

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

Ennisko:wa - The Time of Much Lateness



March 2022



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Virtual Public Council Meeting

There will be a virtual Public Council Meeting on **Tuesday March 29th, 2022 at 7:00PM**. The meeting will be hosted on **Zoom**. Please **REGISTER** in advance at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAvdeugpj4vHtwNFOqoBVHGzPau4m93B2a3>

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

In the terms of government financial affairs, we are currently in the last month of the fiscal year. We expect to see great improvement in our lives as the pandemic appears to be coming under some sort of control. The administration is currently finalizing workplans for the coming year. When we can open up fully, we look forward to new programs being put in place as the administrative body aims to provide services and opportunities for the membership.

Council Ongoing Plans

Meanwhile, Council will continue to attend to the work we have laid out for Wahta in areas of policy development. There is much to be accomplished yet in those areas laid out in our strategic plan. A great piece of that is centered around the Additions to Reserves implementation. Meetings regarding permits with two branches of Ontario government have yet to be fully discussed. We look forward to sitting down with the Ministry of Transportation, as well as Hydro One regarding their assets on the land claim areas to be returned to reserve status.

Community Member Questions

Recently questions by a member were asked of the administrator regarding past and present events or situations. For the benefit of all here are a few facts that may alleviate any misunderstandings in the community or membership as a whole.

Going back the closing of ICG and beyond, A total of \$37,275.90 was collected from the sale of various pieces of equipment at the marsh. The funds collected from the sale of the items was deposited into the community's financial reserves. There are still some items at the building.

Administration's initiative of purchasing and constructing cabins for land based learning on the property at McMaster Lake faced some challenges and was never completed. The building materials were stored at Iroquois Cranberry Growers. Despite the marsh having locked gates and other attempts to deter theft over the years, a significant portion of the material has unfortunately been stolen. Council has since taken steps within its Financial Management Policy to strengthen its oversight of significant purchases within the Administration to help ensure this type of situation is prevented in the future.

Regarding sand from the pit at ICG, A total of 1,125.5 loads of sand have been taken from the marsh under the agreement at a cost of \$30 a load. As such, a total of \$35,370.00 has been invoiced and paid to Wahta under the agreement.

This following has been discussed in this newsletter and at our meetings but once again here it is, Wahta was successful in securing provincial and federal funding for a water treatment plant project. The terms of this proposal-based funding did require Wahta to contribute an equal amount of funding being provided by the provincial and federal governments, which was about \$1.3 million. The results of an abbreviated feasibility study reflected a successful path for completing the project as presented. Unfortunately, it became clear once the project was started that there were numerous critical issues not uncovered in the abbreviated feasibility. An independent water engineer was engaged by Wahta from First Nations Technical Services who quickly confirmed the challenges facing the project. Indigenous Services Canada joined the discussion at this point and committed funding to Wahta to complete a full feasibility study on the proposed project. The results of this study concluded that there were insufficient water sources available in the community to successfully operate a water treatment plant, with shallow

lake depths, insufficient flow rates in current wells, and water quality cited as prime reasons for this. Wahta had expended \$119,286.60 of its committed \$1.3 million before pausing the project to undertake a full feasibility study, with Indigenous Services Canada picking up all costs associated with the full study. The balance of the \$1.3 million was decommitted and still remains in the community's financial reserves. As a result of the completed study and our work with Indigenous Services Canada, we were able to secure additional funding to install a new water treatment system at the Administration Building along with an outdoor fill station for members to access the water from this new system. This work was also successful in having the long-term water advisory lifted from the Administration Building.

AIAI Elders Conference

I recently took part in an Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians Health Social Advisory Board meeting. Regarding this year's Elders Conference, planning must start soon. The main consideration was whether it would be hosted in person. The board made the recommendation that planning be based on a in person gathering in late August, but to proceed knowing things could change if the pandemic situation worsens by then. The host this year is the Oneida of the Thames, the board will confer with that member nation to see if they want to host that many people in their community this summer.

Wahta Community Trust

As mentioned last newsletter the trust board changed some after the December election. At the January meeting it was decided that I act as interim Chair of the board for a few months until a member of the board is prepared to assume the role of Chair. While it is not disallowed in the Wahta Community Trust Agreement, as Chief I look forward to one of the members taking on this role.

Woodland Cultural Centre 50th Anniversary

The site of the Woodland Cultural Centre is what used to be the Mohawk Institute residential school. This was finally closed in 1970 and the Woodland Indian Culture Education Centre was opened in 1972 under the guidance of nine First Nations in Southern Ontario. Currently the Centre is governed by Six Nations, Wahta, and Tyendinaga. I, and Councillor Blaine Commandant, are currently board members for the Centre. Woodland Cultural Centre has consistently maintained its status as a leader and innovator in Indigenous operated spaces throughout its history. Staff at the Centre are focussing on celebrating 50 years existence of the Centre. We at Wahta look forward to more interaction with the Centre especially as the pandemic winds down.

Community Meetings

The Administration and Community Centre should be completed in March so we will likely have one more virtual public monthly Council meeting. We look forward to holding in person meetings and will work on devising a way also have a virtual component so more people can take part. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to make comment on any releases we have put out on policies or land uses.

Until next month, Nia;wen'kowa for reading this page.



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Jan 12th, 2022

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the January 12th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Surplus Water Feasibility Study Funds

Indigenous Services Canada has approved the use of surplus funds under the Water Feasibility Study to upgrade Water Systems at the Nursing Station, Cultural Healing Centre, and at a few of the rental units that need upgrading. Council agreed to approve the cheque requisition to purchase equipment from The Water Healer for the water systems upgrades.

