

# ONKWARIWA'SHON:'A



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THE ISSUES AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF TODAY, WHICH AFFECT OUR PEOPLE

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Newsletter of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke

## School is Back in Session!

Public Works is pleased to welcome back all 21 of our hardworking bus drivers. We're looking forward to another school year and hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

A new school year has begun, and our children are counting on all of us to make sure they get to school safely.

We would like to remind the community to use extreme caution at school crossings and to please respect the flashing red lights indicating when the buses are loading and unloading.



Community members can contact **Kenny Cross**, Bus Dispatcher at the Town Garage between 7:00 am & 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday at 632-5825 extension 257 for information on school bus services for Kahnawake.

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**Help keep our children safe.  
Never pass a stopped school bus.**



# Summer Community Meeting

by: Joe Delaronde, Political Press  
Attaché

It was a perfect Tuesday night for a community meeting: not too hot, not too cold...and no hockey game on the television. And yet, despite an interesting agenda that included the presentation of the new "dog bylaw," there were no more than 40 community members present at any given time. That being said, the meeting began at 7:10 with land allotments to Janus Cross, Chris Diabo, Kanentiioh Lahache, Christine Loft, Travis McComber, Saronia McGregor, Peter Sarabella, Terry Joseph Snow and David Witts.



that there were concerns over the process because Kahnawá:ke companies were not invited to bid on the work. Chief Michael Delisle explained that a letter was sent to the Prime Minister (and others) and that, as of the week of August 22, the process was stopped. The answer was satisfactory for the community member.

A question was asked regarding the meeting held this past summer regarding ATV's. The community member was assured that there would be a follow-up meeting in the near future.

Some discussion followed regarding whether common land could be used to create an easier access to one's land. It was pointed out that there are policies in place to deal with the issue, though one council member suggested that chief & council 'should make the decision.'

This was followed by the main agenda item that took up the major portion of the meeting: an update on the Seigneurie Sault St. Louis. Lead portfolio chief Lloyd Phillips did most of the presentation and answered the questions/comments from the floor. Most important, Chief Phillips announced a new initiative for community input. Community members are being strongly encouraged to contact either individual chiefs or the Seigneurie Communications team to discuss the issue in an informal, in-depth manner.

Finally, one man brought his complaint that he wasn't receiving landfill for his property despite his official request. Chief Delisle agreed to meet with him to listen to his concerns and, hopefully, come to some resolution.

As always, it was made clear that, at this point, NO negotiations are taking place.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The second item was the proposed new "Kahnawá:ke Animal Control Law." It was explained that the major change is that the new law would see the Peacekeepers and Animal Control Officer(s) given the power to issue fines immediately. The current law allows for only a justice of the peace (or judge) to issue fines. There was some discussion, with a plea by a couple of community members to amend the draft to encompass higher fines than those being proposed. As well, there was some discussion in regard to the proliferation of 'dangerous breeds' within the Territory, such as pit bulls and rottweilers.

In the open discussion, a community member had concerns that the access road behind the Kahnawá:ke Sports Complex is closed and that he was worried that, in the case of an emergency, this alternate route would not be available for ambulances. He was advised that the road is currently being repaired and that it would be reopened within a couple of weeks.

One community member asked for an update on the bid process for the engineering assessment of the Mercier Bridge; it had been relayed to the community

## MOHAWK COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVES

#	Date Passed	Subject
17	06/20/2005	Land Designation Approval
18	06/20/2005	Membership Transfer: Milton Elton Diabo
19	06/20/2005	PSB Mandate & Structure
20	06/20/2005	PSB-Legal Representative
21	06/20/2005	Highway 138 Speed Limit
22	06/20/2005	Bell Permit Lease
23	06/20/2005	Land Allotment-Ky Horn
24	06/20/2005	Land Allotment-Mark Montour
25	06/27/2005	Land Allotment-Tammy Whitebean
26	06/27/2005	Land Allotment Mary Lee Sandra Picard
27	06/27/2005	Land Allotment-Vicki Curotte
28	06/27/2005	Land Allotment-Bryan Whitebean
29	06/27/2005	Land Exchange-Kelly Kirby
30	06/27/2005	Changes to Regulation #3 in the Membership Law
31	06/27/2005	New Conservation Officers
32	07/05/2005	Joan Holmes Research
33	07/11/2005	Tewatohnhi'saktha Call Center
34	07/11/2005	All Vision Agreement
35	08/01/2005	Land Allotment-Dwayne Kirby & Melanie Gilbert
36	08/01/2005	Land Allotment-Davy Diabo
37	08/08/2005	Membership Transfer-Kim Linda Whitebean
38	08/08/2005	Roxboro Agreement
39	08/08/2005	Gaming
40	08/15/2005	Land Allotment - Darlene Denise Thomas
41	08/29/2005	Land Purchase Policy

