

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

Onerahtokha - The Budding Time



April 2022



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Virtual Public Council Meeting

There will be a virtual Public Council Meeting on **Tuesday April 26th, 2022** at **7:00PM**. The meeting will be hosted on **Zoom**. Please **REGISTER** in advance at the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEpdempqT8vH9xuKxbOAhRdBMfnSR-IpD_y

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

Fiscal Year End

As we end the fiscal year and prepare to close our 2021-2022 finances and prepare for the annual audit, the finance department, program directors, and Senior Administrative Officer have been busy ending the year and working on the preparation of budgets for the upcoming year. Council approved the budgets as presented the week of March 28th. The upcoming year, April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, seems to be contributions as usual from various government departments and Ministries. It is expected as we go into the third year of the pandemic, there will likely be a reduction in extra funds that were dedicated to special circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The second year of the pandemic continued to present problems in our regular program opportunities. Let us hope this will be a turn around year and we can resume normal program opportunities through program staff.

COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 variant BA-2 has become the most dominant in COVID-19 cases in Ontario. This variant is the fastest spreading of them all, and the effect on the health care system is still unknown at this time. Regardless of the lessening of restrictions by Ontario, it is still strongly recommended to wear a mask and continue to practice the social distancing and hand washing routines we have become accustomed to. Here at Wahta there are policies being put in place as we prepare to open up the administration offices in April, but we will continue with masking and vaccination policies at the workplace. While Ontario law is relaxed it is up to individual communities, especially First Nations to decide on those policies.

Clean Water Class Action

Wahta was listed as being under a boil water advisory from September 2013 until March 2021. Recently the Clean Water Class Action was settled. First Nations and its individual members may be eligible for compensation under the terms of the settlement agreement. The claims process is open now and claims will be accepted until March 7, 2023. Following that date, the rollout of money will happen during that year. Wahta Council has not accepted the terms of the agreement at this time, but that does not affect anyone filing for an individual claim. I have reached out to the law firm handling the settlement agreement to schedule a meeting so we have total clarity on the situation. Information on how to make a claim can be found at <https://firstnationsdrinkingwater.ca/>. I would expect once we are up and running we can assist persons to apply if they are not able to access the internet.

Governance Issues

Council continues to make progress on the implementation of policies and projects regarding governance. Since the beginning of this year policies on governing roles, responsibilities, and

conduct have been posted on the website for comment. Adoption of those policies will occur the first week in April having had no comment.

A project named the *Wahta Child Welfare Law Investigation* is gaining steam after the recent distribution of funds to carry this out. Currently our steering committee is working with Fogler and Rubenstein a law firm out of Toronto to implement a year long work plan with the hope of creating a Wahta Law regarding Child Welfare to guide services within our membership for the future. Child welfare falls under the Ontario Child and Family Services act. Wahta moved away from the local Children's Aid Society three years ago and is served by the Indigenous led Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child and Family Services. Within the year there are four phases to go through, beginning with historical assessments, consultation and capacity assessments, framework and design, and an implementation plan and evaluation.

Council has been working virtually all this time and going forward we are planning to use in person meetings as well as virtual participation. This should assist in gaining increased input from the membership. Such will be the case as we continue to look at the possibility of creating a *Wahta Tobacco Law* with an aim to assert our inherent jurisdiction regarding tobacco retail. This initiative will also include full consultation with retailers and community. The AIAI Tobacco Task Force was created to be a support and advisor to assist communities to build governance capacity in this regard. Council recently met with Advisors Gord Peters and Coordinator Tina Powell.

Communications

Wahta Council and the administration continue to keep lines open on issues. For some time we have been posting for a Communications Officer and have recently hired an individual to assume that role. An announcement on that hiring will be out shortly. The role of the communications officer will assist in updating our website, creating more opportunities to interact, and the preparation of materials being sent out to the membership. I am looking forward to this position becoming active this month.

I have touched on but a few of the activities of Council over the month, and as usual more detail can be found in our posted meeting minutes and once again please be in touch if you have comments or concerns.

Nia:wen for reading. Enjoy the coming month as we welcome the spring season.

The Pope's Apology for Catholic Church Actions at Residential Schools

Chief Philip Franks

April 1, 2022 - Today we learned the delegation of First Nation, Inuit, and Metis attended a final audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican. In what can be described as a heartfelt address, Pope Francis related the knowledge he had gained during the past week. He spoke of his appreciation that Indigenous people in Canada have persevered through time and are re-rooted even though ideological colonization caused great damage to our way of life, and our families, culture and language by an uprooting of those things at residential schools. The uprooting was the taking of children from their families.

Speaking of, and acknowledging that the colonial mentality of taking for immediate needs and wants rather than looking toward future generations still exists in the world. He praised the Indigenous people for possessing that value in life.

In what was a historical apology for Canada, the Pope directly attributed many of the wrongs that were done to the Catholic church, and for that he asked for God's forgiveness for the atrocities brought on to our people through the Church. He expressed his indignation and shame, and he said that he joins his brothers the Bishops of Canada in apologizing to our people. Prior to this when the Canadian Bishops had asked him to make an apology, he concluded that it was not his place. Giving this apology to the delegation was a big step. Indigenous people for decades have been looking and asking for an apology from the Catholic church for the wrongs that were inflicted through the residential school system. Decades later the desire to hear the apology was fulfilled.

