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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWA'KE



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KWE KWE!

Gene Diabo, Editor



Dare I say it... Spring has arrived! As I write this, there are still quite a few remnants left from this winter's seemingly over abundance of snow. However, the calendar says it is spring and I'm a big believer in calendars.

In this issue, we welcome Emergency Management Officer, Wihse Stacey, of the Community Protection Unit's Emergency Preparedness & Planning. Wihse will be launching a year long campaign over the next four editions of Okwariwa'shon:'a to get Kahnawa'kehró:non prepared as best as possible for "worst-case scenario" emergency situations.

In this Spring issue, Wihse will focus on the dangers of "wild fires" and how to prevent them, as well as tips on what to do in case of a flood.

Among other articles, we asked some MCK Chiefs "what has been keeping them busy" as of late and we take a walk through one of the new "semi-detached" dwellings, which will soon be on sale. Also, you'll be able to take a gander at the new MCK Annual Budget.

Enjoy!

**A'ARÀ:KE IENSEWATSHÉN:RI
TSI NAHÒ:TEN TIORÁ:'ON NE
KTV**

FULL KTV EPISODES NOW ONLINE!

Beginning in April, full episodes of KTV will be available online. The current Paul's Cable feed airs KTV for two weeks before it is replaced by a newer episode. Upon completion of that airing, it will be made available online. Simply visit the KTV section of Kahnawake.com.



COUNCIL UPDATES

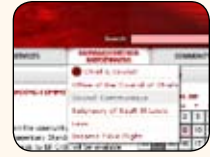
AESEWATÓ:KENHSE TSI NAHO'TÈN:SHON WAHATIHTHÁ:RAHKWE SHAHONTKENNÍSA' MCK COMMUNIQUÉ



In a weekly effort to improve Accountability and Transparency, the MCK Communiqué briefly points out what took place in the Council Meeting, including attendance of Chiefs. The Communiqué is posted on Kahnawake.com every week, along with an upcoming agenda of the next meeting.

TO VIEW THE MCK COMMUNIQUÉ, VISIT
WWW.KAHNAWAKE.COM/COMMUNIQUÉ

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Other MCK Activities to increase Accountability and Transparency

- Bi-Weekly Press Scrums with Chiefs and the local media
- Bi-Weekly Chiefs appear on the K'103 Talk Show
- Weekly Chiefs Uncut TV Show
- Seasonal Community Question Period with Chiefs
- Annual release of the MCK Budget and press conference
- The MCK Annual Report
- Kahnawake.com
- The MCK News Line 632-9595
- Bi-weekly KTV show, which are also available at Otiohkwa and on-line
- The MCK Mailing List
- Listing salaries on all MCK Operations job postings
- Posting of all indeterminate MCK Operations positions to allow fair competition when internal candidates do not meet the job requirements.
- "Where the Money Goes" KTV series
- Weekly Press Releases on all major MCK activities
- The release of Chiefs' attendance records
- Onkwariwa'shon:'a Community Newsletter
- Tioweró:ton Territory Newsletter
- Seasonal, Special and Tioweró:ton Community Meetings
- Advertising MCK initiatives in local media

PELLETIER TÁNON DELISLE WA'THNIHTHÁ:REN DELISLE MEETS PELLETIER



Courtesy: Richard Tardif

Quebec Native Affairs Minister Benoit Pelletier and Grand Chief Michael Ahrihron Delisle Jr met on February 6, 2008 to discuss the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis land grievance. The Province intends to "contribute to finding solutions to the needs of the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke to expand the Kahnawà:ke reserve by means of additional lands". As of March 2008, it is still not known what role Quebec will play in the negotiations or if they will sit at a separate table dealing with issues specific to the Province.

TAIETSHIRIHWATHÉ:TEN TSI NAHO'TÈN:SHON ROTIHO'TÁTIE NE RATITSÉNHAIENS CHIEF UPDATES

All Chiefs were asked "What part of your portfolio has been occupying most of your time lately?"



MICHAEL DELISLE JR.

"The majority of my time is spent on Seigneurie. I met with (Quebec Indian Affairs Minister) Benoit Pelletier to talk about what Quebec's role will be if they participate at the Seigneurie main table, Land and where it would come from within the Seigneurie. On top of that, visioning is a big part of what Council is looking at doing right now."



PETER PAUL

"Gaming is what is taking up the majority of my time. The Recreation file runs a close second, but those two files are what fill my schedule."



RHONDA KIRBY

"I recently joined on the Finance and Operations Committee. We were looking at the budget for the (new fiscal) year. We (FAO) went through a preliminary budget, and through a second round, before it was actually presented and passed through Council."



