

Akwesasne Business Feature:

Atsiakta “By the River” Bed & Breakfast

By Mary Lafrance, Economic Development Program Support Officer

Janine and Marshall Rourke have been married for 42 years, raised their children and built their home on the banks of the St. Lawrence River on the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. Marshall’s love for the outdoors translates into sprawling landscape and picturesque river views, and Janine’s love for cooking means many family gatherings have been hosted on their property, including birthdays, graduations, weddings and meetings. Now approaching retirement, they are opening their home and welcoming guests into their new Bed & Breakfast – Atsiá’kta, which means “By The River”.

The property started as a single-family home and garage located at the end of the cul-de-sac at 89A Rourke Road. As the children grew, the house expanded. When they went to college the garage was expanded to include an apartment for breaks and holidays – now a fully stocked two-story rental option for guests.

“I always wanted to have lots of company and have my home open to share,” Janine shared proudly, sitting in the porch-turned-gift shop of her home. “Just never had the time or amenities.”

Throughout the property, warm neutrals and southwestern décor create a soft atmosphere for relaxing and visiting.



One of many outdoor gathering areas with views overlooking the St. Lawrence River.



Private living area with television and Wi-Fi.

“You have million dollar views!”, “I can sit here all day”, and “I don’t ever want to leave” are just a few of their guests’ recent testimonials.

A frequent traveler, Janine says she knows what someone might need and wants guests to have a positive experience of Akwesasne.

“How would I like to be treated if I were in someone’s home?” explains Janine. She goes on to explain that being a nurse for 34 years has helped her to be organized, work with people, and think ahead of the game to make things easier for everyone.

Atsiá’kta has so much more to offer than just a bed, closet and TV. A typical Bed & Breakfast is usually right in someone’s home – here, there is a separate rental option and breakfast is served in Janine’s kitchen on weekends. In the summer, there are canoe and kayak rentals, pontoon excursions, and garden access to vegetables and fruit trees. Anyone wanting to learn more about Mohawk culture and the Akwesasne community are encouraged to visit. For more information, look them up on Facebook, email rourkejanine@gmail.com, or call (518) 521-8057. ♦

Good Words of Welcome



Shé:kon Akwekon,

The importance of a strong, stable foundation on which to build a thriving community and nation cannot be overstated. The wellness of the people depends on leadership that will address the difficult issues, and face the consequences of adversity and hardship head on. The dilemma is where to start and what needs attention first. Is it environmental health, early childhood development, preconception health, addiction services, education opportunities, prevention services, housing, water, jobs? Fact is, it's all crucial. The good news is we have incredibly caring, intelligent, capable people working here at the Tribe, doing their best every day, to meet the growing needs of this community. In this short article, I cannot address all that is going on but will touch on a few issues.

Tribal Council continues to focus on environmental protection and the effects of PCBs, especially those found in the air on our overall health. We have been at the table with EPA, participated in a congressional briefing in Washington, DC and are working closely with researchers to document the health consequences of this type of exposure. Our intent is to hold the polluters and those charged with cleaning up, accountable and to prevent continuing exposures especially by our children.

A cultural exchange and medical mission to Cuba marked the beginning of a relationship building initiative focused on accessing medical treatments. A medication new to the U.S. could reduce the risk of amputations secondary to diabetic ulcers by 80%. We are striving to ensure that our people and other Native Nations and tribal communities across the country have access to this medication during and after clinical trials are complete. We are hopeful and encouraged by our ongoing interactions with the group of individuals who have attained the license from FDA to conduct the trials.

We do not have a detox center, and we were not able to secure exclusive access to detox beds at the Canton-Potsdam Hospital, like we had hoped. We do however, have a closer relationship with their detox facility and hopefully, easier access to available beds. To help families cope with the stress of addiction in the family, education and support sessions are being provided by the Partridge House and two, free training sessions on the use of NARCAN in an opioid overdose situation were provided in Akwesasne for the community at large. The Partridge House has continued to respond to the specialized needs of younger addicts, opioid addicts and synthetic drug abusers by extending the number of treatment days according to individual need. As the detox facility in Malone gets closer to opening this fall, discussions about shared and expanding services will continue.

Last but not least, the regional Child Advocacy Center (CAC) opened last fall and has seen over 20 alleged child abuse cases from Akwesasne. The child-friendly CAC serves all children and has had 40 children from neighboring counties come through the doors for evaluation. Believing a child and providing compassionate treatment as soon as possible after a bad experience can make all the difference in terms of recovery and healing for the child, thus reducing adverse outcomes later in life. This best practice is called Child Centered Care.

Be assured, the health, education, welfare and safety of our people is foremost in our minds.

Senbniseriíóha'k,

Tribal Chief Beverly Cook

It's All About Our Air

By Angela Benedict, Air Quality Program Manager

As most people know, Alcoa East has been shut down since *Onerahtohkó:wa*/May 2014. What you might not know is that it still has a valid operating permit. The current permit is good until *Tsiot hóhrha*/December 2017. Earlier this year, they announced they would be suspending their Title V Operating Permit since they are not producing emissions.

Congress established the Title V Operating Permit program as part of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. The Title V Air Permit allows the operation of a facility that has actual or potential emissions at or above the major source threshold for any air pollutant. Alcoa East and Alcoa West are both Title V facilities. General Motors was also a Title V facility.

At the Alcoa East plant, all pots have been decommissioned and removed. An asbestos survey deemed some of the pipes and tiles will have to be removed and others can stay. As of right now, there is no demolition planned. The facility will be either sold or leased in whole or in parts. Currently, they are receiving inquiries from interested parties. Alcoa East will remain under Alcoa's possession. We will continue to communicate our concerns with the staff of both facilities.

Alcoa West will remain open, but also have some changes. Alcoa Inc. plans to separate into two independent, publicly traded companies: Alcoa Corporation and Arconic Inc.