Going forward, now that the words have been spoken it is hoped that action can be taken to further along the spirit of reconciliation. The wrongs can never be made right, but actions can be taken to bring life to the verbal apology. The Pope could rescind centuries old papal decrees that were used to justify the taking of lands by colonialists, the origins of the Doctrine of Discovery. In that doctrine, Indigenous inhabitants of lands are not considered and the lands were declared discovered and therefore belonged to the colonialists. That one-sided mentality began the decline of our civilization as Indigenous people here and around the world. Given his words today the Pope acknowledged that situation and hopefully he will take that action.

The Catholic Church in Canada has been making some strides in accepting responsibility and trying to forge new relationships since June 2020. Hopefully the Pope will come to Canada this year as planned and join with his Bishops to strengthen those commitments. An apology on Indigenous soil would be very appropriate.

As I had said last year in May when the bodies of missing children at residential schools began to be found, we had always known them to be out there somewhere because of the stories that were passed down from the survivors. It seemed no one listened, or refused to acknowledge those things could happen. Did it take actual evidence to acknowledge our people last year, and why did it take decades and trips to the Vatican to obtain this apology from the offenders.

Nevertheless, the apology to those who travelled to see the Pope was a good achievement, Nia:wen to the delegation for their efforts.



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Feb 23rd, 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

Gary Maracle, OPP Superintendent of Indigenous Relations

Marcel Beaudin, OPP Sergeant

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to adopt the February 23rd agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the minutes from February 16th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Approval of MCR – Member Access to 1951 Membership List

A member has requested a membership list from 1951. The member stated that the membership list is necessary due to an appeal for Indian Status application denial. Lands & Membership Clerk, Karen Sahanatien, has made a request to Indigenous Services Canada, but requires the consent of Council. ISC requires a Mohawk Council Resolution to release the list.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to approve the Mohawk Council Resolution to give consent to the release of the Wahta Mohawks membership list from 1951 to Indigenous Services Canada.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Meeting with Gary Maracle

Ontario Provincial Police Superintendent of Indigenous Relations, Gary Maracle, and Sergeant Marcel Beaudin joined Council to provide information on the work their Unit has been doing to support First Nations. Gary's Bureau has four major functions including Indigenous Awareness Training, the Provincial Liaison Team, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) working group, and the Ontario First Nation Policing Agreement (OFNPA). They answered questions put forward by Council, and discussed potential Policing options available to Wahta, as well as the difficulty that the OPP has enforcing community by-laws.

Strategic Plan – Discussion

Council reviewed and discussed the updated version of the Strategic Plan. Council agreed to add the Cemetery Policy and Donation Policy to the plan under Governance, and to reach out to potential Firms that can assist with the development of the Land Use Policy.

Adjournment

Motion 5:

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

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Mar 2nd, 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
Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager
Matthew Commandant, Housing Coordinator
Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Adoption of Agenda**Motion 1:**

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

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

OPP Superintendent Call

Chief Franks received a call from the Ontario Provincial Police Superintendent, Laura Houliston. Mike Burton officially retired on February 28th. Laura would like to discuss the replacement of the detachment commander. Chief Franks will call her to discuss if Council has a role in selecting the replacement of the detachment commander.

Discussion on Broadband Network Project

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, and Housing Coordinator, Matthew Commandant joined Council to present a briefing note on supplying broadband internet in Wahta. The Wahta Administration has been working with Point-to-Point Communications (P2P) on a proposal to bring high speed wireless broadband internet service to the whole community via a series of three towers to be installed at various locations throughout the community. In 2021, an application for funding was submitted to the Ontario government under their Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) to cover the costs of this project. ICON informed us late November that our request was declined based on the fact that some broadband internet service existed in the area. Based on directions from Wahta, Point to Point then prepared a revised proposal for consideration by Wahta. Randell and Matthew have suggested recommendations and are seeking direction from Council on the next steps. Council would like to explore potential funding sources, see a more detailed list of expenses, and a long-term business plan in order to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Approval of Generators for Rental Units

Council has received multiple quotes to supply and install seven Generac systems at the rental units. The Generac systems are funded by the Indigenous Services Canada Emergency

Preparedness funding, which has been authorized by ISC to install the Generac systems at band owned buildings on the Territory. The Generac systems will be installed at all of the band owned rental units with the exception of the triplex and the fourplex. After reviewing the quotes, the contract was awarded to Mike DeCaire Electrical in the amount of \$104,930.

Motion 2:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to accept the quote from Mike DeCaire Electrical in the amount of \$104,930 to supply and install seven Generac systems using Indigenous Services Canada Emergency Preparedness funding.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Provincial Election Poll in Wahta

Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, has been contacted by Elections Ontario with a request to use space in the Administration Building for the upcoming Provincial Election in June. Council agreed to sign the lease agreement to allow Elections Ontario to use space in the Administration Building for the upcoming Election.