WARREN LAHACHE

"A lot of large decision making items have come to our (Council) table and I think it's important to be present all the time. A.F.N.Q.L. is doing a lot politically that may be interesting to the community. Also, the C.P. Rail & Hydro Quebec files seem to be progressing somewhat, where properties need to be turned back over."



KENNETH MCCOMBER

"Education is my main portfolio, so we are really busy with the new Survival School being built and dealing with the recent bomb threat. We're looking into ways we could be even better prepared should something happen again. Mohawk Self Insurance is a file that is growing very fast with people coming in wanting to know how they can get on it."



MARVIN ZACHARIE

"Right now, I am trying to work on taking over full jurisdiction of all the lands in Kahnawà:ke. It's a lot of work to get to the point where you can talk to the government and say we want full jurisdiction - where all the land and all the decisions concerning land stops here in Kahnawà:ke."



JOHNNY MONTOUR

"The most interesting one to me is the Nation Governance that we started to work on out of Mont Gabriel. I was on governance before, but that was more under a self-government system. I figured we would do a stepping stone but the Community and Council members decided that we would go towards a national government."



MARTIN LEBORGNE

"Right now it's the ID cards. The I.D. group just mandated (us) to put out the bids to the different companies that could provide the features that (U.S.) Homeland Security requires in order to cross the border. We are ready to go and it's being done as we speak."



JOHN DEE DELORMIER

"Gaming is one of the issues I've been dealing with. Economic Development is a big thing for most community members, such as Own Source Funding; trying to supplement our budget. As well, the ILCC is one of my biggest portfolios, so it's a really exciting time."



PEGGY MAYO-STANDUP

"We are presently in the process of looking at the QKR (Quebec Kahnawà:ke Relations) agreements. All ten agreements signed in 1999 are all up for renewal right now. In addition to that, we are waiting for the review of the Council Elders, taken on by the ODS (Organizational Development Services)."

2008-2009 BUDGET

TSI NÍ:KON KAHWÍSTAIEN 2008-2009 BUDGET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL REVENUE	TOTAL EXPENSES	BALANCE
FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS			
Kanien'keha:ka Onkwawen:na Raotitiohkwa	350,000	350,000	0
Kahnawake Fire Brigade	275,000	275,000	0
Kahnawake Youth Center	125,000	125,000	0
Kahnawake Library	210,000	210,000	0
Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project	10,000	10,000	0
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT - Michael O'Brien, Director			
Mohawk Self Insurance	962,286	962,286	0
Membership	274,203	274,203	0
Council of Elders	75,543	75,543	0
Membership Review	4,780	4,780	0
Social Asst. Basic	4,392,000	4,392,000	0
Social Asst. Employ	120,000	120,000	0
Social Asst. Special	45,600	45,600	0
Social Asst. Misc.	82,400	82,400	0
Social Asst. Admin.	291,670	291,670	0
Social Dev. Unit	277,179	277,179	0
Semi-Detached	179,998	179,998	0
New Construction	4,294,708	4,294,708	0
Housing Emergency	136,025	136,025	0
RRAP	741,765	741,765	0
MCK Housing Repairs	477,880	477,880	0
Housing Support	429,475	429,475	0
Multi Dwelling	327,562	327,562	0
PUBLIC WORKS UNIT - Brendan Montour, Director			
MCK Equipment	730,400	730,400	0
Town Garage	381,476	381,476	0
School Bus Reserve	180,000	180,000	0
Heavy Equip. Reserve	115,000	115,000	0
Daily Transport	952,178	952,178	0
Maintenance Management	226,444	226,444	0

Roads	754,285	754,285	0
Infrastructure Operations Maintenance	1,194,351	1,194,351	0
MCK Transport	538,624	538,624	0
Community Buildings	222,600	222,600	0
CAPITAL UNIT - Thomas Sky, Director			
Uncommitted Cap	103,768	103,768	0
Infra. Rehab & TV	20,000	20,000	0
STP Phase 2	204,335	204,335	0
EPIC Study	100,000	100,000	0
Capital Admin.	267,342	267,342	0
Rural Roads	65,000	65,000	0
Modify Sand Filter beds	250,000	250,000	0
KSS Water and Sewer	220,000	220,000	0
Infra. Extension	97,000	97,000	0
Lot 106 Phase 2	50,000	50,000	0
Rural Road Semi-Urban	400,000	400,000	0
River Road Dry Hydrants	28,000	28,000	0
Arena Plant Upgrade	376,077	376,077	0
Sewage Lift Station 3 Study	35,820	35,820	0
Remedial Measures	200,000	200,000	0
Plans & Specs	75,000	75,000	0
Saylor Market Area Rehab	556,000	556,000	0
Elders Lodge Area Rehab	605,856	605,856	0
Veteran's Blvd. Waterline	530,000	530,000	0
Cenotaph Parking	150,000	150,000	0
Recreation Path	200,000	200,000	0
Doncaster Bridge Work	30,000	30,000	0
Lacrosse Rink Resurfacing	150,000	150,000	0
Creek Rehab	50,000	50,000	0
New Office Study	50,000	50,000	0
LANDS UNIT - Russel Curotte, Director			
Tiowero:ton Program	269,047	269,047	0
Tiowero:ton Roads	20,000	20,000	0
Environment	254,672	254,672	0
Priority Analysis	67,684	67,684	0
Species at Risk	34,709	34,709	0
Shoreline Characterization	21,050	21,050	0
Landfill	111,821	111,821	0