Motion 2:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Fenton-Strength to approve the Water Healer Cheque Requisition in the amount of \$32,206.00 to upgrade various water systems.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

TLDSB Invoice (Education Partnership Program)

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians provided Wahta with funding for the Education Partnership Program, which has been used to bring knowledge keepers into the classroom to share their expertise. Council was presented with a cheque requisition in the amount of \$31,633.00 to Trillium Lakelands District School Board for these services and agreed to the payment.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the payment of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Invoice 001 195 in the amount of \$31,633.00 for September 2021 to March 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Expression of Interest in Purchasing Community Land

A community member has expressed interest in purchasing a parcel of community land. At this time, Council is not interested in selling the land, as it has been designated for future economic development. Council is currently working on developing a Land Use Policy to address these types of requests.

Youth Council Draft Mission Statement

The Youth Council provided an updated version of their mission statement, and expressed interest in a meeting with Council. Council suggested they meet February 7th to hear from the Youth Council and provide feedback and guidance.

Snowmobile Permit Maps

Snowmobile permit maps for the Additions to Reserve implementation have been placed in Council's mailbox for review. They will be discussed at a future meeting once Council has had a chance to look at them.

Fishing Request

A community member has asked to bring a family member from another First Nation, along with their guardian to fish on the Wahta First Nation. They have asked the Chief where it is possible for them to fish. There is currently a moratorium in place, and Council cannot provide formal permission.

COVID-19 Update

Chief Franks attended an Indigenous Services Canada meeting where the overall state of the pandemic, on reserve vaccination rates, and rapid tests were discussed. A new Medical Officer of Health has been assigned by ISC. He shared that some First Nations have provided rapid tests to the community, but have still had outbreaks. The Medical Officer does not recommend supplying rapid tests, but rather to have rapid testing done in a clinical setting when a community is experiencing an outbreak.

Aboriginal Financial Officers Association Training

Chief Franks wanted to remind Council about the free leadership training being provided by the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association in February, and to see who is planning to attend.

Strategic Plan

Council reviewed the ongoing Strategic Plan to see which items are outstanding and to ask Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, questions that arose at the last meeting while discussing the plan.

Adjournment

Motion 4:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adjourn at 12:00pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Jan 19th, 2022

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

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the January 19th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Financial Update – Overview of Expenditures to end of December 2021

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, presented an update on the current fiscal year expenditures up to the end of December 2021, and answered questions brought forward by Chief and Council.

Administration Building Kitchen Wall Project

The kitchen wall repair project has been completed. There are still a few smaller projects to be completed. Council agreed to approve the payment.

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the payment of WS Morgan invoice: J003887 in the amount of \$38,574.00 for the work completed on the kitchen wall replacement project.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Administration Building Furnace Project

WS Morgan provided an invoice for a progress payment for the work completed on the furnace replacement project. There have been a few issues with one of the furnaces, but the work should be completed in early February. Council agreed to approve the payment.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the payment of WS Morgan invoice: 205028 in the amount of \$112,250.50 for the work completed on the furnace replacement project.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Generators for Senior Rental Units

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with a purchase requisition for generators for the rental units. Indigenous Services Canada is allowing Wahta to use surplus funding to purchase the generators. Council would like to defer the approval until they get more details on the quotes.

Early Years Ontario Agreement

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, has brought forward an Early Years Ontario Agreement which has previously provided funding to the After School Program. Education Services Manager, Carol Holmes, has been working on developing Language Curriculum for children alongside Language Coordinator Sarah Chaloux, and Future Design School. The Ministry of Education will allow this funding to be used to make culturally specific education, awareness, and training available to children and parents.

Motion 4:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to authorize Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, to sign the Early Years Ontario Agreement for 2021/22.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion 5:

Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adjourn at 11:00am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Jan 26th, 2022

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

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Scott Aubichon, Lands & Resources Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adopt the January 26th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the minutes from December 8th, 2021.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from January 5th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Ministry of Transportation Road Report Submission

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, provided Council with information regarding the annual submission to the Ministry of Transportation for the Road Subsidy Application to recover the regular expenses for 2021, which come out \$63,881.00. Wahta is eligible to receive 50% of the claimed expenses. Council gave their approval for Chief Franks to sign the petition to be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation.

Motion 4:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley for Chief Franks to sign and submit the petition for subsidy in the amount \$63,881.00 to the Ministry of Transportation.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Furnace Replacement Project Invoice Approval

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, is seeking Council approval to pay the invoice from WS Morgan in the amount of \$124,258.50. In error, the progress payment invoice from November 30th was omitted. Council agreed to pay the invoice.

Motion 5:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to pay the WS Morgan invoice# 204986 in the amount of \$124,258.00 for the Furnace Replacement Project.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Additions To Reserve Update

Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, provided Council with an update on the Additions to Reserve process. Surveys of the settlement lands have been completed, and Council has signed off on them. Permits are ongoing and can be done prior to the land being turned over. Hydro One would like to have a meeting with Council in the future to discuss the permits. At this time, they are looking to have permits on the transmission lines, distribution lines, the reserve lands, and the ATR lands. The Bell permit has been written and has gone before legal counsel with Canada and Bell. The snowmobile trail permit is for the ATR lands only. Surveys have been completed, and Scott is waiting on wording to put forward an MCR for approval. The hunt camps have had their second environmental assessments completed. Canada is looking to put out a tender for the removal of any environmental issues. Council has asked Scott to put together a summary of ongoing issues within the ATR process.

Business Donation

A business has expressed interest in providing a donation to the community. They took training on creating safe workplaces in the workplace, and they made a commitment to provide a donation to a charitable cause. The money would be available for whatever Wahta would like to use it for. They have been in discussion with Language Coordinator, Sarah Chaloux, and would be willing to support the language program. Council would like more information on the donation before making a decision. Council is currently working on a Donation Policy to support these types of situations.

Membership Applications

There has been some confusion about membership applications being on hold. Council intended to put a hold on a membership appeal, but to continue to accept new membership applications. Council will ask that Membership/Lands Clerk, Karen Sahanatien, process any membership applications that she has received since August 2021, and that a correction be posted in the next newsletter.