Motion 3:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to sign the Elections Ontario lease agreement for the upcoming Provincial Election poll in June 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Muskoka River Watershed Communications Committee

Chief Franks informed Council that he received an email invitation for a virtual meeting of the Muskoka River Watershed Communications Committee on March 22nd. Chief Franks will do some research on the purpose of the committee, and has informed Council that they can attend the meeting if interested.

Adjournment

Motion 4:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to move in camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 5:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to move out of camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 3:00pm.



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed Mar 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

Christine Cox, A/Health & Services Manager

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to adopt the March 9th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from February 23rd, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the minutes from March 2nd, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Outdoor Gym Equipment

A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, joined Council to present a briefing note on the Outside Exercise Equipment Project. Following the previous discussion on the project, Council had a few questions regarding community interest, longevity of the equipment, and safety. A survey was conducted to gauge interest in the equipment, and 75% of respondents agreed that the equipment would be beneficial, and 65% claimed that they would use it. ActiveFit's construction of the equipment results in strong protection against environmental challenges of Canadian weather and reduces the rust-creep. Milford Bay has the same equipment, and they have not had issues with wear and tear at this time. Furthermore, they have had no concerns with the safety of children using the equipment. Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, has looked into the cost of installing a fence to ensure the safety of children in the community.

Motion 4:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to approve the Outdoor Exercise Equipment Project at an estimated cost of \$70,519.93, to be funded by the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Mental Health funding, and further gives Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, the authority to sign the Requisition to purchase the equipment at a cost of \$32,244.00.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Child Welfare Jurisdiction Working Group

A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, joined Council to present a briefing note on the Child Welfare Inherent Jurisdiction Working Group. A Working Group has been established to support the work of exploring possible options for exercising jurisdiction over child welfare. Some specific examples of the activities this group would contribute to are

providing feedback on the work plan and draft law, and assisting with coordination and hosting of community consultations. The Administration is proposing that a Council representative be a part of the Working Group, along with Administration staff. Council agreed to appoint Councillor Greasley to the Child Welfare Jurisdiction Working Group.

Motion 5:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to appoint Councillor Teresa Greasley to the Child Welfare Jurisdiction Working Group.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Administration Building Furnace Invoice

Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor joined Council to provide an update on the Furnace Replacement Project, and to seek approval to pay the WS Morgan progress payment invoice. Two of the furnaces are working properly, but the furnace located at the West end of the building is not. A heat exchanger has been ordered in order to repair the furnace and is currently in transit. Council agreed to approve the payment to WS Morgan.

Motion 6:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to pay WS Morgan invoice# 205074 in the amount of \$63,054.00.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

2022-23 Salaries and Fixed Assets – Overview and Approval

Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant, joined Council to present the 2022-23 Fixed Assets and Salaries budgets. Council reviewed the fixed asset budget and requires further information on some of the items. Council went in camera to discuss the 2022-23 Salaries budget.

Motion 7:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to move in camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 8:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to move out of in-camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Economic Development

Councillor Strength-Fenton inquired about the Economic Development role, and Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle informed her that hiring will be done this year. Furthermore, Indigenous Law Lawyer, Cherie Brant of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG), will join Council on Tuesday March 15th to discuss an overview of the Development Corporation, as well as next steps and the overall structure.

Trust Update

Chief Philip Franks provided an update on the Trust to Council. He will propose a date to the Trust for the joint meeting between the Trust and Council in early April.

Donation Policy

Councillor Strength-Fenton will send her draft of the Donation Policy to Council for feedback.

Chiefs of Ontario

Chief Franks informed Council about a current legal case between Algonquin First Nation and the Metis regarding harvesting rights. The case judgment will create precedence for future cases. Chiefs of Ontario has asked if any First Nations want to be interveners in the case.

Adjournment

Motion 9:

Moved by consensus to adjourn at 12:00pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thu Mar 17th, 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

Scott Aubichon, Lands & Resources Coordinator

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Blaine Commandant to adopt the March 17th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Teresa Greasley and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to approve the minutes from March 9th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Tobacco Retailer Agreement

Council reviewed the 2022/23 Tobacco Retailer Agreement and approved the addition of one new retailer. The agreement requires a Mohawk Council Resolution when new retailers are being added. Council agreed to sign the MCR stating that Council has reviewed the Tobacco Retailer Agreement for 2022/23 and have noted the addition of one new community retailer.

Motion 3:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to sign the Mohawk Council Resolution approving the addition of one new retailer in the Tobacco Retailer Agreement.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion of Appointment: KPMG

The Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership (OFNLP) requires that each First Nation has a Council motion appointing its auditing firm. Council agreed to appoint KPMG as their auditing firm.

Motion 4:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to appoint KPMG as Wahta Mohawk's auditing firm for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Hydro One Transmission Corridor Brushing Contract

Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, joined Council to discuss the upcoming Hydro One Transmission Corridor Brushing Contract.

