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Approval of WS Morgan Invoice

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, joined Council to seek approval to pay two WS Morgan Invoices for the final payment of Phase 1 of the Furnace Replacement Project. This payment covers the cost of the removal and closing in of the furnace doghouses. Randell answered questions put forward by Council, and they agreed to pay the WS Morgan invoices.

**Motion 3:**

**Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the payment of the WS Morgan Invoices J003751 and J003758 in the amount of \$79,885.50.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

Financial Update – Overview of Expenditures to end of September 2021

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, presented an update on the current fiscal year expenditures up to the end of September and answered questions brought forward by Chief and Council.

Return of Home and Community Care Funding

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, is seeking Council approval to return funding to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. She explained that at the end of 2019, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provided Home and Community Care Funding in the amount of \$87,895. At the time, \$20,000 was used to supplement salaries, and the rest of the money was unspent. They are now requesting that the remaining \$67,845 be returned. This money is still being sent annually and is now being spent in full on salaries.

**Motion 4:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to return the 2018/19 Home and Community Care funding to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in the amount of \$67,845.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### Proposed 3rd Electronic Billboard

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with a map of the exact location of the proposed location of a third electronic sign. Council discussed the proposed location and reviewed the agreement with ID Outdoor. Murray answered questions put forward, and Chief and Council agreed to approve the selected site.

#### **Motion 5:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve of the selected site for the placement of a third ID Outdoor Electric Sign.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

### On-Territory Restaurants

Chief Franks was sent an email complaint regarding a restaurant on the territory not taking provincial COVID-19 mandates seriously and risking the health and safety of their patrons. The restaurant did not ask for patrons to provide proof of vaccination. As Wahta Mohawks falls under Federal jurisdiction, restaurants do not legally have to follow Provincial mandates. This issue has raised other concerns, such as food safety, as there are no authorities ensuring proper handling.

### Adjournment

#### **Motion 6:**

**Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 11:30am.**

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**CARRIED**

## **Virtual Public Council Meeting**

**Tuesday November 30<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/tJMsce-gqz8iHdW\\_I6yIELG0jt1xJ0-1ffFm](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsce-gqz8iHdW_I6yIELG0jt1xJ0-1ffFm)

**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)

# Wahta Mohawk Community Trust Update

Wa'tkwanonwerá:ton Sewakwé:kon,

The onset of COVID-19 has not stopped the work of the Trust. In January, 2020, just before the onset of the virus, the Trustees and the Wahta Mohawks Band Council had a joint meeting with their respective legal counsel to discuss elements of the Trust Agreement. There was confirmation that the Trust, as a separate legal entity, had a legal responsibility to oversee the Trust funds on behalf of the beneficiaries, the members of the Wahta Mohawks. This responsibility includes the right to prescribe conditions for funding initiatives, even those initiatives submitted by the Wahta Mohawks Band Council and Administration.

The Trust first earned money on the settlement funds in 2007. At the time, there was \$9,568,736 in the Trust, and that money earned \$302,563. Since then, the Trust usually earns between \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year. At the end of the year, any unspent funds have been transferred to the Wahta Mohawks to ensure the funds remain tax exempt. These funds are placed in a holding account for future use. Over \$2.5 million has accumulated in this account over the past 13 years.

Legal counsel has now advised that the initial earnings of the Trust are tax exempt and should not be transferred at year end. Any funds that are already in the holding account are under the sole responsibility of the Wahta Mohawks Band Council. The funds must still be handled in a way which is consistent with the terms of the Trust Agreement.

The Trust has now set up another bank account to accept the year end revenues earned by the Trust in 2020 and into the future.

These new circumstances will require the Trust and the Band Council to discuss several administrative issues, for example:

1. The Trust Agreement states that the Trust should provide Wahta Mohawks administration with funds to pay for proposals which have been accepted for funding. Should new proposal submissions, accepted for funding, be supported by the holding account controlled by the Wahta Mohawks Band Council, or should the funding come from the new Trust revenues, or some combination of both where circumstances support this action?
2. How should operational expenditures paid? Should they be paid from the holding account, or should funds be transferred from new Trust revenues to the Wahta Mohawks administration?