Policing

Council would like to ensure they continue to discuss policing. Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton will continue to do research on policing and enforcement on First Nations. Council also agreed that they would like to set up a meeting with Indigenous Liaison Officer, Gary Maracle, who has previously met with Council, to provide perspective on available options and what would work best for the Wahta First Nation.

Cannabis

Councillor Strength-Fenton has been calling other First Nations to inquire about Cannabis, and some of the issues they have in regards to enforcement, policing, and other issues. She will continue to update Council on the information she gathers.

Vaccination Policy

Council has reviewed and agreed to approve the Vaccination Policy to ensure the health and safety of all Wahta Mohawks staff and community members.

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the 2022 COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Cemetery Policy

Council discussed the Cemetery Policy and some of the concerns they have. They agree that it needs revising, and once the revisions are made, it will be shared with the community for feedback.

Adjournment

Motion 7:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to adjourn at 12:45pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Feb 2nd, 2022

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

Christine Cox, A/Health and Social Services Manager

Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1:

Moved Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the February 2nd agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Power Outage Survey

A Power Outage Survey was sent over email to some community members, and it was also posted on the Health and Social Services Facebook page to ask members about how power outages affect them and to get a sense of what needs they have. Council wanted to clarify who the survey was distributed to and what the results of the survey will be used for.

Child Welfare Jurisdiction Project Work Group

A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, joined Council to present a briefing note on the Child Welfare Inherent Jurisdiction Working Group. The group has been put together to support the work of exploring possible options for exercising jurisdiction over child welfare. Other communities who have undertaken this work have structured their working groups to include community members, Elders and/or traditional knowledge keepers, youth, individuals working with children, elected leaders, and other members the community and their Administration who would serve to add value to the process. Some specific examples of the activities this group would contribute to is providing feedback on the work plan and draft law

and assisting with coordination and hosting of community consultations. Council provided their feedback and agreed to have further discussions on their role in the working group. Christine will discuss the proposed structure with Hensel Barristers who will then draft a final work plan to be reviewed by the Working Group.

Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services Update/Secondary Board Member

Councillor Teresa Greasley inquired about the alternate board member required by Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle informed Council that A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, has agreed secondary board member. DBCFS will require a Mohawk Council Resolution naming Christine as the secondary member.

Motion 2:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to name A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, as the secondary board member on the Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services Board effective February 2nd, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Gym Reopening

Council has received a few inquiries about when the Wahta Gym will be reopening. Opening the Gym has been discussed at the Emergency Control Group meetings, and there would be quite a few requirements needed in order to follow the provincial guidelines on operating gyms safely. All occupants would need to be vaccinated, which means vaccination status would have to be verified, and social distancing would need to be enforced. The greater issue is that the Gym shares a building with the Wahta Health Hub, and there is no way to separate the airflow between the two levels. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, will have the Gym Reopening added to the ECG meeting on February 2nd, and ask that the group provide a statement to share with the community.

Adjournment

Motion 3:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jess Strength to adjourn at 11:00am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 4:

Moved by Jesse Strength and seconded by Blaine Commandant to move in camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 5:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to move out of camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Feb 9th, 2022

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Jesse Strength

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the February 9th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the minutes from January 12th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the minutes from January 19th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 4:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the minutes from January 26th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 5:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from February 2nd, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Business Arising

Council reviewed minutes from the last four meetings and discussed which issues needed follow up. The snowmobile maps for the Additions to Reserve process are located at the Cultural Healing Centre, and need to be reviewed before the next ATR meeting.

Councillor Greasley would like the motion on the WS Morgan payments to reference the source of funding. At this time the funding is coming out of community reserves, but this may change depending on year end surpluses.

The administration is working to obtain quotes to install generators at the rental units. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, has requested that Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, make sure all of the quotes from the various businesses have the same equipment listed, so that Council can make a decision on which contractor to acquire.

Council has expressed concerns about the membership list being inaccurate, and have asked Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, to direct Membership/Lands Clerk, Karen Sahanatien to update the list and to provide quarterly updates on new members.

Council expressed interest in meeting with Indigenous Liaison Officer, Gary Maracle, and Chief Franks agreed to contact him to set up a meeting time.

A statement on the community Gym remaining closed was put on social media, and Council would like to see more information put in the newsletter on why the Gym is to remain closed, as well as more information on the Emergency Control Group members and role in the community.

Mohawk Council Resolution on Child Welfare Jurisdiction Proposal

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with a Mohawk Council Resolution stating that the Wahta Mohawk Council is in support of the application prepared and submitted by its legal counsel seeking financial capacity building support under the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families. Council agreed to sign the MCR.

Mohawk Council Resolution on Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services Board Alternate

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, provided Council with a Mohawk Council Resolution stating that the Wahta Mohawk Council appoints A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox as its alternate Board Representative on the Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services Board of Directors. Council agreed to sign the MCR.

Bell Letter of Support

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, presented Council with a Letter of Support to Bell Canada Expansion stating that Chief and Council have approved the request to support the expansion of the all-fiber broadband network to the community of Port Carling by way of the Indian River Reserve. It also states that the Wahta Mohawks request that Bell engage Chief and Council on possible options to expand their broadband service to the Wahta Mohawks territory, as community connectivity remains a priority issue for Council. Chief Franks will sign the letter, and Murray will email it to the appropriate person.

Youth Council Update

On Monday, February 7th, the Youth Council met with Council to discuss their role in the community, what their next steps are, and what issues they are currently facing. They also expressed that they are hoping to increase their exposure in the community to attract new members. They asked that Chief and Council review their mission statement, and Council agreed to provide feedback, and to also help guide them to create a terms of reference. Council will continue to meet with the Youth Council, and the next meeting will be on March 7th, 2022.