Motion 5:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Jesse Strength to move in camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 6:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to move out of camera.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Meeting Summary: Cherie Brant

Indigenous Law Lawyer, Cherie Brant of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG), met with Council on Tuesday March 15th to discuss the development corporation, as well as economic development in general. Chief Franks provided a summary of the meeting to Council. At this time, an economic development board has been created but needs members. Cherie suggested that an interim board be created, and made up of Council members and staff. Once the board has been established and has started working on a plan, the addition of community members will be considered. Cherie also discussed which types of opportunities there are available for Wahta, as well as potential partnerships. She also offered to come in and provide training. Council agreed that once they begin meeting in person, they will go over the documents related to the board and make a plan to move forward.

Upcoming Meetings: AIAI, Chief's of Ontario, Regular Council

Chief Franks informed Council about the upcoming meetings he will be involved in with the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, the Chief's of Ontario, and the Independent

Electricity System Operator (IESO). The next Council Meeting will be on Thursday March 24th, 2022.

Adjournment

Motion 7:

Moved by consensus to adjourn at 11:30am.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED



Wahta Mohawks Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thu Mar 24th, 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

Tina Powell, Policy Advisor, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Gordon Peters, Special Project Advisor, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

Joanne Contant, Chief Financial Officer

Carol Holmes, Education Services Manager

Randell Sonmor, Capital Assets Manager

Christine Cox, A/Health & Social Services Manager

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes

Motion 1:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Lorie Strength-Fenton to adopt the March 24th agenda.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Motion 2:

Moved by Lorie Strength-Fenton and seconded by Teresa Greasley to approve the minutes from March 17th, 2022.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Metis on Go Home Lake Road

Councillor Jesse Strength informed Council of a Metis Camp built on Irvine Lake between Go Home Lake and Galla Lake, approximately 2-3 kilometres outside of the Wahta Mohawks land claim zone. The Metis claim that the cabin is built under their hunting and gathering rights, and that it is being used for education. Council has some concerns about trespassing, and wants to ensure that they do not have to cross Wahta's land to access their cabin. Chief Franks will discuss the issue at the next Chief's Council meeting, and Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, will ask Lands and Resources Coordinator, Scott Aubichon, to put together a map to show the area.

Tobacco Task Force Project Update

Policy Advisor, Tina Powell and Special Project Advisor, Gordon Peters, of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians joined Council to provide information on the Tobacco & Law-Making Initiative. The Tobacco Task Force was developed in January of 2020, as a technical working group comprised of one representative from each First Nation to develop and implement strategic and community workplans, to direct and advance tasks required to develop potential solutions around tobacco, trade and commerce, and to education the community. AIAI has developed a strategic plan for 2022/23, and will continue to focus on capacity building. All of the work will be directed by the Task Force, and will focus on community processes & support funding, educational & communications materials, community resources and tools, relationship building with businesses, internal negotiations preparations, skills training & negotiations training, legal research and analysis, as well as gatherings and summits. The Task Force will continue to communicate with First Nations to provide updates and seek feedback.

2022-23 Budget Presentation

Education Services Manager, Carol Holmes; Capital Assets Manager, Randell Sonmor, A/Health and Social Services Manager, Christine Cox, and Senior Administrator, Murray Maracle, joined Council to present their program budgets for the 2022/23 fiscal year with the assistance of Chief Financial Officer, Joanne Contant. They answered questions put forth by Council and provided clarity on the different program budgets. Joanne will make some revisions and send the updated budgets for approval at the next Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion 3:

Moved by Blaine Commandant and seconded by Jesse Strength to adjourn at 1:45pm.

ALL IN FAVOUR

CARRIED

Virtual Public Council Meeting

Tuesday April 26th, 2022, 7:00pm

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

Register in advance for the meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZEpdempqT8vH9xuKxbOAhRdBMfnSR-IpD_y

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

Cemetery Notice

Notice to Community property owners of Wahta Mohawks. If your property has unmarked grave/s and you would consider to preserve/fence/mark, please contact Councillor Lorie Strength at 705-774-2796.

Niawen

Some information from our Environmental Public Health Officer...

As the weather starts to turn and the grass starts to appear, please remember that all those tiny insects that have made it through the extreme cold are also starting to come out and look for meals. Among them is the lowly tick and its various relatives such as the deer tick (commonly known as the Black Legged tick). This is the tick of major concern when we talk about Lyme Disease and the potential health effects it has on people for the long term.



So that being said, please note the areas around your home, trails and areas in your community that are perfect for ticks to literally hang out at. Those are sides of trails, bush where the ticks will be and when you or your dog brush up against it, may cling to your pants and seek a hiding spot on your person unnoticed. Conduct a body check when you return from any walks, trail runs or when your dogs or cats come in from being outside so any potential ticks can be located before they bite you.

Not all ticks have Lyme Disease so if you find any on your person and they appear to have bitten you as they are still attached, please take measures to remove them and send to our Brantford office. Touch base with the Health Nurse or CHR who should have forms to fill out. The more information we gather the better we can advise your community on prevention or to advise you to seek medical help as early detection of Lyme Disease is always the best strategy so they can start early treatment.



