



# ONKWARIWA'SHON:A



The Issues and Business Affairs of Today, Which Affect Our People

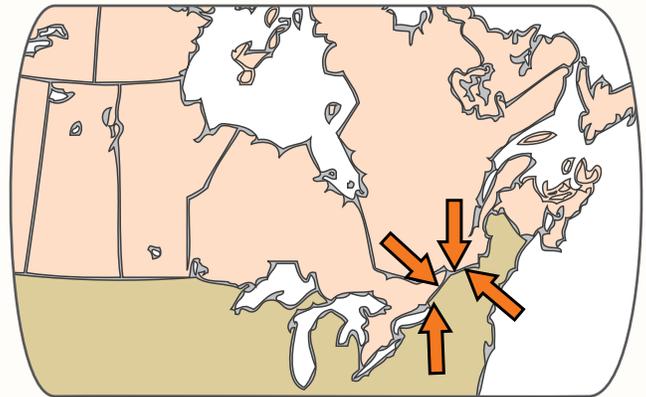
NEWSLETTER OF THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÁ:KE

## BORDER CROSSING by Joe Delaronde

Ever since the destruction of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the United States government has discussed ways to tighten security and, especially, to better screen people entering the country.

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke continues to maintain a close watch on developments on border-crossing issues. At this time, we can cross using our status cards and another recognized photo ID such as a driver's license or Medicare card. In January of this coming year (2007), the United States will begin demanding the use of passports for those entering the States by air or sea. **In 2008, that requirement will be in force for land as well.**

In September, a community survey conducted by the MCK indicated that border crossing was the topic that should be the top priority for Chief and Council for this term of office. The chiefs, in a separate survey, agreed with that assessment. Work continues at a pace that, while frustrating to some, will guarantee a more universal approach that could gain acceptance.



A couple of years ago the MCK announced that it was exploring a "Kahnawake only" ID card for border crossing. While the U.S. government seemed to be receptive to the idea, the timing of the initiative created special challenges. This idea was shared among the communities that make up the Iroquois Caucus (the elected Councils of Kahnawá:ke, Akwesasne, Kanesatake,



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## KWE KWE! by Justus Polson-Lahache

As you look outside your windows, you are constantly reminded that the season is in full change. The trees have washed away its leaves, the winds are becoming chilly and few are beginning their season sniffles. Just as fall changes to winter, the MCK communications department has changeovers in its staff. As one departs, another is welcomed. As the newest member of the communications team and editor of this Onkwarihwas'шон:'а newsletter, I must express that we are thrilled to present the new Onkwarihwa'shon:'а Fall edition newsletter.



Since our last issue, there have been many new happenings. As winter arrives, there is renewal and replenishing of life all around you. We always look forward to exciting encounters that come with the season, and rushing to check for us in your mailbox is what we hope to accomplish with this newsletter.



In upcoming issues, we will be experimenting with alternate ways of delivering and collecting information to improve dialogue with the community.

In light of the new, different ways we are trying to communicate this information to you, our vision remains the same... to promote awareness and dialogue in the important issues affecting Kahnawá:ke.

**Enjoy your Fall edition of Onkwariwa'shon:'а!**

## TIOWERO:TON COMMITTEE

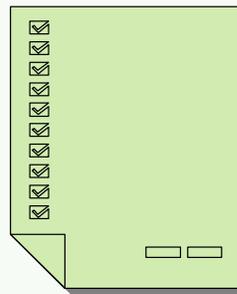
Steven Horne has been named the successful candidate for the position of Alternate Tiowero:ton Community Representative. The voting was held at the Kahnawá:ke Services Complex on October 6, 2006. 96 ballots were cast with 3 spoiled. Horne received a total of 33 votes.



*Congratulations!*

## REVENUE CANADA QUESTIONNAIRE

As you may have heard, Revenue Canada is sending questionnaires to community members regarding their Child Tax Benefits.



Please be aware that, according to their regulations (not ours), **this is mandatory and that failure to comply with completing the questionnaire could result in the suspension of benefits.** It could also result in the creation of debt

for benefit payments already received. For more information, please contact: **John Latour, Tax Consultant** (450) 632-7500 ext. 279

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Tyendinaga, Wahta, Six Nations and Oneida, Ontario), where it was decided that the idea should be pursued on a collective basis by all of the Iroquoian communities. Representatives of the Mohawk Nation have also become involved in the hope that solutions can be found that do not compromise our rights as Native people and are agreeable to all. It is hoped that this will take place before the end of the year. At the time this article is being written, no formal announcement has been made regarding its creation/implementation.

None of the proposed changes (American or Iroquoian) are expected to impact entry into Canada. We should also point out that Canada has shown very little interest in participating in (or recognizing) the development of the Iroquoian ID card project.

In the meantime, anyone traveling into the United States, especially by air, should remember that they may also be asked to produce documents to prove

native ancestry (should travelers declare themselves Mohawks or North American Indians). The American requirement is

that, in order to be recognized as such upon entry, you have to prove 50% Native blood quantum. **This is THEIR requirement, NOT ours.**

Should you refuse to produce the document, you may be refused entry. Unfortunately, there have been

several instances where this has happened.

The document we are referring to can be obtained at the MCK's Membership department of the Social Development Unit, located at the Services Complex.

Additionally, other countries (including Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda) will also require use of a

passport upon entry. In these instances, the MCK can issue a disclaimer that can be affixed to a Canadian passport that indicates, "Mohawk Nation citizens do not consider themselves to be Canadian citizens and without prejudice to his/her Mohawk Citizenship, however, the passport applicant concedes to the passport application and declaration which entails citizenship."