Cemetery Policy

Chief and Council will provide feedback on the Cemetery Policy to Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, and he will provide the feedback to Housing Coordinator, Matthew Commandant, to make the changes.

Adjournment

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to adjourn at 12:00pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Feb 16th, 2022

Time: 9:30 am

Those Present:

Chief Philip Franks

Councillor Blaine Commandant

Councillor Teresa Greasley

Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton

Councillor Jesse Strength

In Attendance:

Murray Maracle, Senior Administrator

Samantha Walker, Council Executive Assistant

Christine Cox, A/Health & Social Services Manager

Kathleen White, Ontario Works Administrator

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the February 16th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the minutes from February 9th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, and Ontario Works Administrator, Kathleen White joined Council to present a proposal on purchasing outdoor fitness equipment. The outdoor exercise equipment would be located behind the Cultural Healing Centre. Kathleen acquired three quotes for the exercise equipment, as well as two quotes for a cement pad. Each piece of equipment would have a fact sheet explaining how to use the equipment and how it benefits the body. The equipment would be funded by Indigenous Services Canada. Council would like Christine and Kathleen to consider doing a survey to determine the amount of interest on the use of the equipment.

Financial Update – Overview of Expenditures to end of January 2022

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, presented an update on the current fiscal year expenditures up to the end of January 2022, and answered questions brought forward by Chief and Council.

Upcoming Meeting with Gary Maracle

Chief Franks contacted OPP Superintendent of Indigenous Relations, Gary Maracle, and he agreed to provide some information to Council on Wednesday, February 23rd at the virtual council meeting.

Mortgage Application

A community member has applied through the First Nations Market Housing Fund to refinance their mortgage, next step required is for Council approve the bank's recommendation to proceed with the financing. Council had a question regarding how security for a refinancing loan is provided given Wahta is required to guarantee a large portion of the loan through the First Nation Market Housing Fund. Murray will have Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, confirm with BMO how security for the loan is completed.

Public Council Meetings

Chief Franks asked Council to send him potential agenda items for the Public Council Meeting on February 22nd. He also asked Council if they would like to see future meetings be both in-person and virtual to allow for more participation, and Council agreed that it would be a good idea. Council discussed potential options to allow this format.

Briefing Note: HSAB Emergency Management Funding

Chief Franks shared a briefing note from the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians stating that AIAI was informed by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in November 2021 that funding in the amount of \$175,000.00 will be received annually until March 2024. The overall purpose of the funds is for AIAI to hire a coordinator who is to be tasked with helping to develop First Nations capacity within the PTO in responding to health and social emergencies through four pillars of emergency management, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. AIAI has had a hard time hiring for the position this year and has asked its member nations if they would be able to spend some of the money if it was divided. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, stated that the Administration does have a staff member who has taken on the role of an Emergency Management Coordinator, and that the funding could be used towards their salary. Chief Franks will inform AIAI and see if it is possible to use the funding for salaries.

Donation Policy

Councillor Strength-Fenton asked for an update on the Donation Policy. Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle is working on the policy, and Chief Franks asked Council to send their ideas to Murray to be included in the policy.

In Person Meetings

Councillor Strength-Fenton inquired about when Council will start to meet in person. The Health Unit has lifted their directive to businesses to stop requiring staff to work remotely when possible. Administration is looking to start returning staff to the office, however there are still issues with the furnaces leaving some areas of the building without heat. As soon as there is heat in the Council Chambers, Council can begin meeting in person again.

Strategic Plan

Councillor Greasley sent out an updated version of the Strategic Plan, and Council agreed that they need to have a separate meeting to discuss and prioritize the items in the plan. They will discuss the Strategic Plan following the regular Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion 3:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Blaine Commandant to move in camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to move out of camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 5:

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

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Virtual Public Council Meeting

Tuesday March 29th, 2022, 7:00pm

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

Register in advance for the meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAvdeugpj4vHtwFOqoBVHGzPau4m93B2a3>

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

If you need any help getting started or have any questions, please contact Samantha at Samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca

2021/2022 Tobacco Allocation

The Ministry of Finance has provided Wahta Mohawks with the 2021/22 Statement of Allocation of Tobacco. If you are a new retailer that did not have an allocation in 2020/2021, please contact Samantha Walker by March 11th, 2022 at samantha.walker@wahtamohawks.ca in order to become an authorized retailer.

In this years First Nation Reserve Retailer Authorization, the ministry is reminding authorized reserve retailers of their requirements as retail dealers. These include, among others, the requirement to:

- Keep books and records to support all tax-exempt sales of all tobacco products
- Sell allocation cigarettes only to First Nation consumers
- Not sell or transfer their allotment of allocation cigarettes, and
- Sell only from their retail premises

Proceeds From Marsh Closure

A member recently inquired into the sale of various assets at the marsh in terms of what has been collected from these sales. This inquiry also requested this list be shared in the newsletter. As such, the following is a listing of all assets sold along with the instances where payments were reimbursed back to Wahta from the closure of operations at the marsh. All proceeds from the sale and reimbursements were deposited into the community's general reserves account.