This is a serious disease and we need everyone's co-operation on this. Any outside workers in the bush should be well aware of the tick issue. Please don't tell them there are no ticks here as reports have basically come in from almost every First Nation about their presence. With Climate Change and increases overall in global temperatures, ticks are being found further north each year. There are hundreds of species of ticks but the **Black legged tick** is the one of concern. If you need more information, please advise. I have included a few pictures for your information. The engorged tick looks more like a grey grape. Place into a small container like a pill bottle with a moist napkin.

George Korzeniecki
Environmental Public Health Officer
705 323-2772(cell)



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A MINUTE!

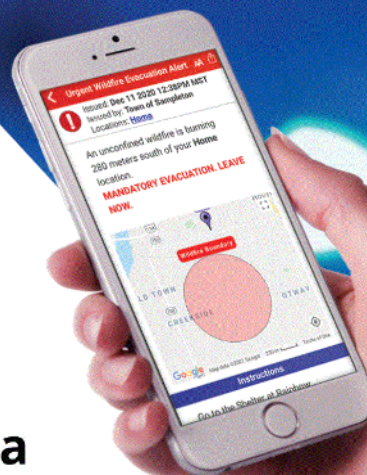
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GET YOUR WATER TESTED

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.

Land for Sale	Land for Sale	Land Wanted	Land Wanted	Land Wanted	Land Wanted
80+ acres with bush lot and waterfront	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
For more info, please call 705-644-4227	Call 705-762-0013 for more information	Please contact Chantell. 289-440-2464			

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!

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.

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 Carol Holmes at

carol.holmes@wahtamohawks.ca

Kanien'kéha Mohawk Language

Community Kanien'kéha Language Class

Monday and Thursday evenings 6:45-8pm via Zoom. 10 week Spring session begins April 4th. Register to receive link.

Youth and Family – Online Zoom

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

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.

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

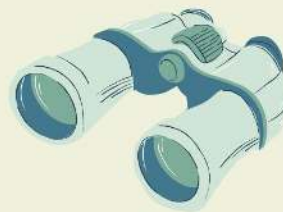
This service is offered to Indigenous families with children 0-6 years old. Objective is to prepare families for parenting through all stages (pre- to post-natal, early years) to provide the best opportunity for healthy development using a wholistic, culturally responsive, and strength-based approach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

To register email sarah.chaloux@wahtamohawks.ca

WAHTA MOHAWKS

SUMMER DAY CAMP

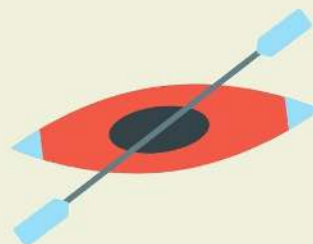


Save the Dates and Register Early

Week 1 - July 4-8

Week 2 - July 18-22

Week 3 - August 8-12



email: amy.davidson@wahtamohawks.ca

deadline to register: June 17th, 2022

open to school aged children





Playground Safety

Why Is Playground Safety Important?

Playgrounds and outdoor play equipment offer kids fresh air, friends, fun, and exercise. But it's important to make sure that faulty equipment, improper surfaces, and unsafe behavior don't ruin the fun.

Each year, more than 200,000 kids are treated in hospital [ERs](#) for playground-related injuries. Many of these accidents can be prevented with careful supervision.

You can make the playground entertaining and safe for your kids by checking equipment for possible hazards and following some simple safety guidelines.

And teaching kids how to play safely is important: If they know the rules of the playground, they're less likely to get hurt.

Adult Supervision Is Key

Adults can help prevent injuries by making sure kids properly use playground equipment. If an injury does happen, an adult can help the child and give any needed first aid right away.

Kids should always have adult supervision on the playground. Keep your eyes on young kids (and sometimes older ones) because they can't always be sure of distance and may not expect dangerous situations. Older kids like to test their limits on the playground, so it's important for an adult to keep them in check.

Before you visit a playground, check to make sure that play areas are designed to allow an adult to clearly see kids while they're playing on all the equipment.

Teaching Kids About Playground Safety

Another key part of playground safety: Kids must know how to be safe and act responsibly at the playground.

Kids should know to:

- Never push or roughhouse while on jungle gyms, slides, seesaws, swings, and other equipment.
- Use equipment properly — slide feet-first, don't climb outside guardrails, no standing on swings, etc.
- Always check to make sure no other kids are in the way if they're going to jump off equipment or slide, and land on both feet with their knees slightly bent.
- Leave bikes, backpacks, and bags away from the equipment and the play area so that no one trips over them.
- Always wear a helmet while [bike riding](#), but take it off while on playground equipment.
- Never use playground equipment that's wet because moisture makes the surfaces slippery.
- Check playground equipment in the summertime. It can become uncomfortably or even dangerously hot, especially metal slides, handrails, and steps. So use good judgment — if the equipment feels hot to the touch, it's probably not safe or fun to play on. Contact [burns](#) can happen within seconds.
- Wear clothes without drawstrings or cords. Drawstrings, purses, and necklaces could get caught on equipment and accidentally strangle a child.
- Wear [sunscreen](#) when playing outside even on cloudy days to protect against sunburn.