In coordination with Alcoa, the SRMT Air Quality Program collects vegetation (grass) samples once a month between the months of *Onerahtohkó:wa*/May and *Kenténha*/October and has them analyzed for fluoride. This project has been going on since 1996 and will continue even though the plant is shut down. When

the facility was owned by Reynolds Metal Company, the NYSDEC, SRMT Environment Division and Reynolds staff created vegetation sampling because of fluorosis found in cattle on Cornwall Island. In the beginning, ten plots were set up for sampling. Currently, there are six plots. We collect from three and Alcoa collects from three. If you should have any questions about the results of the sampling, it is all on file at the Environment Division. In order to view or get copies of any information, an open records request form must be filed in accordance to the SRMT Open Records Policy available at the tribal lobby or website. This request must be completed and approved before any documents can be inspected or copied.



Taylor Smoke with the two new air monitors: Foobot and Speck, with built-in Wi-Fi, that upload data so you can check your air quality in real time, from anywhere.

Air Program Gets New Indoor Air Quality Monitors

Concerned about your indoor air? The Air Quality Program has recently purchased four indoor air quality (IAQ) monitors. Two of them are for particles (dust) and the other two are to check volatile organic compounds (formaldehyde, benzene, and toluene), particulates, temperature, humidity and carbon dioxide. This is great news for the program! When we conduct an indoor air quality assessment, it's only a snapshot of that exact time. Now, we will be able to leave the monitor in the home for a few days and find out if there are any issues the occupants need to be concerned with. These monitors do have their limitations though. If you are

concerned with mold in your home, this monitor will not tell you if it is there. It can tell you if your humidity levels are too high; a common problem where mold grows.

If you would like to try out our new monitors, give us a call at (518) 358-5937. One other good thing about these monitors is they are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased for your home. The Air Quality Program does not endorse one monitor over another. ♦

Tribal Council's New York State Lobbying Report

By Tribal Council and George Deross/Sara Ritz - Bolton/St. John's Lobbyists

The 2016 New York State Legislative Session concluded on *Ohiari:ha!* June 18, 2016. During this time, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's lobbying firm Bolton-St. Johns (BSJ) lobbied the State on several issues important to the Tribe; including statute changes for tribal sales tax exemptions on retail transactions, Native American pupil education funding, Hogansburg Triangle policing jurisdiction legislation, land claim settlement, Sunrise Acres III funding proposal, and the NY Broadband Program funding proposal for Mohawk Networks, LLC.

Bolton-St. Johns partner and chief Albany lobbyist Giorgio DeRosa and his team focused their efforts on the State's Executive Chamber, Legislature, Gaming Commission and state agencies. Please see the following list of issues that BSJ has performed between the months of January 2016 and June 2016 on behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe:

- Organized land claim settlement negotiations between the New York State Gaming Commission, local villages, towns and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe;
- Drafted and sent out a memorandum to the Oneida and Seneca for joint support of a statute change to the tribal sales tax exemption on retail transactions. Met personally with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Amanda Hiller and shared a memorandum of concerns;
- Along with Sub-Chief Shelley Jacobs, met with State Senator Betty Little on Sunrise Acres III proposal submitted to Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP). In return, Senator Little wrote letters of support to Commissioner/CEO James Rubin, NYS Homes and Community Renewal and Commissioner Samuel Roberts, and to the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance;

- Coordinated a phone call between Mohawk Networks, LLC and Adam Spence, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and Innovation, to discuss a proposal submitted to the NY Broadband Program;
- Met with Terry O'Leary and his replacement Rachel Small, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, on possible legislation to give state policing authority in the jurisdiction of the Hogansburg Triangle to Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police;



- Along with Sub-Chief Michael Conners and Salmon River Central School District Superintendent Dr. Stanley Harper, worked with the State Legislature to introduce legislation into both chambers: A. 10027 (Russell) and S. 6320 (Ranzenhofer). The bill relates to expediting funding to school districts educating Native American pupils. Met with Assemblywoman Addie Russell, Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Senator Michael Ranzenhofer, and Senior Counsel to the Assembly and Senate. Garnered support from the State Legislature, New York School Boards Association, and the New York State Council of Superintendents and School Districts.
- On Monday August 15, 2016 Chief Beverly Cook, Chief Eric Thompson, and Sub-Chief Michael Conners met with State Senator Betty Little during her visit to the Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club. Items discussed were the accreditation process for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police and the legislative fix needed for bill # 07256, which grants policing authority in the Hogansburg Triangle to the Tribal Police and has an expiration date of September 1, 2017. The fix needed is to have the expiration date removed. ♦

Tribe Recognizes Employees' Years of Service

On Seskéha/ August 9, 2016 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe extended its warmest congratulations to tribal staff that have reached important milestone in their professional careers. Individuals who have reached 5, 10, 15 and 20+-years of service were honored for their commitment and dedication as tribal employees and, more importantly, to the community of Akwesasne.

Sentiments were shared with 86 recipients, who combined have a total of 910 years of service with the Tribe. The experience and knowledge they have gained over the years however, is immeasurable and has become an important asset of the organization. They have helped to strengthen and expand the multitude of community services and programming.

The Tribal Council offered their gratitude in a letter provided to each recipient on the value of good people and gratitude for

the contributions of every employee. As a symbol of appreciation, a service recognition award was bestowed upon each one as a reminder of the Tribe's thanks. It also serves as a reminder that their service has helped the organization to achieve excellence in many areas.

In reaching the years of service milestones of 20, 25 and 30 years and beyond, the Tribe encouraged individuals to serve as mentors and to share their knowledge and wisdom with younger employees. Being a mentor to those less experienced provides needed insight and valuable guidance that benefits the community we all serve.

On behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, we recognize and commend each of you on reaching this important milestone—you have all earned it.