# Seigneurie prompts community involvement



David S. Lahache, SSSL  
Communications Coordinator



Loanna Zacharie,  
SSSL Communications Assistant

If you would like to participate in the Seigneurie focus group, please contact Seigneurie Communications at 632-7500 or by email at [sssl@mck.ca](mailto:sssl@mck.ca).

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke is looking for direct involvement from Kahnawa'kehró:non on the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis. Community members will soon be able to offer their input on Kahnawá:ke's historic land grievance, by participating in Seigneurie focus groups.

Chief and Council will make the announcement concerning the various focus groups for the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis.

The focus groups will deal with several important topics such as lands, compensation, ratification and beneficiaries.

This approach will allow community members to offer ideas and voice their concerns as the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke works to develop a framework for possible Seigneurie negotiations with the Federal Government.

## Historical video update



Work on the Seigneurie Historical video series continues. The Seigneurie Communications Team is now putting the finishing touches on the second episode, which will focus on the French Regime. The second installment will be ready to air on our local cable system in the near future. Work on subsequent episodes is now underway and should be ready for final production and editing by the end of the month. The Seigneurie Communications Team will inform the community when the next installment is ready for air.

## Council seeks community input

By: Chief Lloyd Phillips



**We want your input!** Council is often criticized for not listening to the “people”, but that will not be the case for the SSSL. We are asking for, and hoping to receive your ideas and concerns. We want to make sure everyone has his or her say, so we will be offering different ways to gather your input, such as focus groups, one-on-one sessions, or family meetings—to name a few.

We are not in negotiations yet, but hope to be in the coming months. In 2003, Canada offered to negotiate under *their* policy, which is unacceptable to Council. What we are trying to do is set new rules for negotiations. Canada has many preconditions when dealing with native communities and this will not work for Kahnawake. In a nutshell, what we have put on the table for them is a new way of doing business with natives, beginning with Kahnawake. We've made it clear that we will **not** accept any surrender of land, and we will **not** be stuck to their current policies. An agreement must include land, dollars, and jurisdiction in many areas. And, we certainly do not want to be restricted by the Indian Act.

We are well aware that our community will hold us to the highest standards and will not support any weak or questionable agreement on the settlement of the SSSL.

Everyday there are council members, technical people and elders working on this file. A lot of work goes on “behind the scenes” such as research, analysis, legal issues and strategies. You may be tired of hearing what might sound like the same information over and over, but things move very slowly when we're dealing with reluctant governments. This shouldn't stop us from setting our goals and making our positions clear.

Keep your eyes and ears open, because we will be looking for your input, not only now, but throughout the entire process. Canada continuously talks about dealing with Native issues in new ways. “Breaking new ground” has been one statement made by the Prime Minister. Therefore, at our last meeting with senior government officials, some of our parting words included “if you want to break new ground, Kahnawake is prepared to drive the bulldozer!”

# Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke

## Financial Status for the 2004/05 Fiscal Year

The MCK is again happy to report that a balanced budget has been produced and has received a positive auditors report for the 2004/05 fiscal year from the auditing firm of Lippman Leebosh April.

The total operating and capital budget for this fiscal year for the MCK was \$29,292,532. This excludes the affiliated entities such as the Kahnawake Education Center, the Kahnawake Fire Brigade, K.S.C.S., the Cultural Center, the Youth Center, and Tawatohnhi'saktha, who report separately to the Community.

The Management of the MCK is very proud of the efficiency of the Program Directors who are mandated to meet the needs of the Community within the budget constraints they face. It is very difficult to plan and develop for the betterment of the Community when we are nearly 100% dependent on external government funding, showing that the community is in dire need of our own source revenue.