The Trust Agreement was appended to the back of the Land Claim Agreement almost two decades ago. From time to time over the years, the Trust and the Band Council have attempted to locate a signed Trust Agreement but these efforts have led to the belief that the Trust Agreement was never signed. In 2010, the Band Council of the day passed a resolution to recognize a version of the Trust Agreement which was being used by the Trust at the time and has been utilized to this day. We have recently been informed by the legal counsel that drafted the original Trust Agreement that he is in possession of other drafts of the Trust Agreement and he believes that there is a signed version. He is volunteering to do a search on behalf of the Trust and the Band Council.

As you know, the Trust principal cannot be touched. As of September 30, 2021 there is \$10,963,289.00 in the core investment. These funds are invested in a conservative growth portfolio. The expectation is

to have revenues at year end which are consistent with past performance. The Trust can report on the final earnings in the new year.

Please remember that the Trust accepts applications for community-based projects throughout the year. Application forms are available from the Administration office.

The Trust has funded the following community-based projects, from years 2017-19, which include:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Wahta Dialect Dictionary	May 10, 2017	\$17,000.00
Community Garden	May 10, 2017	\$5,011.58
Playground Improvements	May 10, 2017	\$50,000.00
Public Works Shed	April 23, 2018	\$5, 424.00
Traffic Calming on District Road 38	April 23, 2018	\$11,232.20
Administration Office Roof Replacement	July 31, 2018	\$923,395.25
Wahta Gym Revitalization	October 29, 2018	\$38,461.17
Chief's Monument Restoration	November 4, 2019	\$10,000.00



# 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.**

## 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.

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### **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](mailto: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.

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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					

## **Snow Plowing and Shoveling Services for the 2021/22 Winter Season**

Wahta's Public Works department has completed the repair/servicing of the snow plowing and sanding equipment in preparation for providing its' snow clearing services for the upcoming 2021/22 winter season.

In addition to the snow clearing at the community buildings, rental units and Wahta roads, snow plowing and snow shoveling service is also provided to seniors (those aged 65 and over) and those on ODSP living in the community. Last winter, we provided this service to 29 private homes in the community. It is expected that this number will increase slightly for the upcoming season.

As a reminder, the services provided to seniors and those on ODSP includes:

- Snow plowing of driveways.
- Shoveling of a pathway from the driveway to the front door. The pathway will be a minimum of three feet in width.
- Shoveling of a pathway to a secondary exit door at the house.
- Plowing and shoveling takes place when there is a minimum of 3" of snow accumulation
- Shoveling at the residences will not start before 7:00 am so as not to disturb those living in the home.

For further clarification, the snow clearing services outlined above do not include:

- Pathways to propane tanks and sheds
- Clearing satellite dishes, roofs, and cars
- Clearing decks beyond the pathway to entrances of the home
- Seasonal residences
- Businesses
- Members' residences outside the community

As in previous seasons, we truly appreciate everyone's understanding and patience as we mobilize our services with each snowfall. The demand on services has increased over the last few years and we strive to ensure services are delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible. If you are a senior or on ODSP and are not currently registered for these services and would like to be, please contact Karen Sahanatien at 705 394 5134 or by email [karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca).

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## **Ice Skates Donation**

Wolf Energy has purchased a few dozen ice skates for children from Wahta Mohawks. They will be available for residents to pick up at Wolf Energy on a first come first serve basis.

# hydro one NOTICE

Hydro One will be performing maintenance on transmission lines within the Wahta Mohawks Territory including Certificate of Possession and leased lands in October & November. Please contact myself or Brian Dance Hydro One if you have further inquiries. Neither Council nor the Administration has provided Hydro One permission to access privately held lands, so if there are any issues with Hydro One being on privately held lands without the CP holder's permission we ask that you please contact the Administration and we will assist in addressing those issues directly with Hydro One.