Five-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Wendy Adams – Tribal Gaming Commission, David Arquette – Partridge House, Richard Benedict – Health Services, Colleen Burns – Partridge House, Doris Burns – Seniors Center, Stephanie Cook – Education Division, Michael Cree – Home Improvement Program (HIP), Gary Disottle – Outreach, Sara Gorrow – Medical Clinic, Klaus Herbstler – Family Support, Brent Herne – Planning & Infrastructure, Kimberly Jackson – ECDP, Tsiarwente Jackson – Social Services, Carol Jacobs – 3 Sisters, Doreen Jacobs – Legal, Shelley Jacobs – TVR, Calvin Leaf – Home Improvement Program, Jennifer Leaf – Accounting, Brittany Martin – Accounting, Alice McClure – Medical Clinic, Lori Michaud – Adult Child Protective Services, Georgina Mitchell – Animal Control, Monica Montoya – ECDP, Nicole Moore – Group Home, Teresa Oakes – Grants & Contracts, Krystal Phillips – Social Services, Lorraine Pierce – Family Support, Jessica Raspitha – Environment, Rita Saumier – Outreach, Sheena Smith – Partridge House, Dorothy Stowell – Adult & Child Protective Services, Joseph Sunday – Tribal Police, Melvina Swamp – Outreach, Alyson Thompson – Communications, Tiffany Thompson – Medicaid Service Coordination, Lisa Ward – Custodial, Joan Westcott – Pharmacy, Charlene White – Intensive Preventive Program, Jade White – Social Services, Viktoria White – Family Support, Jason Wilkins – Environment



10-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Jamie Bay – Community & Family Services, Eileen Cook – Tribal Police, Debbie Cree – Intensive Preventive Program, Jodele Currier – Adult Child Protective Services, Sean Gambill – Group Home, Joy Jock – 3 Sisters, Marla Light – Adult/Child Protective Services, Michael McFaddin – Maintenance, Nancy McMahon – Family Support, Sharon Oakes – Tribal Police, Dianne Swamp – Tribal Gaming Commission, Alice Tarbell – Laboratory, Lindsay Tarbell – Economic Development, Jennifer Terrance – 3 Sisters, Colleen Thomas – Planning & Infrastructure, Sheryl Thomas – Family Support, Starr Thomas – Administration, Theresa Thompson – Intensive Preventive Program



15-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Mel Back – A/CDP Prevention Program, Carrie Benedict – Compliance Department, Joseph Chamberlain – TVR Program, Loretta David – Environment, Sarah Diabo – Emergency Planning, Nadine Jacobs – Grants & Contracts, Melissa Jock – Family Support, Jane Lafave – Family Support, Lacey Peters – Outreach, Arnold Printup – Tribal Historical Preservation, Jean Square – Adult Child Protective Services, Francine Thompson – Group Home, Christine Venery – Mental Health



20-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Craig Arquette – Environment, Jolene Burns – Partridge House, Belson Herne – Tribal Police, Patrick Connors – Social Services, Timothy Majors – Home Improvement Program, Teres Seymour – Environment Division, Carrie Thompson – Health Services



25-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Sherry Roundpoint – Health Services, Cynthia Sawatis – Seniors Center, Karen Terrance – Health Services, Robert White – Tribal Gaming



30-Years of Service Employee Recipients

Dr. Ben Kelly – Health Services, Erica Oakes – Health Services, Connie Thompson – Health Services

New IRA Home Opens



On Seskéha/August 31, 2016 the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe held a ribbon cutting ceremony for an Individual Residential Alternatives (IRA) home located at 60 Frogtown Road in the community of Akwesasne. Completion of the new IRA home will enable six residents currently residing at 34 High Street in Fort Covington, NY to relocate to a facility ideally suited to meet their needs. The new location on Frogtown Road will enable the tribal program to replace the High Street facility, which is nearly 200-years old and has become very expensive to maintain. Spending less on maintenance will now free up resources to better serve clients, which includes transforming the Frogtown home's basement into an activity room that was previously unavailable due to physical limitations.

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Living with Loss

Support Group

There is nothing more devastating than losing someone close to you. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are looking for a place to connect, join us.



Anita Plann, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, will lead this weekly grief and education support group that can help process the memories and emotions, and face the day ahead.

The free 10-week, two-hour support group begins at 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the sunroom at the *Tsi Tetewatahkens* Senior Center. Anita will be meeting individually with individuals interested in the group on September 14th .

For more information or to register, call (518) 358-2963. Each person must register separately. Registration is required.

SRMT TechSpot - Connect with Care

By Austin Swamp

When in doubt, throw it out: Links in email, tweets, posts, and online advertising are often the way cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it's best to delete or if appropriate, mark as junk email.

Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots: Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.

Protect your \$\$: When banking and shopping, check to be sure the sites are security enabled. Look for web addresses with "https://," which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. "http://" is not secure.



WOLA Summer Student Program

By Alyson Thompson, Communications Production Assistant

This summer, Marie Cree of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) did her annual call out for high school and college students to be placed in jobs throughout the Tribe with funding provided by WIOA and Room Occupancy funds (ROF). With an outstanding number of applicants, the task was a heavy order. Each student was required to submit a letter of interest and resume so they could be placed in the best department for their field of study or personal interest.

All students were required to go through an interview process to find their best fit. Representatives from each of the participating departments interviewed students, giving some of them their first experience in an actual standard interview process. After much consideration, departments made their picks and a total of 45 students were able to be placed.

The programs that participated in this year were the Akwesasne Cultural Restoration, Early Childhood Development Head Start and childcare, Social Services Division, Economic Development, Akwesasne Boys and Girls Club, Generations Park, Office for the

Aging, Akwesasne Networks, Compliance, Akwesasne Housing Authority, Community & Family Services, Environment and Communications.

Thanks to all our summer students who joined us this year. We hope you enjoyed your time here and learned a few things to help you in your future endeavors. This year's students were:

Quinn Armstrong, Kathleen Arquette, Tianna Back, Meghan Barnes, Avery Benedict, Dallas Benedict, Fallon Benedict, Wahsontiio, Skyler Cree, Kariwiistha Dupree, Brittany Mitchell-George, Tori Gray, Karoniate, Benjamin Kelly, Olivia Lafrance, Mara Lazore, Raven Oakes, Myeesha Ransom, David Roundpoint, Jayden Smoke, Waylon Square, Shane Tarbell, Dalton Thomas, Destin Thomas, Marcella Thomas, Turner Thomas, Austin Thompson, Talon Thompson, Keely Cook-Thompson, Sequoyah Thompson, Montana Adams, Troy Francis, Travis Phillips, David Tracy, Kasanakohe David, Shawnee Oakes, Kaienkwinehtha Ransom, Katelyn Delormier, Jocelyn Martin, Stacey Mitchell, Teesha Mitchell, Morgan Skidders, Nathan Smoke and Tesha Sunday.