### Mohawk Council of Kahnawake Sources of Revenues for the 2004/05 Fiscal Year

Indian & Northern Affairs Canada	\$21,427,797.
Quebec Contributions:	\$ 3,850,470.
Other (Net of capital asset fund)	<u>\$ 4,014,265.</u>
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$29,292,532.</b>

### Operational and Capital Budget 2004/05 (net of capital asset fund)

#### Social Development Unit:

Social Assistance Programs:	\$4,556,666.
Housing Programs:	\$2,418,328.
Mohawk Self Insurance:	\$ 551,439.
Multi Dwelling Operations:	\$ 304,110.
Membership Administration:	<u>\$ 321,247.</u>
Total Social Development Unit Cost:	\$8,151,790.

#### The Office of the Council of Chiefs:

Council Secretariat:	\$ 999,157.
Community Initiatives:	\$ 34,963.
Regulatory Bodies:	\$ 539,958.
S.S.S.L. Land Claim:	\$ 494,632.
Traditional Govt. Development:	\$ 141,550.
CKR Negotiations:	\$ 759,950.
QKR Implementation:	<u>\$ 126,266.</u>
Total O.C.C. Unit Cost:	\$3,096,476.

**Finance and Administration Unit:**

Internal Administrative Services:	\$1,849,300.
Employee Benefits:	\$1,803,143.
Legal Services:	\$ 750,079.
Information Systems:	\$ 403,713.
Human Resource & Training:	\$ 380,045.
Court Administration:	\$ 323,182.
MCK Building Maintenance:	\$ 226,273.
Alternative Dispute Resolution:	\$ 53,638.
PR/Communications:	\$ 322,989.
Repayment of Building Addition:	\$ 50,986.
Miscellaneous Programs/Projects:	<u>\$ 95,679.</u>
Total Finance & Admin. Unit Cost:	\$6,259,027.

**Public Works Unit:**

M.C.K. Equipment:	\$ 563,332.
Heavy Equipment Acquisitions:	\$ 67,898.
Town Garage Maintenance:	\$ 268,555.
Daily School Transportation:	\$ 791,878.
Maintenance Management:	\$ 190,011.
Roads Department:	\$ 626,080.
Filtration & Sewage Plants:	\$ 865,406.
M.C.K. Transport – Provincial Hwys:	\$ 435,039.
Community Building Repairs:	<u>\$ 140,079.</u>
Total Public Works Unit Cost:	\$3,948,278

**Lands Unit:**

Land Management & Related Programs:	\$ 666,237.
Solid Waste Disposal Costs:	\$ 330,362.
Tioweroton Program Costs:	\$ 164,320.
Community Recycling Program:	\$ 216,080.
Environment & Related Programs:	\$ 261,291.
Quarry Operational Costs:	\$ 253,048.
Landfill Operational Costs:	<u>\$ 83,693.</u>
Total Lands Unit Cost:	\$1,975,031.

**Community Protection Unit:**

Peacekeepers Operational & Bldg. Cost:	\$3,122,112.
Community Protection Unit Cost:	\$ 180,496.
Conservation Department:	\$ 110,849.
Safety Operations & Committee Cost:	\$ 80,342.
Animal Protection:	\$ 70,070.
Emergency Preparedness:	<u>\$ 72,685.</u>
Total Community Protection Unit Cost:	\$3,636,554.

**Recreation Unit:**

Sports Complex Admin. & Maintenance:	\$ 497,713.
Recreation Planning & Development:	\$ 300,920.
Recreation Transfers:	<u>\$ 255,222.</u>
Total Recreation Unit Cost:	\$1,053,855.

**Capital Construction Unit:**

West-end Rehabilitation:	\$ 20,255.
Infrastructure Rehabilitation & TV:	\$ 14,002.
OSHA Park:	\$ 8,667.
Capital Unit Restructuring:	\$ 1,609.
Sewage Treatment Plant Phase 2:	\$ 40,244.
Capital Administration – all Projects:	\$ 280,061.
Rural Roads:	\$ 34,769.
New Development Study:	\$ 45,771.
Infrastructure Extension:	\$ 16,652.
Sewage Treatment Plant Phase 1:	\$ 189,830.
Wells & Septic Tank Maintenance:	\$ 25,883.
Capital Planning:	\$ 19,634.
Kanata 2000:	\$ 812.
Plans & Specifications:	\$ 92,464.
Rehabilitation Basin 1:	\$ 20,108.
Water Plant Modification:	\$ 17,581.
Adaptive Measures Plan:	\$ 62,962.
Lot 106 Project:	\$ 1,283.
Residential Lot Remediation:	\$ 1,063.
Rural Creek Rehabilitation:	\$ 41,477.
External Engineering Cost:	<u>\$ 118,838.</u>
Total Capital Construction Unit Cost:	\$1,053,965.