2008-2009 BUDGET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL REVENUE	TOTAL EXPENSES	BALANCE
Recycling	341,414	341,414	0
Khanata 2000	32,853	32,853	0
Solid Waste	371,448	371,448	0
Land Management	357,096	357,096	0
RLAP	50,000	50,000	0
Land Directorate	271,635	271,635	0
Policy Development	166,670	166,670	0
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION UNIT - Ryan Rice, Director			
Information Systems	692,026	692,026	0
Archives Dept.	129,129	129,129	0
MCK Property	223,288	223,288	0
Legal Services	724,548	724,548	0
Treasury	73,575	73,575	0
Community Planning	132,061	132,061	0
Planning & Development	15,657	15,657	0
Kaniienkeha Training	146,880	146,880	0
PR/Communication	374,607	374,607	0
Library	210,000	210,000	0
Accounting Dept.	711,312	711,312	0
Executive Directors Office	868,000	868,000	0
Office Management	351,172	351,172	0
MCK General Fund	267,800	267,800	0
Employee Benefits	921,530	921,530	0
Purchasing Agent	65,732	65,732	0
Quality Assurance Dept.	265,969	265,969	0
E.D. Committee	14,955	14,955	0
Elderly Snow Removal	12,000	12,000	0
Total Rewards	35,000	35,000	0
Employee Training	53,000	53,000	0
Human Resources Dept.	669,951	669,951	0
JUSTICE SERVICES - Ron Skye, Director			
Court Program	269,974	269,974	0
Restorative Justice	125,712	125,712	0
Youth Justice	27,745	27,745	0
A.B.C.	61,845	61,845	0
Gaming Commission	1,065,341	1,065,341	0
P.S.B.	25,000	25,000	0
Peacekeepers	4,158,618	4,158,618	0
Peacekeeper Assessment	98,104	98,104	0

Ethics Committee	25,000	25,000	0
Justice Committee	147,320	147,320	0
COMMUNITY PROTECTION UNIT - Terry Diabo, Director			
Safety Committee	10,800	10,800	0
Health & Safety Program	181,258	181,258	0
Emergency Preparedness	122,314	122,314	0
Community Protection Unit	222,506	222,506	0
Crossing Guard	20,798	20,798	0
Animal Protection	115,693	115,693	0
Conservation	85,086	85,086	0
RECREATION UNIT - Bryan Deer, Director			
Sports Complex	596,692	596,692	0
Recreation Transfers	200,000	200,000	0
Recreation Unit Administration	509,689	509,689	0
Atheletics Commission	4,500	4,500	0
OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS (OCC)			
ILCC	66,744	66,744	0
SSSL	557,703	557,703	0
Nation Building	91,700	91,700	0
O.C.C. Operations	1,249,658	1,249,658	0
CHIEF & COUNCIL			
Chief and Council	1,203,306	1,203,306	0
F.A.O. Committee	40,000	40,000	0

2008-2009 MCK BUDGET

Total Revenue: \$ 44,804,027
Total Expenses: \$ 44,804,027

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke **Annual Budget** for the 2008/2009 fiscal year is **\$44,804,027**, which runs from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

For more Information, please contact Ryan Rice, Associate Executive Director of Finance and Administration at (450) 632-7500 or the Unit Directors listed. Each year, the MCK undergoes a financial audit and the results of the 2007/2008 Audit will be released to the Community in the Summer of 2008.

SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS

Á:SE KANONHSÓ:TÓN TEKANONHSÁKHEN SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS



It's a Starter Home.

Considered to be a starter-home, the MCK Semi Detached dwellings allow flexibility and opportunity towards the purchase of future housing. This is possible because homeowners can build equity and recoup their investment should they decide to sell their home back to the MCK.