An Intern's Perspective: Communications Internship by Montana Adams

I had chosen to study Communications near the end of my first year at University. I really did not know what to expect in the field itself. I had no idea what kind of work I could find in a communications career other than my father's brief explanation when he suggested I look into it as a minor. Thanks Johnboy! The class I had taken in first year explained the basic forms of communication, but not what hands-on work you actually do. All I knew about communications focused on getting information out to the public and how to do it effectively, not what it actually entailed.

I started with a laptop and access to the Tribe's website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, a camera and various applications used to send

out announcements, ads, posts and news releases. Working in the department gave me the experience to help me solidify my choice of studies. I have experience in my portfolio to apply for intern or permanent positions once I'm out of university. I have learned how to properly lay out a newsletter, proofread, make and edit videos and to analyze trends to make sure the information we receive gets to the public as quickly, effectively and as widespread as possible.

With the Career Internship Program, I have been able to get the communications experience I needed. I have gained an abundance of knowledge that will come in handy as I continue my education. ◇



Montana conducting an interview for Akwesasne TV

TVR Program Hosts Disabilities Awareness Day

By Shelley A. Jacobs, TVR Program Manager

The Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (TVR) hosted its annual Disabilities Awareness Day on Seskéha/ August 19, 2016 at the Travis Solomon Memorial Lacrosse Box located at Generations Park in Akwesasne, New York. This year's event brought nearly 300 people looking to gain information on programs and services available to people with disabilities. There were 25 program booths available with information on services they provide.

Every year, the Tribe's TVR Program hosts the event so everyone can learn about their program, as well as others available in our area that offer different services to people with disabilities. Although some of these programs are not just for people with disabilities, they do offer useful services that could be beneficial for anyone.

Teio Swathe and students from the Akwesasne Freedom School opened the day with the recital of the Opening Address. Guitarist Colin Sunday

and the band Arcane Belief followed with their musical stylings as individuals explored various booths. Toward the end of the day, three guests were selected to play Disabilities Jeopardy, a question and answer game that focused on the TVR program and other general categories related to disabilities. It's always an informative game and helps participants and onlookers build their knowledge in a fun way.



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro and Assistant Directors Starr Thomas and Gloria Herne extended the Tribe's heart-felt appreciation and Twin Leaf gift cards to 11 Family Support clients who made beautiful hand-crafted wooden frames for the most recent Tribal Employee Enrichment Award winners. Adults clients that helped make the frames include: Mike Montour, Kevin Montour, Darryl Ransom, Chris Herne, Arthur Herne, Frank "Dexter" Herne, Michael Kelley, Kevin Wheeler, Steven Jacobs; and teen clients Sierra Francis and Tim Rourke.

Guests were treated to a delicious lunch—serving chicken barbeque from 37 West Steak House and lasagna from Three Feathers Internet Café. We appreciated their wonderful cooking, as well as expressed 'niawen' to the many community businesses that donated various items for door prizes; such as gift cards, t-shirts and fishing gear. This year, Pommier Jewelers and Kay Jewelers were very generous and donated diamond necklaces that were given away to two lucky winners.



Nearly 300 community members browsed the informational tables.



Let's Get Healthy's Janine Rourke demonstrated several hand-on visuals such as, what it feels like to have macular edema.

TVR Program Manager Shelley A. Jacobs (left) and Victoria Smoke (right) provided Cynthia King with a blanket, bouquet of flowers and a framed certificate to express the program's appreciation and gratitude.



During the event, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program wished Cynthia King a happy retirement. For 15 years, Cynthia has provided unwavering commitment, support and dedication to clients and the community of Akwesasne. She has helped hundreds of clients find meaningful work, education, training, or other services on their path to success. Good luck on your future endeavors Cynthia. You will be greatly missed.

The Tribal programs and services in attendance were Three Sisters Program, Mental Health, A/CDP, Outreach, Partridge House, Child Advocacy Center, Preventative /Foster Care Program, Office for the Aging, Family Advocate, Child Support Enforcement

Unit, Medicaid Service Coordination, Let's Get Healthy Program, Family Support, SRMT Police Services, and Child/Adult Protective Services.

Other agencies included Iohahio Adult Education, MCA Community Services, Akwesasne Employment Resource Center, CBVH, Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education, Akwesasne Area Management Board, Client Assistance Program / Disability Rights New York, Acces-vr, Maximizing Independent Living Choices and Mohawk Indian Housing Corp.

Thanks to everyone who came out and made it such a successful day. We hope to see you next year! ◇

Buckthorn Found!

Invasive Plants Gang Conspiracy Uncovered

By Les Benedict, Assistant Director, SRMT Environment Division

Thanks to some alert community members, the infamous Buckthorn has been found in Akwesasne! Now that it has been found, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division will be conducting some forensic testing and mapping the invasive plant species location. In several cases, the Environment Division will be implementing various tactics to help eradicate it. One technique involves pulling the plants by their stems, along with the plant's roots. Another involves cutting the stem and using a special applicator to dab glyphosphate (a.k.a. Roundup) onto the stem to kill the plant entire root system.

Buckthorn was thought to have been acting alone, but it was determined that it is only part of a larger threat to the community. While investigating Buckthorn, the Environment Division uncovered a gang of other invasive plant

species conspiring with Buckthorn to gain a foothold in the territory and launch a covert assault on our natural biodiversity. Plants included in this nefarious gang include Wild Parsnip, Phragmites, Honeysuckle, Japanese Knotweed and Multiflora Rose. It has been said other plants may also be associated with this ruthless gang and may be at large, but haven't yet been tracked down.

There are still some Buckthorn to be reckoned with, so if you would like your property surveyed for the plant, or other possible invasive species, please get in touch with the Environment Division by calling (518) 358-5937. Someone will visit your property, identify and take mugshots of the plants, as well as map and place them on our 'Most Wanted Plant List.' Our environmental technicians will also answer any questions you may have about Buckthorn and ensure that it and other invasive plant species are justly dealt with. ♦



Buckthorn



Japanese Honeysuckle



Multiflora Rose



Japanese Knotweed



Wild Parsnip

Planning & Infrastructure Break Ground on New Building

By Brendan White, Director of Communications

On Seskeha/August 15, 2016, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Department of Planning and Infrastructure broke ground on a new building. The new construction building is being constructed on a parcel owned by the Tribe on State Route 95 in Akwesasne, New York; approximately 500 feet from the intersection of State Route 37.