Asset	Proceeds
Unlicensed Trailer (sold as is)	\$50
Cat Dozer	\$3,500
2 Ford Tractors (neither running)	\$1,000 (\$500 each)
Freezer Unit	\$1,000
Fork Truck (not running)	\$500
Kitchen Unit	\$1,200
Kitchen Odds and Ends	\$100
Orange Pallet Lift	\$100
2 Electric Orange Pumps	\$200 (\$100 each)
4 Fruit Pumps	\$1,000 (\$250 each)
Pruner	\$250
Mower	\$2,500
Irrigation Pump 6590	\$4,000
GM Diesel Pump	\$500
Primer Pump	\$100
129 6" Pipe Pieces	\$496.20 (\$3.8465 per unit)
536 3" Pipe Pieces	\$2,063.60 (\$3.85 per unit)
452 2" Pipe Pieces	\$1,740.20 (\$3.85 per unit)
Algoma Berry Storage Fees	\$2,006.88 (reimbursement)
Feb/Mar 2018 Hydro / Propane	\$1,501.02 (reimbursement)
Cranberry Juice Tote Storage Fee	\$119 (reimbursement)
9 1000LB Totes - Cranberries	\$9 (\$1)
Daewoo Excavator	\$3,000
Ford 9030 Versatile Tractor	\$6,000
Granular Spreader Boom	\$1,000
5 Grain Hoppers	\$1,500 (\$300 each)
Cranberry Harvester	\$1,000
12" PTO Trailer Pump	\$500
4 Cranberry Booms	\$100 (\$25 each)
Tow Bog Sander	\$100
ICG Shelving from Store	\$140
Total	\$37,275.90

Wahta Ice Fishing Derby 2022



Congratulations to April DeCaire
who took home the women's
trophy



And to Austin Decaire who
captured the men's trophy





Little Daniel having fun with his
new sliding tube



The gang at Webster Lake having a
great day on the ice

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.



Congratulations to Jeff Stock who has successfully completed the Sheet Metal Worker program at Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology through Kagita Mikam! Jeff is now a Sheet Metal Journeyman!

Jeff's parents, sister, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all very proud of him!



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
5 Acres adjacent to Musk. Rd. 38 with no driveway	Call 705-762-0013 for more information				Any size, any location
80+ acres with bush lot and waterfront		Please contact Chantell. 289-440-2464			Leah
For more info, please call 705-644-4227					705-238-9004 leah.readman@gmail.com

Address Update

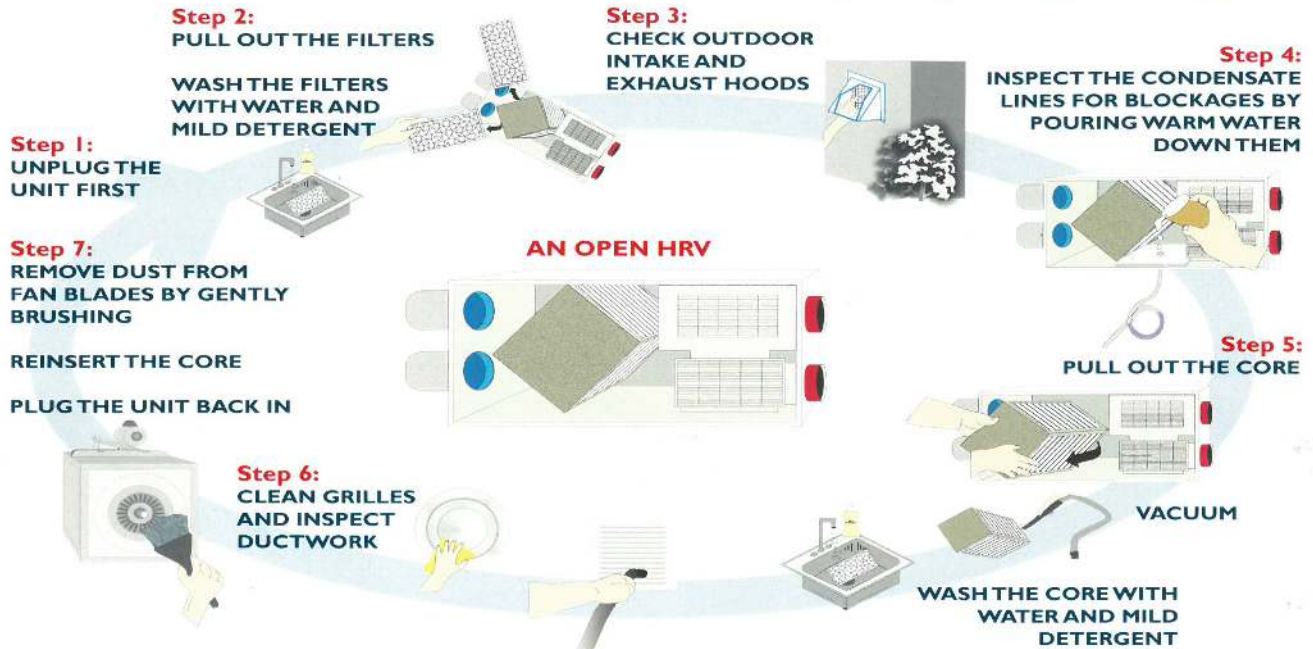
If you have moved or plan to move, please let us know your new address whether it be a mailing address, email address, home phone and cell phone.

Contact karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca to update your contact information.

Lets keep in touch!

MAINTAINING YOUR HEAT RECOVERY VENTILATOR (HRV)

Your heat recovery ventilator (HRV) can help make your house a clean, healthy living environment, while keeping fuel bills down. But your HRV can't do all this without your help. **It only takes seven simple steps to keep your HRV happy...**



HRV Maintenance Checklist

Year:	Clean Filter	Clean Hood Screen	Other
Jan			
Mar			
May			*
July			
Sept			✧
Nov			

May (*)
Turn the dehumidistat to the HIGH setting or to OFF.

Year:	Clean Filter	Clean Hood Screen	Other
Jan			
Mar			
May			*
July			
Sept			✧
Nov			

September (✧)
Clean core and check fans, Check condensate drain, Check grilles and ducts in house. Reset dehumidistat (40 – 80 per cent)

Canada

Provided by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Shibogama Technical Services www.cmhc.ca www.shibogama.on.ca




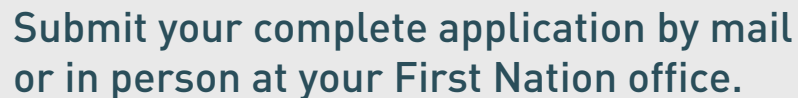
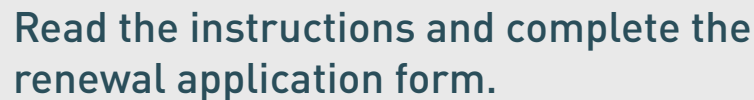
Job Opportunity

Looking for Extra Income?