Safe Equipment Guidelines

Swings, slides, and climbing equipment have different safety concerns. And some kinds of equipment are not safe for playgrounds, no matter how careful kids are.

Swing Safety

Swings are the most common source of childhood injuries from moving equipment on a playground. But a few simple precautions can help keep kids safely swinging:

- Swings should be made of soft material such as rubber or plastic, not wood or metal.
- Kids should always sit in the swing, not stand or kneel. They should hold on tightly with both hands while swinging, and when finished swinging, stop the swing completely before getting off.
- Children should stay a safe distance from other kids on swings, being careful not to run or walk in front of or in back of moving swings.
- Kids should never ride with more than one child to a swing. Swings are designed to safely hold only one person.

Seesaw Safety

Using a seesaw requires cooperation between kids. They're generally not recommended for preschoolers unless the seesaw has a spring-centering device to prevent sudden contact with the ground. Regardless of design, both seesaws and merry-go-rounds should be approached with caution.

Other safety tips to keep in mind:

- Seesaw seats are like swings: one child per seat. A child who is too light to seesaw with a partner should find a different partner — not add another child to his or her side of the seesaw.
- Kids should always sit facing one another, not turned around.
- Teach kids to hold on tightly with both hands while on a seesaw, not to touch the ground or push off with their hands, and to keep feet to the sides, out from underneath the seesaw.
- Kids should stand back from a seesaw when it's in use. They should never stand beneath a raised seesaw, stand and rock in the middle, or try to climb onto it while it's in motion.

Slide Safety

Slides are safe if kids are careful when using them. Guidelines to keep in mind:

- Children should take one step at a time and hold onto the handrail when climbing the ladder to the top of the slide. They should not climb up the sliding board itself to get to the top.
- Kids should always slide down feet first and sitting up, never head first or on their back or stomach.
- Only one child should be on the slide platform at a time, and kids shouldn't slide down in groups.
- Kids should always check that the bottom of the slide is clear before sliding down. When they reach the bottom, they should get off and move away from the end of the slide so it's clear for other kids to slide down.

Climbing Equipment Safety

Climbing equipment comes in many shapes and sizes — including rock climbing walls, arches, and vertical and horizontal ladders. It's usually more challenging for kids than other kinds of playground equipment.

Be sure your kids are aware of a safe way down in case they can't complete the climb. The highest rate of injuries on public playgrounds are seen with climbing equipment. This is dangerous when not designed or used properly. Adult supervision is especially important for younger kids.

Climbing equipment can be used safely if kids are taught to use both hands and to stay well behind the person in front of them and beware of swinging feet. When they drop from the bars, kids should be able to jump down without hitting the equipment on the way down. Remind kids to have their knees bent and land on both feet.

Learn More About Your Child's Development:

Developmental Monitoring and Screening

Developmental milestones (how a child plays, learns, speaks, acts, or moves) are things most children can do by a certain age. All young children need both developmental monitoring and developmental screening to help you and your child's doctor, teachers, and other providers know if your child's development is on track.



Developmental Monitoring

WHO:	You — parents, grandparents, other caregivers
WHAT:	Look for developmental milestones
WHEN:	From birth to 5 years
WHY:	To help you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ celebrate your child's development➤ talk about your child's progress with doctors and child care providers➤ learn what to expect next➤ identify any concerns early
HOW:	With easy, free checklists — get yours at www.cdc.gov/Milestones

Developmental Screening

WHO:	Healthcare provider, early childhood teacher, or other trained provider
WHAT:	Look for developmental milestones
WHEN:	Developmental Screening at 9, 18, and 30 months of age Autism Screening at 18 and 24 months of age
WHY:	To find out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ if your child needs more help with development, because it is not always obvious to doctors, child care providers, or parents➤ if more developmental evaluations are recommended
HOW:	With a formal, validated screening tool — learn more at www.hhs.gov/WatchMeThrive

➤ All young children need both developmental monitoring and developmental screening.

➤ The best person to track your child's development is you!

Share your child's **milestone checklist** and any related information from your child's teachers or other providers with the doctor at every well-child visit. Complete a milestone checklist by using CDC's free **Milestone Tracker app** from the App Store or Google Play, or by printing a paper checklist from www.cdc.gov/Milestones.

➤ What if your child is not reaching milestones as expected?

You know your child best. If you are concerned about your child's development, talk with your child's doctor about your concerns and ask about developmental screening. For more information, go to www.cdc.gov/Concerned. Don't wait! Acting early can make a real difference.

Your child's development is a journey. Monitoring and screening show you the way.



www.cdc.gov/ActEarly
1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)



Download CDC's free
Milestone Tracker app



Learn the Signs. Act Early.