The facility will replace the department's current location at the former-Hogansburg Volunteer Fire Department Station #1 on Grey Street (a.k.a. "The One Way") in Hogansburg, New York. The existing building was constructed in 1960's, with an addition in the early 1980's. It is not handicap accessible and lacks sufficient office space and storage. Given its location along the St. Regis River, it has also been susceptible to flooding.

The new Planning and Infrastructure Building will be a pre-engineered metal building with energy efficient sandwich panel walls and roof panels. The office space will be 60'x60' and the vehicle storage, maintenance and equipment storage space will be 80'x100--for a total building area of 11,600 square feet.

The garage space will consist of five vehicle storage bays, one vehicle maintenance bay, secure materials and equipment storage room and a mechanical room. The facility includes men's and women's showers, restrooms and lockers. The office space will include space for seven workstations, an office, a receptionist, entrance vestibule, conference room, kitchenette, file storage, janitor closet and printer/copier room.

The proposed building will be ADA accessible and was designed in accordance with the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State. It will include occupancy sensors, programmable thermostats, energy efficient lighting and an energy efficient radiant floor heating system. The new facility will also have sprinklers in accordance with NFPA 13 and a 50kw solar energy system to provide significant savings on electricity.

The new facility is a much needed improvement for the Tribe's Planning and Infrastructure Department that will provide construction and maintenance services in a safe, accessible and energy efficient manner for the community, as well as provide proper storage of the department's equipment and sufficient office space for staff. ◇



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Planning and Infrastructure workers (from left) Tyson Back, Laborer; Walt Bero, Laborer; Becky White, Administrative Assistant; Abraham "Plum" Back, Operator; and Teddy Square, Operator.



Architectural rendering of the new Construction Building located on State Route 95



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe - Public Water Supply ID# 1617071

Introduction

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe provides an annual drinking water quality report to Akwesasne homes and businesses to comply with federal regulations. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and the need to protect and conserve our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met and/or exceeded drinking water health standards. We continue to assess and improve our operations to ensure that we continue to provide drinking water that meets and exceeds health-based standards. Details are provided below in the “Table of Regulated Detectable Contaminants” and in the “Notes” following the table.

What’s in the source water?

Your drinking water comes from the surface water of the St. Lawrence River. The sources of drinking water are surface waters such as streams, rivers, lakes or ground water from wells that tap underground aquifers. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. A Source Water Protection Plan has been developed to help establish a way to protect any source of contamination to the river from upstream sources.

How does the water get to my home?

Water is pumped from the St. Lawrence River to the water treatment plant on Garrow Road. The system currently supplies water to residents and visitors of Akwesasne. The treatment plant is a dual-sand filtration system and uses sodium hypochlorite, powdered activated carbon (PAC), ultraviolet (UV) for disinfection and poly aluminum chloride, a coagulant to remove organic material from raw water before it enters the treatment plant. The plant has the capability of producing 1.4 million gallons of treated water per

day. We presently have 1,000 connections and produce an average of 55,070 gallons of water per day with the highest production of water during July at 18,090,000 gallons. Total amount of water produced in 2015 was 190,600,000 gallons.

The treated water is then stored in a clearwell, pumped to the 500,000 gallon water tower on McGee Road where it is gravity fed to your faucets. It is also stored on State Route 37 for fire protection by way of booster pumps.

How can I get the chlorine taste and smell out of my water?

The water is treated with chlorine before it leaves the plant to protect public health and prevent microbiological organisms from growing. You can place a carbon filter (i.e. Brita) on your faucet to remove the chlorine taste or allow a pitcher to sit on the counter before refrigerating. The facility has undergone an upgrade to extend the raw water intake 112 ft. to provide water of greater quality and reduce chemical use.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency provides guidance and prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the SRMT Environment Division or the Environmental Protection Agency Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to certain contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as; persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Outreach Office at the clinic and at the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. SRMT is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

Regulated Detected Chemical Parameters

Inorganics

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT, AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	8/19/15	.3	mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	No	8/19/15	<0.1	mg/L	4.0	MCL=2.2 NYSDOH standard	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium	No	08/19/15	.022	mg/l	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Lead ¹	No	09/2015	0.001 (.001-.0031)	mg/l	0	AL= .015 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper ²	No	09/2015	0.4 (.0021-0.11)	mg/l	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Contaminants

Total coliform	No	Monthly (10/mo)	0	Negative or positive	0	1 positive monthly allowed	Naturally present in environment
Fecal coliform and E.coli	No	Monthly (10/mo)	0	Negative or positive	0	None	Human and animal waste

Turbidity

Turbidity ³	No	2015	0.054 (average)	NTU	N/A	1 NTU maximum allowed	Soil runoff; stormwater
Turbidity ³	No	Daily 2015	95%<0.3	NTU	N/A	0.3 - 95% of samples - TT	

Disinfection By-Products

Total Triha- lomethanes (TTHM) ⁴ Water treatment plant - WTP	No	Quarterly See Note	27.8 21.2 18.6 25 8.52-WTP	ug/L	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) ⁴ WTP	No	Quarterly See Note	13.48 14.2 12.6 14.6 4.2-WTP	ug/L	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Other Detected Contaminants

Contaminant	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	Guideline
Semi-Volatile Organic Chemicals	Non-detect	mg/l	See Note #5

NOTES:

N/A - means not applicable

1 - The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 19 sites sampled. The minimum # required is 20. Sampling will continue on 2016. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead samples detected at your water system. There were no violations due to the 90th percentile being below the action level.

2 - The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 19 sites sampled. The minimum # required is 20. There were no violations due to the 90th percentile being below the action level.

3 - Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test turbidity because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. We did not have any violations of turbidity in 2015.