Wahta Springs is offering Part-time/ causal DZ class driver for local and city deliveries. Flexible Hours, Very competitive rates.

Send info to: info@wahtasprings.com or call 705- 762-5550

If your secure status card is up for renewal, your First Nation office or Indigenous Services Canada can help you through the renewal process.



Still have questions? Please contact the Public Enquiries Contact Centre by phone at **1-800-567-9604** or by email at **infopubs@sc-isc.gc.ca**.

Post-Secondary Education

The application deadline is **May 15, 2022.**

If you are applying to University or College, new and reapplying students must apply before the deadline.

Due to the Nature of Funders, **Proof of Status is required.**

For application details, please contact Jacqueline Stewart

jacqueline.stewart@wahtamohawks.ca

**DELOITTE CANADA COMMITS \$175,000 ANNUALLY FOR
THREE YEARS TO INDSPIRE TO INVEST IN INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION**

Commitment demonstrates support for Indigenous-led solutions that build educational capacity and increase economic prosperity

The next scholarship application deadline is August 1, 2022, with additional annual submission dates on November 1, 2022, and February 1, 2023 (visit indspire.ca for more information).

Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language

New **Spring Session** beginning! Please email to register. Classes begin week of **April 4, 2022** running for 10 weeks. We will be starting a fresh new term for our Spring Session. All learners welcome and will be accommodated based on learning level, please don't hesitate to join. All classes continue to be held via Zoom with our instructor Richard Hay.

Community Language Classes – Online Zoom

Beginner and Novice learners welcome. All welcome. Ability to commit to the 10 weeks is ideal.
Monday and Thursday evenings; 7-8pm

Youth and Family – Online Zoom

Wednesday's 4:15-5:00pm. School-aged youth welcome. Join anytime weekly.

Language Nest

Reach out for resource supports, online materials, videos, songs and more to support your early learner.

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.

Partnering with Community

We are seeking interested stakeholders, learners, speakers, elders and knowledge keepers who would be willing to advise on language planning at various stages, or participate in various programming as knowledge keepers who could share their language, culture, and teachings with community. You may be invited to join community programs, and gatherings to share your teachings with youth, students, and community members.

All registrations and questions welcome at sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca
Language Instructor Richard Hay can be reached at richard.hay@wahtamohawks.ca

Indigenous Healthy Babies Healthy Children

This service is offered to Indigenous families with children 0-6 years old. Objective is to prepare families for parenting through all stages (pre to post-natal, early years) to provide the best opportunity for healthy development using a wholistic, culturally responsive, and strength-based approach to care.

Services include : home visits, intakes, early identification and screenings, family support plans, service navigation, referrals and advocacy. Cultural component of this service will include a series on cultural teachings dedicated to the early life stages, and parenting. If you are interested and have not yet enrolled, please reach out to begin the intake process.

Smoothie Workshop

April 2, 2022

Community zoom session to learn about whole health benefits of whole foods and how to increase your intake of essential nutrients. We will make some smoothies together and chat about food prep, food choices, and meal planning.

Register with sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca

Intakes, questions about IHBHC services, and registration for Smoothie Workshop
email: sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca

March Break Camp

March Break Camp is still running as planned at this time. If you have already registered please save the date: March 14th – 17th 9:00am- 4:00pm. Camp plans to run at Culture Healing Centre CHC outside for the duration of the day. Please ensure your children are prepared for any weather. Language, Culture and Land-based Learning are key goals during this camp. We are looking forward to spending time with your children.

Email: amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca with any questions



AIAI PRESENTS

PARENTS HAVE A VOICE SYMPOSIUM



PLEASE SCAN QR
CODE TO REGISTER



APRIL 27, 2022
6:00PM-8:00PM
VIA ZOOM

OPEN TO PARENTS WITH
STUDENTS FROM MEMBER
NATIONS ATTENDING K-12

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY
TIMOTHY VIA E-MAIL
ATIMOTHY@AIAI.ON.CA

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A CARE PACKAGE - LIMITED QUANTITIES

This event is to bridge the gap between Parents and appropriate school board advocates. We plan to have Ministry of Education, School board representatives and a Parent Panel.

Positive Parenting Tips for Healthy Child Development

Toddlers (1-2 years of age)

Developmental Milestones

Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye-bye" are called developmental milestones. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (like crawling, walking, or jumping).

During the second year, toddlers are moving around more, and are aware of themselves and their surroundings. Their desire to explore new objects and people also is increasing. During this stage, toddlers will show greater independence; begin to show defiant behavior; recognize themselves in pictures or a mirror; and imitate the behavior of others, especially adults and older children. Toddlers also should be able to recognize the names of familiar people and objects, form simple phrases and sentences, and follow simple instructions and directions.

For more details on developmental milestones, warning signs of possible developmental delays, and information on how to help your child's development, visit the "Learn the Signs. Act Early." campaign website.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

Positive Parenting Tips

Following are some things you, as a parent, can do to help your toddler during this time:

- Read to your toddler daily.
- Ask her to find objects for you or name body parts and objects.
- Play matching games with your toddler, like shape sorting and simple puzzles.
- Encourage him to explore and try new things.
- Help to develop your toddler's language by talking with her and adding to words she starts. For example, if your toddler says "baba", you can respond, "Yes, you are right—that is a *bottle*."
- Encourage your child's growing independence by letting him help with dressing himself and feeding himself.
- Respond to wanted behaviors more than you punish unwanted behaviors (use only very brief time outs). Always tell or show your child what she should do instead.
- Encourage your toddler's curiosity and ability to recognize common objects by taking field trips together to the park or going on a bus ride.