Scott Aubichon  
Lands & Resources  
[scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:scott.aubichon@wahtamohawks.ca)  
705-762-2354 Ext 242

Or Contact Hydro ONE  
Brian Dance  
Hydro One  
Civil Senior Foreperson  
416 -986-5420  
[Brian.dance@hydroone.com](mailto:Brian.dance@hydroone.com)



## **Tax Clinic Training (Virtual) FREE**

AFOA Canada is delivering the first Virtual Tax Clinic Training session of 2021. Join us and learn how you or members of your community or organization can prepare tax returns for community members (Elders, students & families) to access provincial and federal benefits.

The two-day training session covers several topics: the Income Tax Act, Types of Returns, Indigenous Peoples and Northern Residents, Income and Tax Credits, Benefits to Filing Income Tax Returns, and How to Set Up a Tax Clinic and more.

**Register to attend our FREE 2-day training session via Zoom  
November 23 & November 24, 2021**

**Register Now**

For more information, you can contact our Financial Wellness Team at: [financialwellness@afoa.ca](mailto:financialwellness@afoa.ca) or by phone at: 613-722-5543 Toll Free: 1-866-722-2362

## **Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language**

### Community Language Classes – Online Zoom

Classes will now run seasonally Fall Session of Kanien'kéha Community Classes is underway until end of December. If you would like to get on the list of Winter Session, please email [sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca). Class sizes will have maximum capacity for greatest learning. Classes will run for 10 weeks, twice weekly. Ability to commit to each class is ideal. Monday and Thursday evenings; 7-8pm. Please reach out for more information.

### Youth and Family – Online Zoom

Please email [sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca) to receive the zoom link. Youth and families still welcome to participate. Wednesday's 4:15-5:00pm

### Language Nest - Online Zoom

Sessions run Monday mornings 10:30am. 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.

Any language stakeholders, speakers, or interested community members are needed for an upcoming language initiative. Please consider reaching out to make yourself available for consultation, whether a brief input or lengthier engagement, we would appreciate your involvement.

All registrations and questions welcome at [sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca)  
Language Instructor Richard Hay can be reached at [richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca)

## **Land-Based Learning**

On a path to increasing land-based learning initiatives, and creating a youth land guardians' program, we wish to have all family input come forward, consider participating in a community advisory group, and enroll your families in this community driven programming. Let's get out on the land, and let it teach us, heal, and be in relation, taking on responsibility to care for the land for the next seven generations to thrive on.

Input welcome as this initiative develops, please provide your statement of interest to plan to accommodate participation numbers.

Email: [sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca)

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you a high school student who needs to complete your 40 hours of community involvement as a requirement to graduate high school?

Wahta Mohawks is seeking high school students to assist with volunteer opportunities within the community!

## DO YOU NEED A VOLUNTEER?

Are you a senior who is looking for some extra assistance with small tasks around the outside of your home?

Wahta Mohawks will potentially have high school students available to assist with volunteer opportunities.



Please contact Kathleen White  
for more information:  
(705) 330 – 1875  
[kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca)

This is a new initiative Wahta Mohawks is hoping to accomplish!

Please understand this is a work in progress, and we cannot guarantee the level of participation.

Browse > Arts and Humanities > History

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# Family Well-Being Programs

## Child and Youth



After school programs are continuing every Monday and Thursday on ZOOM. Sign up is required for each Month of activities. For details, please contact Amy, at [amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca)

## Children's Bedtime Stories

Every Wednesdays at 7pm on ZOOM. Open to anyone who wants to join. Contact Amy and a link will be provided.



## Children's Winter Clothing Assistance



Wahta Mohawks received additional one time funding for clothing assistance and therefore we are able to provide supports for families residing off territory this year. **Families on territory do not need to sign up.** Assistance will be provided to families with all school age children in November. Off territory families with school age children may get reimbursed up to \$200 for winter outerwear such as coats, snow pants, and boots. Receipts must be submitted by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents and caregivers will be required to sign and pick up their reimbursement.