4 - This level represents the local averages calculated from the data collected on a quarterly basis at five sites. Routine flushing and disinfection management and reduction in chlorine use has kept the by-products in check.

5 - Organic chemical sampling was done on Aug 20, 2015. EPA method 524.2 POC's, Vinyl Chloride, and MTBE was used.

DEFINITIONS:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): The level that, if exceeded, triggers a treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Health Effects Language:

Turbidity - Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water. It has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity violation of standards for more than four hours may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Total Coliform Bacteria - Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.

Fecal coliform - Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Lead - Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your homes plumbing. Additional information is available from the SRMT Health Services or the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). ♦

Have Questions About Cancer?

Learn from a panel of medical experts about the latest screening guidelines, how cancer is detected and diagnosed, and the latest treatment options on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Diabetes Center for Excellence, Akwesasne.

Panelists include: Jay Dewell, MD, FACS, General, Breast, and Colon Surgery, CCC; Benson Kelly, MD, Family Medicine, Saint Regis Mohawk Health Service; David Hauerstock, MD, Cancer Treatment, Radiation Oncology, CCC; Michael Maresca, MD, Imaging, Medical Imaging, Radiology, CCC and Velmalia Matthews-Smith, MD, Cancer Treatment, Medical Oncology, CCC

The program is sponsored by the Saint Regis Mohawk Health Service and The Center for Cancer Care (CCC), a service of the St. Lawrence Health System.



Akwesasne Business Expo 2016

Learn about the benefits of shopping in Akwesasne

Support the local economy

See what Akwesasne businesses have to offer

September 19, 2016 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Former First American's IGA, 878 State Route 37 Akwesasne, NY.

Contact the SRMT Office of Economic Development at (518) 358-2835 to register or for more information.



Tribe Donates \$20,000 to Akwesasne International Powwow



On Seskéha/August 30, 2016; the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council presented the Tribe's annual donation of \$20,000 from the Community Partnership Fund to support the Akwesasne International Powwow being held September 10-11, 2016 at the A'nowara'ko:wa Arena on Kawehno:ke (Cornwall Island).

The Tribe is proud to continue its support for this annual community event that showcases some of the finest dancers and drummers from across Turtle Island, as well as the best artisans and experiences that Akwesasne has to offer. Presenting the check on behalf of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe are (from left) Sub-Chief Cheryl Jacobs, Sub-Chief Michael Conners, Akwesasne International Powwow Committee Member Larry King, Chief Eric Thompson, Chief Beverly Cook and Chief Ron LaFrance.

The Community Partnership Fund was formed in 2004 for donations from the Tribe's gaming enterprises to be distributed to charitable causes, events and organizations throughout Akwesasne.

Going Above and Beyond

Employee Enrichment Award Winners Recognized

By Alyson Thompson, Production Assistant

Every summer, the Tribe hosts an annual Staff Appreciation Beach Day, giving employees the day off to relax, play and enjoy some great summer barbeque. The event also features the bi-annual Employee Enrichment Awards that are held to boost morale and to recognize those employees who enrich the workplace. Employees are nominated by fellow staff members for strengthening relationships in the workplace and who are continually helping the community, while providing exceptional service.

Employees can be nominated in any of the eight categories; Providing a Helping Hand, Professionalism, Going Above and

Beyond, Collaboration, Initiative, Integrity, Positivity, and Promoting a Positive Image. This time around we had 24 individuals and one group that were nominated, each by a coworker who provided a lengthy bio describing why they should receive the award.

After the difficult task reading through all nominations and weighing the options, Administration came down to the following five award winners. Executive Director Tsiorasa Barreiro congratulated and presented each with an award, along with a framed print made by Family Support clients and a monetary bonus.



Rosemarie Jacobs – Referrals, Health Services

Category: Professionalism, Initiative, Going Above And Beyond

“She is very soft spoken in general and I have never once heard her raise her voice to a patient or a coworker. Despite any circumstances going on around she has always exhibited professionalism and goes about making phone calls and scheduling appointments one right after the other on a timely basis. I have also seen her go through the arduous process of pre-certifying insurance coverage with a smile and politely giving the patient their information.

Alyssa Moore – Clinic, Health Services

Category: Going Above And Beyond, Professionalism And Integrity, Collaboration, Positive Image, Positivity, Helping Hand

“Alyssa is an up-beat, positive practitioner who loves what she does for this community. She puts her heart and soul into this job with hopes of providing excellent health care. She spends time getting to know her patients and their families. She always has a smile and her laugh is contagious!





Mike Markham - Intensive Preventive Program, Social Services Division

Category: Promoting A Positive Image

“Mike keeps our staff here at IPP smiling and reminds us to stay positive. He is very energetic and radiates a lot of good positive energy too. He is not only positive but encouraging as well, he’ll tell you he’s proud of you keep up the good work, you’re doing great! He’ll even give you a hug and a pat on the back just to acknowledge you on those days when it’s needed. He is very dependable and willing to help anyone out in any way. I really don’t think any of us has seen Mike upset, stressed, disappointed or having a bad day. He is a good reminder of all the good life had to offer.

Harmony Love - Family Support, Community & Family Services Division

Category: Going Above and Beyond

“She enriches our program by doing things that are not required of her. Harmony saw that one of our individuals didn’t have clean clothes and she took it upon herself to take his clothes home and launder them. At work I see her sharing her lunch and giving her lunch to staff who did not have one. She will even buy lunch for individuals if, at times, they don’t have anything to eat.

The little things are really a big deal to our individuals and Harmony asks for nothing back in return. Her work ethics exemplifies her character and I’m overjoyed to have her as a staff in our program to help our individuals reach their potential, and to have her as a friend, quiet and giving.”



Jonathan Bero, Berry Herne, Tracey Billhardt, Stan Buckshot, Jordan Lauzon - Planning and Infrastructure

Category: Going Above and Beyond

“All five of these employees go above and beyond their job descriptions to provide a helpful hand, show initiative, offer time and money saving ideas, and act professionally when dealing with community members during times of emergencies. They average over 100 calls a year for both community water and waste water systems. Their attitudes toward community members is exemplary, especially considering a broken water or sewer line is a very stressful situation.