LGBT YouthLine is a Queer, Trans, Two-Spirit® youth-led organization that affirms and supports the experiences of youth (29 and under) across Ontario. We do this by:

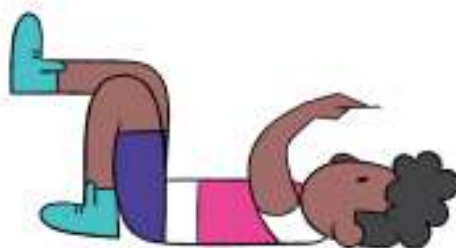
- (1) Providing anonymous peer support and referrals
- (2) Training youth to provide support to other youth
- (3) Providing resources so youth can make informed decisions



**Provincial Youth
Ambassador Project**

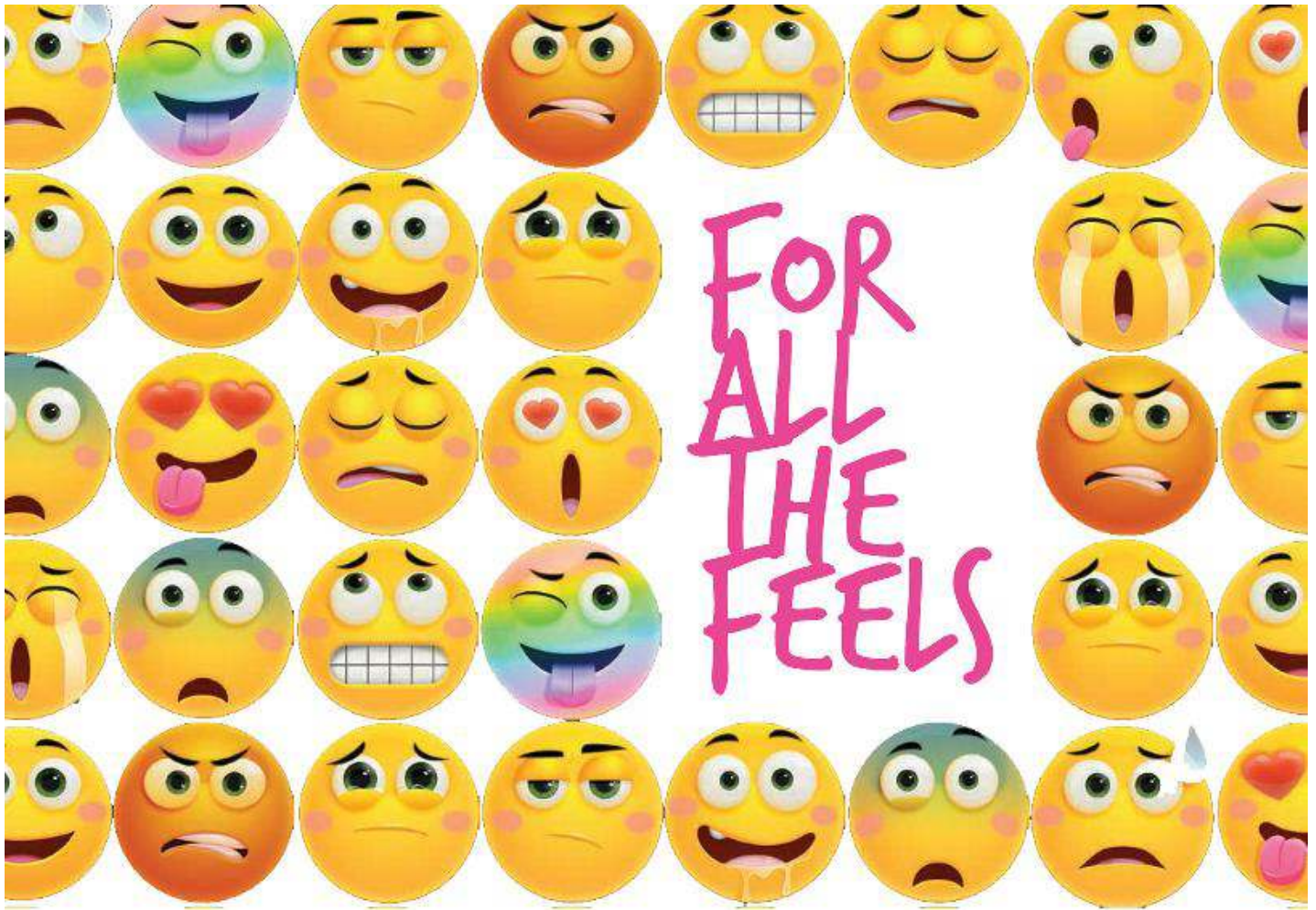
The Provincial Youth Ambassador Project (PYAP) is a LGBT YouthLine program that brings together 2SLGBTQ+ youth from across the province to increase 2SLGBTQ+ programming and supports in their local regions, strengthen leadership skills, and build networks amongst 2SLGBTQ+ youth. PYAP is by 2SLGBTQ+ youth, for 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Funding for this project made possible by the Government of Canada under the Canada Service Corps program.