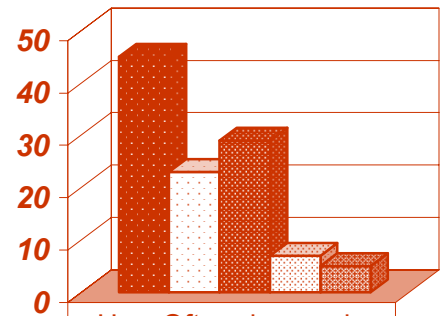
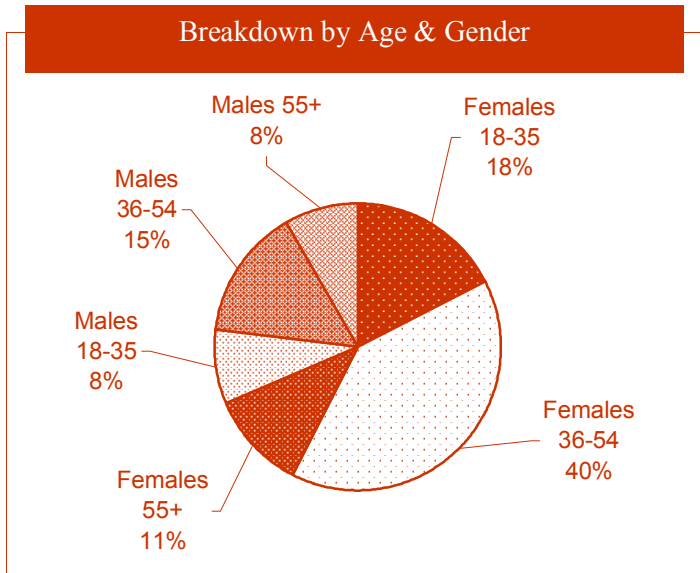
**Other Program Costs:**

Planning & Development Costs:	\$ 53,477.
Mohawk Language Programs:	<u>\$ 64,079.</u>
Total Other Program Costs:	\$ 117,556.

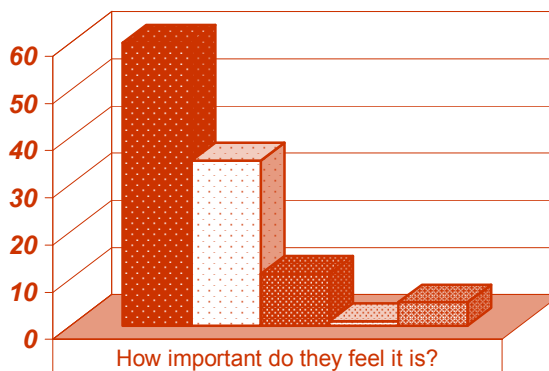


# Newsletter Survey Results

In the last issue of Onkwariwa'shon:'a, we included a readership survey to help us to determine who reads the newsletter, and the reasons why they read it, or don't read it for that matter. Thank you to all those who took the time to participate in the survey. Your input will help us in the planning of future newsletters and articles. Here are the results:



Always	45
Often	23
Sometimes	29
Rarely	7
Never	5



Very Important	60
Somewhat Important	35
Neutral	11
Somewhat unimportant	1
Very Unimportant	5

## Reasons Why You Do Not Read It

Repetitive	1
Get enough info elsewhere	2
Not interesting	2
Too wordy	1
No Time	6
Do Not Receive It	6

## Reasons Why You Do Read It

Important	41
Fun to Read	27
Graphics	12
Well Written	14
Relevant	39
Informative	83

Total 106 respondents

## Emergency Preparedness

The Kahnawake Emergency Planning Department would like to advise community members that remnants of tropical storm Katrina is causing heavier than normal rainfall in our area.

Please watch your property and take precautions today for flooding as we’re expected to have an accumulated 50 to 80 mm of rain.

If you are in a flood prone area please ensure your sump pumps are working and any valuables are kept above water levels. It’s best to have at least two sump pumps in the event your first one breaks down or when one pump isn’t enough to keep up with incoming water.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact **Kellyann Meloche, Emergency Preparedness Planning Manager at 632-0635.**

The following are definitions of weather terms that you may hear during a weather watch or warning.

A **WEATHER WATCH** alerts you that conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather. Watch the skies and listen for updated watches and possibly weather warnings.