I believe these employees deserve a lot more credit than they receive. When you think about the valuable services they all provide we, as tribal employees, should be very proud and we, as community members, should feel very fortunate to have this team who is so dedicated to keep us safe.” ◇



Tribal Monthly Meetings

Ohiarikhó:wa/July 9, 2016
Chairperson: Tribal Chief Eric Thompson

Agenda

1. Welcome - Chairperson
 2. Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
 3. Kanikonhrí:io í:wa ne onake Club Presentation - Rob White
 4. Education Update - Stephanie Cook
 - Summer Student Program
 - Salmon River Academic Standing in NYS
 - General education update
 5. Hogansburg Dam Decommissioning Project
 6. Legislative Update on Federal and State Lobbying
 7. New Business
 8. Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
 9. Adjournment
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Follow-up Actions Items from Ohiarí:ha/ June Meeting

Tribal COuncil discussion on the motion made by Tribal Member to appoint Hattie Rene Hart to the Election Board.

Tribal Council will report at the July Monthly Meeting.

10. Request report for report of SRCS academic standing in NYS.

Information will be given at the July Tribal Monthly Meeting.

11. Request for report from Director of Education on program mission statement and any updates.

The Executive Director of Education is working on this. Once completed a report will be given.

Seskéha/August 6, 2016
Chairperson: Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance

Agenda

1. Welcome - Chairperson
 2. Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
 3. Presentation - Akwesasne Tourism Strategic Action Plan
 4. Presentation Medical Marijuana and Hemp Industry
 5. Overview of Cancer Support Group - Monica Jacobs
 6. New Business
 7. Reading of Action Items - Tribal Clerk
 8. Adjournment
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Follow-up on Action Items from Ohiarikhó:wa/July Meeting

1. Request for Community Meeting on the Hogansburg Dam Decommission Project.

Meeting was held on Thursday, August 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Tribe.

2. Request from community member for a private meeting with Tribal Council, Mike Cook and Dr. Kelly regarding Dialysis.

Meeting has been scheduled for August 15th.

Action Items from Seskéha/August Meeting

1. Request for a report from SRMT Environment on Invasive Aquatic Species in relation to the removal of the Hogansburg Dam.
2. Request for SRMHS to provide a number of patients that have chronic disease diagnoses, and at least on of the qualified symptoms in regard to the qualified diseases/symptoms by the NYS Dept. of Health Commissioner to receive treatment with medical marijuana. ◇

Calendar

Seskehkó:wa/September 2016

5 - Labor Day holiday - All Tribal offices closed
 10 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Lobby
 10 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - 8:00 a.m. to noon
 - Franklin County Landfill
 13 - Social Security - 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's Office
 14 - Police Commission - 3:00 p.m. - Executive Boardroom
 17 - CVPH Cancer Talk
 19 - Akwesasne Business Expo - 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Former First American's IGA
 21 - International Overdose Awareness Day
 30 - Environment Division Staff Development Day - Environment Division offices and Transfer Station closed

Kenténha/October 2016

3 - Tribal Monthly Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Lobby
 10 - Indigenous Peoples Day - All Tribal offices closed
 11 - Social Security - 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. - Tribal Clerk's Office
 12 - Police Commission - 3:00 p.m. - Executive Boardroom

Wednesdays - Tribal Council Work Session - 9:00 a.m. - Executive Boardroom, Community Building

New Faces

Harvey J. Arquette	Maintenance	Laborer	Ashley M. Martin	ECDP	Teacher Aide
Matthew Benedict	Administration	Electrician	Danielle J. Mayberry	Tribal Courts	Law Clerk
Wesley N. Benedict	Administration	General Laborer	Zachary F. Oakes	Tribal Gaming	Inspector
Michael Boots	Maintenance	Custodian	Justin Peters	Environment	Forestry Laborer
Alanna Cook	Group Home	Youth Worker	Christopher Sawatis	Environment	Forestry Laborer
Erica Francis	Administration	Recreation Coord.	Kolby Smoke	Maintenance	Custodians
Timothy Gagne	Family Support	Registered Nurse	Filfred Earl Tahy	Group Home	Youth Worker
Carrie E. Garrow	Tribal Courts	Chief Judge (elected)	Quentin Thomas	Office for the Aging	Maintenance Worker
Tracy Lynn Holcomb	Office for the Aging	Admin Assistant	Leslie L. Thompson	Finance	Accounts Payable Clerk
Adam G. Jacobs	Maintenance	Laborer	Career Interns: Benjamin Kelly, Morgon Oakes, Krista Oakes, Tianna Back, Tori Gray, Olivia LaFrance, Sequoya Thompson, Jayden Smoke, Keely Thompson-Cook		
Louis King	Tribal Gaming	Surveillance Operator			
Lanney L. Laffin	Tribal Gaming	Surveillance Operator			
Krista L. Lauzon	ECDP	Teacher Aide			
Sara C. Lazore	Child Support	Case Manager			
Kelly A. Lett	Partridge House	Resident Aide			
Sheila Marshall	Group Home	Cook			

Donations

Community - \$ 5,250

Funerals - \$ 5,000

Sports - \$ 10,750

Cultural - \$ 21,050



Tribal Council Resolutions (TCRs)

Tsiothohrkó:wa/January 2016 - Ohiari:ha/June 2016

Tribal Council Resolutions are the recorded decisions of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council on matters requiring a formal expression of such decisions. Some examples include, but are not limited to, adoption and amendment of tribal ordinances or laws that do not require referendum vote, approval of grant applications, appointment of Administrators of estates and conduct of day-to-day tribal business operations requiring a written record of Tribal Council approval. (Source: Tribal Procedures Act, adopted by referendum Ohiari:ha/June 1, 2013.)