Child Safety First

Because your child is moving around more, he will come across more dangers as well. Dangerous situations can happen quickly, so keep a close eye on your child. Here are a few tips to help keep your growing toddler safe:

- Do NOT leave your toddler near or around water (for example, bathtubs, pools, ponds, lakes, whirlpools, or the ocean) without someone watching her. Fence off backyard pools. Drowning is the leading cause of injury and death among this age group.
- Block off stairs with a small gate or fence. Lock doors to dangerous places such as the garage or basement.
- Ensure that your home is toddler proof by placing plug covers on all unused electrical outlets.
- Keep kitchen appliances, irons, and heaters out of reach of your toddler. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove.
- Keep sharp objects such as scissors, knives, and pens in a safe place.
- Lock up medicines, household cleaners, and poisons.
- Do NOT leave your toddler alone in any vehicle (that means a car, truck, or van) even for a few moments.
- Store any guns in a safe place out of his reach.
- Keep your child's car seat rear-facing as long as possible. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, it's the best way to keep her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, she is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

Healthy Bodies

- Give your child water and plain milk instead of sugary drinks. After the first year, when your nursing toddler is eating more and different solid foods, breast milk is still an ideal addition to his diet.
- Your toddler might become a very picky and erratic eater. Toddlers need less food because they don't grow as fast. It's best not to battle with him over this. Offer a selection of healthy foods and let him choose what she wants. Keep trying new foods; it might take time for him to learn to like them.
- Limit screen time. For children younger than 2 years of age, the AAP recommends that it's best if toddlers not watch any screen media.
- Your toddler will seem to be moving continually—running, kicking, climbing, or jumping. Let him be active—he's developing his coordination and becoming strong.

A pdf of this document for reprinting is available free of charge from
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/positiveparenting/toddlers.html>

Additional Information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/childdevelopment>
1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) <http://www.cdc.gov/info>

Positive Parenting Tips for Healthy Child Development

Young Teens (12-14 years of age)

Developmental Milestones

This is a time of many physical, mental, emotional, and social changes. Hormones change as puberty begins. Most boys grow facial and pubic hair and their voices deepen. Most girls grow pubic hair and breasts, and start their period. They might be worried about these changes and how they are looked at by others. This also will be a time when your teen might face peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco products, and drugs, and to have sex. Other challenges can be eating disorders, depression, and family problems. At this age, teens make more of their own choices about friends, sports, studying, and school. They become more independent, with their own personality and interests, although parents are still very important.

Here is some information on how young teens develop:

Emotional/Social Changes

Children in this age group might:

- Show more concern about body image, looks, and clothes.
- Focus on themselves; going back and forth between high expectations and lack of confidence.
- Experience more moodiness.
- Show more interest in and influence by peer group.
- Express less affection toward parents; sometimes might seem rude or short-tempered.
- Feel stress from more challenging school work.
- Develop eating problems.
- Feel a lot of sadness or depression, which can lead to poor grades at school, alcohol or drug use, unsafe sex, and other problems.



Thinking and Learning

Children in this age group might:

- Have more ability for complex thought.
- Be better able to express feelings through talking.
- Develop a stronger sense of right and wrong.

Positive Parenting Tips

Following are some things you, as a parent, can do to help your child during this time:

- Be honest and direct with your teen when talking about sensitive subjects such as drugs, drinking, smoking, and sex.
- Meet and get to know your teen's friends.
- Show an interest in your teen's school life.
- Help your teen make healthy choices while encouraging him to make his own decisions.

- Respect your teen’s opinions and take into account her thoughts and feelings. It is important that she knows you are listening to her.
- When there is a conflict, be clear about goals and expectations (like getting good grades, keeping things clean, and showing respect), but allow your teen input on how to reach those goals (like when and how to study or clean).

Child Safety First

You play an important role in keeping your child safe—no matter how old he or she is. Here are a few tips to help protect your child:

- Make sure your teen knows about the importance of wearing seatbelts. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 12- to 14-year-olds.
- Encourage your teen to wear a helmet when riding a bike or a skateboard or using inline skates; riding on a motorcycle, snowmobile, or all-terrain vehicle; or playing contact sports. Injuries from sports and other activities are common.
- Talk with your teen about the dangers of drugs, drinking, smoking, and risky sexual activity. Ask him what he knows and thinks about these issues, and share your thoughts and feelings with him. Listen to what she says and answer her questions honestly and directly.
- Talk with your teen about the importance of having friends who are interested in positive activities. Encourage her to avoid peers who pressure her to make unhealthy choices.
- Know where your teen is and whether an adult is present. Make plans with him for when he will call you, where you can find him, and what time you expect him home.
- Set clear rules for your teen when she is home alone. Talk about such issues as having friends at the house, how to handle situations that can be dangerous (emergencies, fire, drugs, sex, etc.), and completing homework or household tasks.

Healthy Bodies

- Encourage your teen to be physically active. She might join a team sport or take up an individual sport. Helping with household tasks such as mowing the lawn, walking the dog, or washing the car also will keep your teen active.
- Meal time is very important for families. Eating together helps teens make better choices about the foods they eat, promotes healthy weight, and gives your family members time to talk with each other.
- Limit screen time for your child to no more than 1 to 2 hours per day of quality programming, at home, school, or afterschool care.

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<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/positiveparenting/adolescence.html>

Additional Information:

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1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) <http://www.cdc.gov/info>

Wahta Mohawks Health and Social Services

Ongoing Monthly Services

Online Traditional Healer Sessions with Jane Burning

Please contact Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext 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

Cannabis 1:1 Sessions

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 .

Falling Leaf Program

This program is designed to bring another element of safety into our seniors' homes, prolonging them to be at home without worry. This program brings ease to our families who have loved ones with a risk of falling as well.