A **WEATHER WARNING** alerts you that severe weather is occurring or that hazardous weather is highly probable. Severe thunderstorm or tornado warnings may be issued less than one hour in advance. Other weather warnings may be issued six to twelve hours in advance.

A **WEATHER ADVISORY** occurs when weather conditions are a cause for inconvenience or concern, but do not pose a serious enough threat to warrant a weather warning. An advisory may also be used when conditions show signs of becoming favorable for severe weather when the situation is not definite enough or too far in the future to justify a warning.

A **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH** is issued when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms with large hail, heavy rain, intense lightning or damaging winds within the areas and times specified in the watch. You should secure or put away loose objects such as outdoor furniture, put your car in the garage, bring livestock to shelter and listen carefully for an updated weather report.

A **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING** is issued when a severe storm has developed, producing one or more of the following conditions: heavy rain, damaging winds, hail of at least 20 mm in diameter or intense lightning. Severe thunderstorms may also produce tornadoes. The storms expected motion and developments would be given in the warning. If you are in the area specified, take shelter indoors.



# REFLECTIONS



By: Rickey Rice, Communications Officer

*Ah yes, the town swimming pool. Built 38 years ago. I was 13 and in grade 7 at Kateri and Mr. McNally was my teacher.*

*I remember wearing only a bathing suit peddling my bicycle with bare feet and a towel around my neck, arriving at the town pool hearing all the yelling and screaming of the countless kids having fun. No more room at the bike racks, so I drop my bike on the grass then run up the stairs and jump right in, before the life guard yells “No Running!”*

*In mid air I would glance around for any of my friends, then submerge in the beautiful, clear pool water. Well...almost clear. Sometimes yellow, sometimes shades of green and that smell—a cologne every pool emanates, “Eau de Chlorine”.*

*AAAhhhhhhhhhhhhh Cooling off. But that was really just a bonus because meeting your buddies at the town pool was a social event. Watching the girls. The girls eyeing the guys. “Hey Rick! Did you see her look at me?” Relationships started at the town pool. Ask your parents.*

*Do you remember the dreaded town pool swimming test? Yes, it’s your turn. You have to swim for 24 hours in a row....You have to stay afloat for 3 days .....and, yes you have to dive to the bottom of the deep end...I don’t know about you, but I figure at least 10 to 12 fathoms deep. Oh yes, and once you’re down there you have to bring up a 600 pound block of concrete.....congratulations! You passed. You can now swim in the town pool.*

In August, Kahnawa’kehró:non were informed of a project to install a new 900m<sup>3</sup> Water Reservoir in the vicinity of the present water treatment plant. This meant the demolition of the town swimming pool—which was necessary to create the required space for the construction of a 67’x47’ concrete reservoir.

Currently, the water supply in Kahnawake falls below the new requirements for operation, storage and fire protection. The new reservoir will increase the storage capacity by an additional 238,000 US gallons. This increase will meet community needs for equalization and fire protection to the year 2028. This new reservoir along with other future modifications will work towards providing the community with that extra capacity.



Sections of the recreation path will be closed during this construction, however the river road leading to the Kateri Island Bridge will remain open. We ask the community to limit use of this area during construction hours, which are Monday—Friday, 7:00 am to 3:30 p.m.

**Work for this project will continue until Spring 2006.**

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## ONKWARIWASHON:A

Through this publication, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke seeks to promote awareness and dialogue by informing the community on its activities and by analyzing the important issues affecting Kahnawá: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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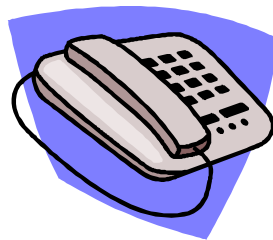
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Linda Delormier	Returned from her leave of absence and was promoted to the position of Legislative Coordinator in O.C.C.	

## JULY

Terry Patton	Returned to Tawatohnhi'saktha	
Rickey Rice	Communications Officer	Communications
Carla Skye	Traffic Clerk/Accts Receivable	Court House
Sophia Dupont	Administrative Assistant	Court House
Tara McComber	Tiowero:ton Administrator	Lands
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Karen Barnaby	File Clerk	Archives
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Thomas Diabo	Building Caretaker	SDU

## AUGUST

Andrea Montour	Returned from maternity leave to her Administrative Assistant position with the Executive Director's Office	
Trina C. Diabo	Returned from her maternity leave to her position as Assistant to the Office of Council of Chiefs	



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