## Community Festive Decorating Program

Please note due to required travel for voting the decorating program is for on Territory households only.

Let's light up the community for the holidays! Community contest. Participants will be required to decorate the exterior of their homes by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Between December 13-16 all community members will have the chance to drive around the community and submit their vote for their favorite festive décor. Please contact Amy by November 12<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to participate in decorating. [amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca)



## LGB2QTS Workshop

**November 24 7:00 pm**

Please join us for an informative information and sharing session featuring Theodore (Teddy) Syrette, a 2-Spirit Anishnabe from Rankin Reserve of Batchewana First Nation of the Anishnabek. Teddy comes with a wealth of experience and has a background in social justice for First Nation and 2Spirit and LGBTQ+ people and communities.

This workshop provides resources and information when it comes to learning and understanding 2Spirit and gender diverse experiences and histories. All are welcome to attend this virtual session as we together continue to create an inclusive community.

Please contact Carol Holmes to register for this virtual event. [Carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:Carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca)

## **Family Based Needs Assessment**

The Family Well Being program is launching a Family Based Needs Assessment in order to better serve our families in community and local area. We ask for participation your participation to complete this important work. The time commitment from you would be between a half hour to an hour and a half. Interviews will be conducted by phone or virtual meeting. If you would like to participate in this experience please contact Amy Davidson [amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca).

# Wahta Mohawks Health and Social

## November 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](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.

### 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](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) or Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca)

### The Playful Warrior 1:1 sessions

Using The Power Of **Play** And **Mindset** To Reconnect With Your Authentic Self, Heal Your Inner Child & Create A Life That Lights You Up. This program is facilitated by Certified Life & Success Coach and Practitioner of NLP, Hypnotherapy, EFT Tapping and TIME Techniques. The program will consist of eight 1:1 sessions. For more information or to register, please contact Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) Registered participants will be contacted with the zoom link. Deadline to register is November 11th, 2021.

### Mad Science Workshop

Date TBD. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) Deadline to register is November 11th, 2021.

### Online Woodland Cultural Centre Workshop – Culture and Identity

November 23rd – **10am-12pm**. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) by November 11, 2021. Registered participants will be sent a zoom link.

### Cannabis 1:1 Sessions

Starting in November we will be providing 1:1 cannabis consultations with Dr. Lionel Marks de Chabris. Dr. Lionel is a pain and addiction specialist working out of Northern Ontario. We have had Dr. Lionel host multiple workshops for the community throughout the summer months and

have received great feedback from participants. Dr. Lionel would be providing his expertise knowledge in this area and answer any questions you may have.

For further information or to register, please contact Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) .

### **Bingo**

Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) deadline to register is November 11, 2021.

### **Cineplex Movie Night at Home**

Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) deadline to register is November 11, 2021.

### **Calling All Crafty Seniors**

Are you looking for something to do with your spare time?

Do you enjoy doing crafts, puzzles, leather work?

If this is you please contact Sara DeCaire [sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sara.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca) (705 801 5300)

Sign up deadline is Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

This workshop will be held monthly. Sign up required once.

### **Creation Story virtually with Elder Renee Thomas-Hill**

If you are interested in attending these virtual sessions of the Creation Story with Elder Renee Thomas- Hill, please contact Sherry Byrne at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca). There will be three 2hr sessions taking place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

### **Crock A Doodle Ceramic Piggy Bank kits for Children & Youth**

Please register with Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) , deadline to register is November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please indicate which bank your child/youth would like when registering.



### **Adult (18 to 64) Mental Health Kits**

Please register with Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca) or Kristan Sahanatien – [kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca) deadline to register is November 11<sup>th</sup> , 2021.