This is what it looks like.

Designed to accommodate mid to large size families, the main floor consists of approx. 720 sq. ft and the fully finished basement consists of another 720 sq. ft.



How much does a semi-detached home cost?

Purchase of the semi-detached does not require a down payment and monthly payments are only \$400.00.

All Semi Detached homes are under their final phase of construction.



WILDFIRE PREVENTION



TÓHSA STSIENHÓN:NI NE SATEN'ÈN:RAKON, ÓN:WA'S NÁ:'A ENSA'NIÀ:KEN'SE SIMMER DOWN ON WILD FIRES

By Wihse Stacey



Warmer weather is on the horizon and soon you will want to start cleaning your property. Burning the grass in your yard will not help make it grow faster or greener and it is also against the law.



Smoke created by the fire could cause breathing problems for your neighbors. The wind may also push a fire into nearby dry brush causing an even bigger wildfire, engulfing a nearby home, maybe yours.



During this bullhead fishing season, never leave camp fires unattended and always have water nearby in case the flames get out of control. Make sure to completely shut out your camp fire before leaving.



Emergency Management Officer, Wihse Stacey reminds all Kahnawa'kehró:non to enjoy the feeling of renewal that Spring brings, but to remember that...

"Only YOU can prevent wildfires"

SPRING FLOODING PREVENTION



BEE PREPARED

AIONKWATEWEIENNENTA'ÓNHAKÉ TÓKA' ENKAHNEKAKARÁ:TATE' SPRING FLOODING PREPAREDNESS

Water is an essential part of life, but if not controlled, can be extremely menacing.

The best way to avoid the dangers that water brings is to be prepared. The tips below will not protect you from a flood, but may prevent a worst-case scenario from occurring.



Household Flooding

- Have a working sump pump with a back-up power supply in case of a power outage.
- Move furniture and keepsakes to higher levels of the house.



Community Flooding

- Have your 72 hour emergency kit ready in case you need to evacuate and follow the routes specified by officials.
- Have a pre-arranged meeting place with your family in the event of an evacuation.



Following all Floods

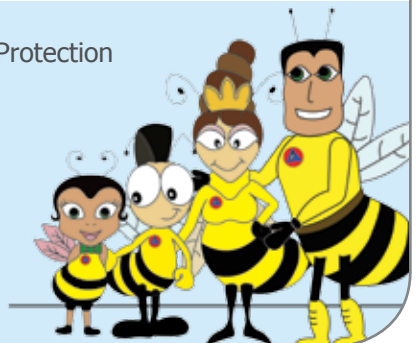
- Clean the affected area as soon as possible and use protective masking and gloves in case of mold.
- Check with local health officials about the quality of your consumable water.

For more tips on how you can protect yourself in case of an emergency, call the Community Protection Unit at (450) 632-0635 or visit us online at www.kahnawake.com/beprepared.

'BEE' Prepared...

Emergency Preparedness and Planning

"We value the safety of our children, our families and our community."





« BACK-SAVING TIPS »

Half of all on-the-job injuries occur when lifting heavy objects improperly. To prevent injury, ensure you are lifting safely by following these tips:

- Observe object for weight, size, and manageability.
- Bend knees, keep back straight and gradually lift using your legs and arms - **Not Your Back.**
- Keep object near your body and without twisting, move feet to face the direction where the object will be placed.
- Bend knees and keep back straight when placing object down and be sure it's in a secure position.

Know when to get help!

Make sure you're covered for on-the-job injuries with Mohawk Self Insurance.



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“Providing a better quality of life for Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke”

Mohawk Self Insurance / Social Development Unit - (450) 638-0500.

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PLOWING THE WAY...

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to extend its gratitude to the Public Works Unit for their hard work clearing the streets of Kahnawà:ke this winter.

**TOTAL COST
2007-2008**

\$ 576,936



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ONKWARIWA'SHON:'A

Through this publication, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke seeks to promote awareness and dialogue by informing the community on its activities and by analyzing the important issues affecting Kahnawà:ke.

The editorials serve to provide a forum for commentary from the Mohawk Council and/or its staff, while serving as a catalyst for community input. The editorial views expressed are the sole responsibility of the author, and may not represent those of the MCK or those of the editorial staff. Please direct all correspondence to the Communications Department.

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Farewell to **Francois Dandonneau**, who after 10 years is leaving to pursue other endeavours.

Nia:wen Francois!

WE HONOR THOSE WHO PROTECT US



A plaque was unveiled on April 2, 2008 in the Lobby of the Services Complex entitled "**Those Who Protect the Community**"