Contact: Bobby Decaire - Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca 705-641-1263

Music and Memory

This program is aimed to assist with anxiety, depression and even Dementia and Alzheimer's on a personalized level. It is meant to go anywhere anytime when you feel you need it.

To Sign up please contact Bobby Decaire Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca

Madeline's Mobile Salon:

We have Madeline's mobile hair care coming to our seniors. Keeping safety as our first priority Madeline comes to homes with PPE and adheres to all protocols required by Wahta, she cleans up when leaving and is experienced with mobility issues, so any circumstances, whether you are male or female, from color, cuts, perms to just wash please call or email to book your appointment. Spots fill up fast. Contact: Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca 705-641-1263

Personal Care Services:

If you feel you are in need of homecare or have a family member in the community that would benefit from this service please contact Bobby Decaire for an over the phone assessment on needs to see if you qualify. This service assists our seniors to stay in their own homes longer.

To sign up please contact Bobby Decaire Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca

All programs Listed above are a continuous intake

We would also like to thank all of the seniors who signed up for our wills and POA program as we had wonderful participation in the program.

For any enquiries senior related please contact Bobby Decaire

bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca. If you are unable to email, please call Bobby Decaire at 705-641-1263

Program Registrations for March 2022

Bingo – (Adults and Seniors) – March 22nd at 6pm. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien – Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca . Registration deadline is March 10th, 2022.

Wendy Hill Traditional Teaching on Forgiveness

If you are interested in attending a zoom session with Wendy Hill on Wednesday, April 20th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, please contact Sherry Byrne - sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext. 250.

Foot/knee or back pain?

Visit Zach, the onsite pedorthist at the Wahta Health Hub.
Specializing in orthotics, footwear, compression socks and orthopedics braces.
Diabetics or those with a family history are now eligible for footwear coverage

Booking new appointments for February 9th and March 9th, 2022

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

Thank you.

We All Deserve to be Happy!

- Many of us have experienced feeling depressed, distressed, anxious or angry. Potentially you aren't performing as effectively at work or school. You could be struggling to build and maintain relationships. You are not enjoying activities you typically did before. You may be feeling like you cannot cope on your own. You are not the only one that has felt like this at one time or another.
- Most of the time we can deal with this on our own or with the help of family members, friend, co-workers... but there are times that we may need a little help.
- Taking care of yourself and your own wellbeing strengthens your ability to cope with everyday stressors and handle challenges more effectively.
- If you are interested in improving yourself and becoming the best person you can be. We can help you receive the tools and building blocks to help you to achieve this.
- We can help find someone for child/youth/adults to talk to in a safe, non-judgemental way. These services will let you vent about your issues and/or concerns that you are experiencing. They will help you come up with options and help develop skills that will help you in the future when you encounter difficult or triggering issues.
- Please contact Sherry Byrne the Community Wellbeing & Good Minds Co-ordinator at sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705-762-2354 ex 250.



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!

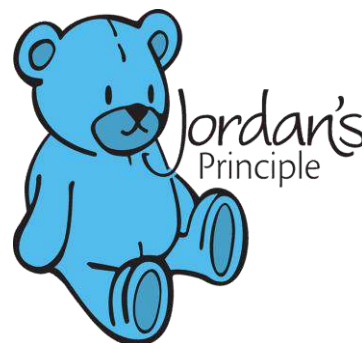
If any questions arise please contact Christine for assistance.

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

What is Jordan's Principle?

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

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



Who can apply to Jordan's Principle?

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

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

What is covered under Jordan's Principle?

Health:

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

Social:

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

Education:

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

For more information, please contact:

Kathleen White, Jordan's Principle Navigator

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

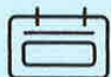


RAAM CLINIC

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	https://firstnationliquidation.com/	Convenience Gifts Fireworks Household items
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
Councillor Lorie Strength-Fenton	lorie.fenton-strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	705-774-2796
Councillor Jesse Strength	jesse.strength@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca	TBD

Administration

705-762-2354

Scott Aubichon	Lands and Resources Coordinator	Ext. 242
Sherry Byrne	Community Wellbeing & Good Minds Programming Coord.	Ext. 250
Sarah Chaloux	Language Activator	Ext. 259
Matthew Commandant	Housing Coordinator	Ext. 275
Joanne Contant	Chief Financial Officer	Ext. 227
Christine Cox	Health & Social Services Manager	Ext. 273
Amy Davidson	Family Well-Being Worker	Ext. 203
Bobby DeCaire	Senior Services Coordinator	N/A
Courtnei DeCaire	Financial Assistant	Ext. 230
Sara DeCaire	Diabetes & Seniors Programming Coordinator	Ext. 206
Skye DeCaire	Receptionist	Ext. 221
Richard Hay	Kanien'keha Language Instructor	N/A
Carol Holmes	Education Services Manager	Ext. 233
Murray Maracle	Senior Administrator	Ext. 231
Kim North	Finance Clerk	Ext. 237
Karen Sahanatien	Membership/Lands & Housing Clerk	Ext. 222
Kristan Sahanatien	NNADAP	Ext. 241
Randell Sonmor	Capital Assets Manager	Ext. 224
Jacqueline Stewart	Education Assistant	N/A
Samantha Walker	Council Executive Assistant/Librarian	Ext. 272
Kathleen White	Ontario Works Administrator/Employment & Training	Ext. 240

Maintenance & Public Works

Berry Berwick	Public Works Supervisor	705-641-0722
Harry Byrne	Maintenance Supervisor	705-641-0833
Terry DeCaire	Maintenance	705-644-9862
Evan Holmes	Public Works	705-644-9884

Please Feel Free to Call with any Questions or Concerns

Administration Office Hours:

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

Fridays 8:00am - 2:00pm