### Dessert Kits starting in January 2022

Starting in January to March, each month you will receive a dessert kit with a new recipe and the ingredients to make it. Please register with Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca), deadline to register is November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



### String Art Kits

Please register with Sherry Byrne – [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca), deadline to register is November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Wellness Workshops

I am organizing some sessions for the up coming months on a few different topics as such how to deal with trauma, journaling, post partum ... just to name a few. If you have suggestions for topics or would like to register, please contact me at [sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca).

### Medical Transportation Memo:

Please be advised that the yellow Medical Transportation form has been revised and now indicates reporting periods, as required by Indigenous Services Canada. In order for Wahta Mohawks to issue your Medical Transportation reimbursement, please ensure all forms are submitted within the following periods:

- April 1 to August 31
- September 1 to November 30
- December 1 to March 31

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen White at [kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca) or (705) 330-1875.

### Madeline's Mobile Hair care:

We are excited to offer this mobile hair service to our seniors – 65 +. We will be having Madeline come to Wahta weekly on Tuesdays depending on sign ups and providing her services. This Program is for men and women services include:

-Ladies cut and blow out	-colour, cut and style	-perm, cut and style
-Shampoo service	- Men's cuts	-Includes set up/ clean up

Madeline is a licensed hair stylist and she can provide everything from towels to the sink, so our seniors are able to access this service in the comfort of their own homes.

1-hour appointments, 2.5 with Chemical Services. Service will be offered on Tuesdays 9am-2pm

**This Service will be supported with COVID-19 protocols in place.**

**To sign up please contact Bobby Decaire**

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

Or

call 705-641-1263

### Music and Memory:

This program is designed to assist with Dementia, Alzheimer's, depression or anxiety and much more. This gives our seniors comfort of music when they feel they need it. It is easily accessible and used by anyone. We put music on the system from all through someone's life to bring back positive feelings and

# 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!

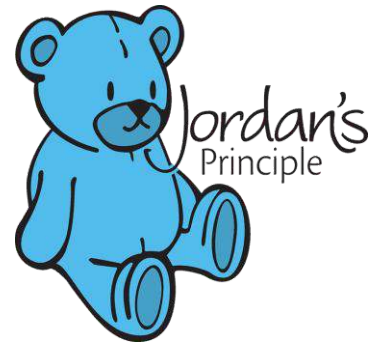
If any questions arise please contact Christine for assistance.

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



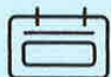


# RAAM CLINIC

## 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 Free Scrap Vehicle Removal Tire Services – vehicles, trailers, atvs
First Nations Liquidation	(705) 762-0101	<a href="https://firstnationliquidation.com/">https://firstnationliquidation.com/</a>	Convenience Gifts Fireworks Household items
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="https://mrshsfishandchips.ca/">https://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://godofwater.ca/">http://godofwater.ca/</a>	Full-service plumber
Redd Roads Craft and Smoke Shop	(705) 706-1476		Native crafts and smokes
Sahanatien Haulage	(705) 762-5346	<a href="https://lshaulage.com/">https://lshaulage.com/</a>	Site development Roads and driveways Septic systems Landscaping and supplies Material delivery
Team Boats	(855) 770-8326	<a href="https://teamboats.ca/">https://teamboats.ca/</a>	Custom Aluminum Boats
The Big Smoke	(705) 762-4934		Smoke Convenience
Wahta Station	(705) 762-2195	<a href="https://thewahtastation.com/">https://thewahtastation.com/</a>	Convenience Grocery
Wahta Springs	(800) 593-0127	<a href="http://www.wahtasprings.com/">http://www.wahtasprings.com/</a>	Water Bottling
What-a-Convenience	(705) 762-1923		Gas Station Bakery Gifts
Wolf Energy Muskoka and Trading Post	(249) 605-0238	<a href="https://wolfenergymuskoka.ca/">https://wolfenergymuskoka.ca/</a>	Trading Post Gas Station Gifts Grocery Wellness
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 territory and you would like to be included in this directory,  
please contact Kathleen White at  
[kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca](mailto:kathleen.white@wahtamohawks.ca) or (705) 330-1875.

# 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

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