TCR # 2016-01 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve Capital Contribution for Tewathahonni Corp

TCR # 2016-02 - Resolution of the SRMT to Funding Support for the Environment Division from the BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Focus Area 4 Habitats

TCR # 2016-03 - Resolution of the SRMT to Renew Membership in the National Indian Gaming Association

TCR # 2016-04 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve USDA Loan Application for New Administration Building

TCR # 2016-05 - Resolution of the SRMT for Funding Support by the Environment Division from the BIA Invasive and Noxious Weed Control Program

TCR # 2016-06 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve Loan to Mohawk Networks LLC

TCR # 2016-07 - Resolution of the SRMT to Grant an Easement of Right of Way for Mohawk Lane and Sara Lane

TCR # 2016-08 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve USDA Loan Application for New Planning and Infrastructure

TCR # 2016-09 - Resolution of the SRMT for Funding Support for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office from the Cultural Resource Fund- Phase 2

TCR # 2016-10 - Resolution of the SRMT to /for New York State Department of Environment Conservation Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program

TCR # 2016-11 - RE: Estate of Charlene Marie Cole

TCR # 2016-12 - Resolution of the SRMT for Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

TCR # 2016-13 - RE: Estate of Newton Noah Lafrance

TCR # 2016-14 - Resolution of the SRMT Resolution of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to Amend TCR 2016-07

TCR # 2016-15 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve USDA Construction Loan Application for New Administration Building

TCR # 2016-16 - Resolution of the SRMT to Re-Appoint Tribal Gaming Commissioner Dianna Darlene Francis

TCR # 2016-17 - Resolution of the SRMT to Amend the Guidelines and Appointment of a Commissioner for the Division of Social Services

TCR # 2016-18 - Resolution of the SRMT to Clarify Tribal Court Filing Fees with the Adoption of a Restated Schedule

TCR # 2016-19 - RE: Estate of Henry Arquette

TCR # 2016-20 - Resolution of the SRMT to Request Inclusion of Roads and Update Priority List

TCR # 2016-21 - Resolution of the SRMT to for Sustainable Employment and Economic Strategies (Seeds) for the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

TCR # 2016-22 - Resolution of the SRMT to Express Support of Native Self-Sufficiency Center

TCR # 2016-23 - Resolution of the SRMT to/for Extend Appointment Terms of Election Board Members

TCR # 2016-24 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve the Guaranty of Mohawk Networks, LLC Letter of Credit

TCR # 2016-25 - Resolution of the SRMT to Delegate Signing Authority for Check Signing

TCR # 2016-26 - RE: Estate of Elaine Castor

TCR # 2016-27 - Resolution of the SRMT to BIA Indian Highway Safety Program - Fy2017 Law Enforcement Grant

TCR # 2016-28 - Resolution of the SRMT to Authorizing Certifier and Security Administrator for BCAS Reporting Purposes

TCR # 2016-29 - Resolution of the SRMT to Adopt the Prevailing Wage Rates for the Akwesasne Housing Authority

TCR # 2016-30 - RE: Estate of John Bigtree

TCR # 2016-31 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Transportation Program and Fiscal Year 2016 Fast Act Referenced Funding Agreement

TCR # 2016-32 - Resolution of the SRMT Appoint a Member to the Election Board

TCR # 2016-33 - RE: Estate of Charles Angus Cook

TCR # 2016-34 - Resolution of the SRMT Set the Judicial Oversight Commission Compensation Rates

TCR # 2016-35 - Resolution of the SRMT to Authorize Tribal Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment

TCR # 2016-36 - Resolution of the SRMT to Authorize Indian Health Services to Enter into PL 93-638 Title V Construction Agreement to Administer Sanitation Facilities

TCR # 2016-37 - Resolution of the SRMT to Authorize Filing of Application to NYS Household Hazardous Waste Assistance Program

TCR # 2016-38 - Resolution of the SRMT to Approve the Application for Direct Care Workers for Reimbursement of 2% Salary and Fringe Increases

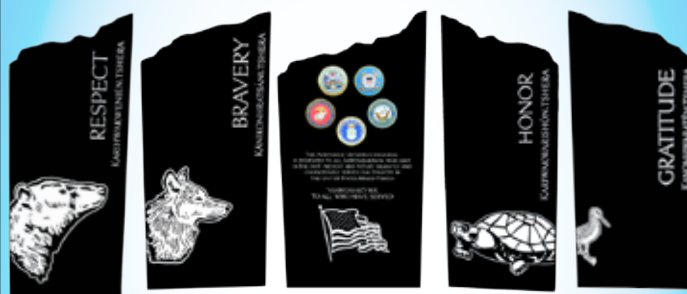
TCR # 2016-39 - Resolution of the SRMT Support the Application of the Akwesasne Housing Authority to Apply for Indian Community Development Block Grant

TCR # 2016-40 - Resolution of the SRMT to Confirm Tribal Council Resolutions

TCR # 2016-41 - Resolution of the SRMT Amend TCR 2007-39 Appointing Tribal Prosecutors

TCR # 2016-42 - Resolution of the SRMT to Reaffirm the Elected Official Fees ◇

Akwesasne Veterans Memorial Monument FUNDRAISING EVENT



Raffle Tickets: \$10 each or 3 for \$20

**Drawing:
Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th
at the American Legion Post 1479**

**1st Place - \$7,000
2nd - \$2,000 3rd - \$1,000**

Tickets can be purchased from various Committee and volunteer community members. For a list of sellers go to:
facebook: @SaintRegis Mohawk Tribe or @CKON Radio
Website: www.srmt-nsn.gov & www.ckonfm.com



Áse T sí Tewá:ton Experience

All are welcome to experience the Áse T sí Tewá:ton Program's traditional foods cooking demonstrations, garden techniques, medicine making, hunting and trapping skills, and Kanien'keha language teachings.

Iahíà:khaton/Saturday, Seskehkó:wa/September 17th

Location: Akwesasne Freedom School Garden Site
(State Route Route 37, east)

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Call (518) 333-0222 for more information.



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On the Cover: The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe held a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of a new Planning & Infrastructure Building on State Route 95. Taking part in the groundbreaking were (from left) P&I Construction Manager Brent Herne, USDA Rural Development Area Director Brian Murray, Tribal Chief Eric Thompson, Danko Construction Project Coordinator Justin Blanchard, Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance, Danko Construction Vice President/Project Superintendent Joe Danko, P&I Capital Projects Manager Colleen Thomas, USDA Rural Development Area Specialist Renee Hotte, Danko Construction President Larry Danko, and Tisdell Associates Principal Engineer Aaron Jarvis.