PEER SUPPORT HELPLINE

LGBT Youthline offers confidential and non-judgemental peer support through our telephone, text, and chat services. Get in touch with a peer support volunteer from **Sunday to Friday, 4:00PM to 9:30 PM EST**, using our online chat on our website or text us at **647.694.4275**



**Anonymous peer
support line for
2SLGBTQ* youth
(29 and under)
in Ontario**

Sunday-Friday 4:00-9:30pm EST



1-800-268-9688

TXT

647-694-4275



Online Chat



askus@youthline.ca



youthline.ca

*Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Queer

Wahta Mohawks Health and Social

Ongoing Monthly Services

Online Traditional Healer Sessions with Jane Burning

If you are interested on having a one-on-one session Jane Burning, please contact Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext. 250 by April 8th, 2022.

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.

Seniors Services:

****please note** – if you are a senior living **off territory** and are curious about the services in your home area please get in touch – we are trying to build resources to be of assistance to those living off territory ****contact** Bobby Decaire – bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca or **705-641-1263**

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@wahtamohakws.ca or 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 or Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks

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 or 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 or Bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca

All programs Listed above are a continuous intake

TAX CLINIC – We are offering a FREE Tax clinic for our seniors on April 13th.

We have 2 Volunteers coming out that specialize in first nation taxes. This is a free clinic, if it has been a year since you have had your taxes done or 50 years please sign up. We want to assure you are getting the potential benefits and credits you are entitled to.

Please sign up by April 11, 2022

To sign up or for more information please contact Bobby Decaire at 705-641-1263 or bobby.decaire@wahtamohawks.ca

We would also like to thank all the seniors for signing up for our wills and POA program as we had an excellent turn out for sign ups.

Program Registrations for April 2022

Wellness Program (Families Children & Youth 0-17) – We are taking new registrations for the monthly wellness program. If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, please contact Kristan Sahanatien – Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca . Deadline to register is April 8th, 2022. If you have already been contacted about renewing your registration, you do not need to reregister.

Wellness Program (18-64 years)

Each month you will have different focus nutrition items (one per household) and on fitness (individual) each quarter and as well as wellness techniques and strategies for you to implement into your daily routine. If you were involved in this program last fiscal year, please send me an email that you would like to continue into the new fiscal year. For more information or to register please, Sherry Byrne – sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca by April 8th, 2022.

Cineplex Movie Night – Please contact Kristan Sahanatien to register –
Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca. Deadline to register is April 8th, 2022. When
registering, participants will have the option of either choosing the option of receiving tickets
for in person at the theatre, or renting a movie online.

Yoga – We are looking at bringing back our yoga program that will be more customized to fit
your needs and schedule. Please register with Kristan Sahanatien –
Kristan.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca. Deadline to register is April 8th, 2022.

Adult Macramé Kits

If you are interested in receiving a macrame kit, please contact Sherry Byrne -
sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext. 250 by April 8th, 2022.

Online session with Elder Renee Hill - Relationship with Grandmother moon

Wednesday, May 18th from 5pm to 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact
Sherry Byrne - sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext. 250 by April 8th, 2022.

Adult Bonsai Starter kit

If you are interested in receiving a Bonsai starter kit, please contact Sherry Byrne -
sherry.byrne@wahtamohawks.ca or 705 762 2354. Ext. 250 by April 8th, 2022.

Millie Falconer

1939 - 2020



BORN

1939

DIED

2020

Though her laugh is gone forever
And her hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.
Her memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part;
Creator has her in His keeping,
We have her in our heart,

We miss you dearly, Bud, Kevin, Nancy, Tim and
families.



Good Food Box

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

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



Ambulance Payment Assistance

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

When you receive your bill please get in contact with:

Patricia Austin, M.O.A.

Financial Services Clerk

West Parry Sound Health Centre

6 Albert Street, Parry Sound P2A 3A4

Phone: (705) 746-4540 ext 4112

email: paustin@wpshc.com

www.wpshc.com



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

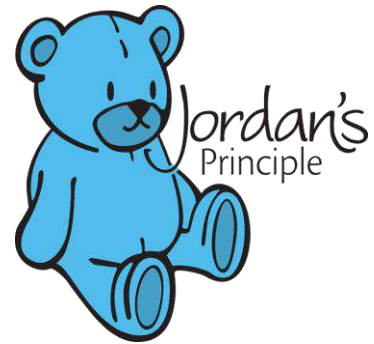
If any questions arise please contact Christine for assistance.

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

What is Jordan's Principle?

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

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



Who can apply to Jordan's Principle?

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

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

What is covered under Jordan's Principle?

Health:

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

Social:

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

Education:

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

For more information, please contact:

Kathleen White, Jordan's Principle Navigator

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

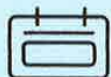


RAAM CLINIC

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 and Training

Partnering with Wahta Mohawks, Kagita Mikam Aboriginal Employment and Training Inc. provides funding for members to return to school or engage in a training program so that they can get back into the workforce, or to improve career opportunities.

Support is available upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.
Intake applications are available on an ongoing basis.

Various programs are available through Kagita Mikam including:

- Course costs
- Targeted wage subsidies
- Mobility assistance to help with the costs of travel to and from training supports
- Youth work experience
- Employment assistance supports
- Self employment assistance

For more information, please contact Kathleen White at
kathleen.white@wahtamohawks or (705) 330-1875



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
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