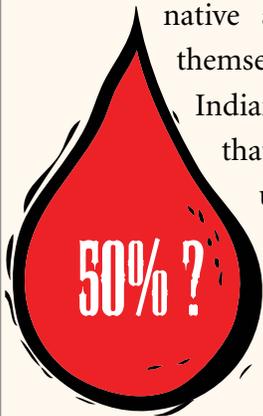
MCK Membership Administrator Alexis Shackleton has been in contact with the U.S. Embassy; Officials there say that the passport being used should be issued from the country the person was born in. Admittedly, this may complicate matters

for some Kahnawá'kehró:non who were born in the States. Ms. Shackleton is available to answer questions at 450-638-0500 regarding this situation.

There are several countries that recognize the Haudenosaunee passport. However, special arrangements must be made politically beforehand. For those who wish to use that passport, we suggest you contact the Eastern Door's Kenneth Deer for more information.

For the current term, four MCK chiefs – Peggy Mayo-Standup, Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne and Keith Myiow – are responsible for the border-crossing portfolio. Please be assured that we will keep the community informed on any developments via the Kahnawá:ke media.

“ Mohawk Nation citizens do not consider themselves to be Canadian citizens ”



## NO LONGER DRIVING ON TAX

There is now a tax exemption policy on vehicle registrations and driver's licenses beginning on November 1, 2006. The exemption applies to the 9% tax on the insurance premiums portion of the registration or license and only for "status Indians" living on reserve.

To receive this exemption, register with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) by visiting any outlet. Be sure to present your native



status card along with your Quebec driver's license to ensure all future renewals are tax exempt.

## OUR LANDS RETURNED

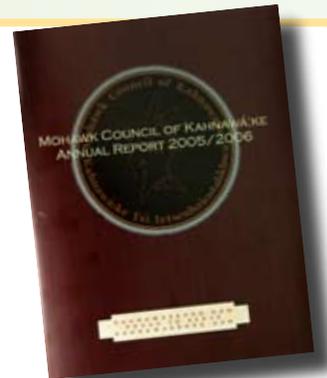


Nearly 6 years after the Highway 138 reconfiguration project began, the MCK has repatriated 8 acres of expropriated land back to the community's jurisdiction.

Located adjacent to the Sports Complex in what we know as the old Bedard Traffic Circle, the land had been used by Transport Quebec as right of way for Highway 138.

## MCK ANNUAL REPORT

The MCK is pleased to present this year's annual report to the community, which includes reports from each unit of the MCK and messages from Grand Chief Michael Ahrírhon Delisle, Jr. and Executive Director Alana Goodleaf-Rice.



*"I am proud of the staff here at the MCK for our continued success year after year,"* said Goodleaf-Rice. *"I am particularly pleased that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has acknowledged our efforts in the management of our budgets."* Goodleaf-Rice was referring to a letter received from Jacques Giroux, INAC's Regional Director Funding Services, which read, in part:

*"After analyzing your financial statements, we note the excellent financial situation of your organization and we encourage you to continue in this direction."*

The MCK Annual Report is being distributed to the all community residents via the Post Office. If you do not have a P.O. Box, just drop by MCK's Communications Unit Building (the old Dickson house) for your copy.

## SPORTS COMPLEX NEWS

We are pleased to announce that for a trial period the Sports Complex Snack Bar is currently testing out healthier alternatives on our menus;

- Due to Safety issues, Heelys (sneakers with wheels) are no longer permitted inside the Sports Complex.



- Staff cannot fully monitor every child in the arena because of their duties. Therefore, we are asking parents to keep better watch of their children to ensure that there are no accidents.
- Due to recent incidents, the Community Room will be closed to youth gatherings, effective November 4, 2006. Ice time for birthday parties can still be rented, but they will not be able to hold their birthday and team banquet parties there.

For more information on the Kahnawá:ke Sports Complex or to rent ice time, please call Mr. Kenneth Kane at (450) 638-3311.



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## LET'S CELEBRATE...

The Kahnawake Environment Protection Office that we've grown to love will celebrate its 20th Birthday this June 2007!

Call 635-3035 and tell us how you would celebrate?

## TAX CONSULTANT

The MCK's Tax Consultant is available for community members who need assistance to:

- Fill out government related forms.
- Review and provide assistance in tax assessments received from Federal or Provincial governments.
- Provide information on tax related matters for to native individuals.
- Process all complaints regarding exemption at point of sale with necessary measures taken to resolve complaints.
- Advise Revenue of all stores failing to comply with agreement.
- Meet with Government representatives concerning client files.

**John Latour**  
Tax Consultant

John is in Mondays to Wednesdays from 8 am to 4 pm. Please try to make an appointment to guarantee a meeting. John can be reached at (450) 632-7500.

### 3 SISTERS HEALTH & HARVEST FAIR

by Alana Kane

Sunday October 22, 2006 was a beautiful fall day to host the “14th Annual Three Sisters Health & Harvest Fair”. It was a great success with over 500 enthusiastic individuals who came to participate. Everyone was in great spirits as they made their way through the aisles of crafts and displays at the Knights of Columbus hall (generously donated to Kahnawake Environment Protection for this event). All had smiles on their faces; socializing with others in the crowd, meeting people they haven’t seen in awhile, and leaving with arms abound with their recent purchases and full bellies from all the goodies that were available.

A number of community organizations and services were there to provide a wealth of information on topics ranging from protecting and improving our Environment, our Language and Culture and our Health as well as the health of others.

The Language Nest, the main benefactor of the event, made in excess of \$2,000.00 at the door and on their raffle. They took on the responsibility of providing a nutritious and delicious lunch. A number of vendors were also present, selling their wares, and with great success we might add.

A beaming Margaret Deer was the winner of this year’s, “Best Beans in town” contest co-sponsored by the Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Program and the Kateri Memorial Community Health Unit. There were also many lucky winners of various raffles that were available.

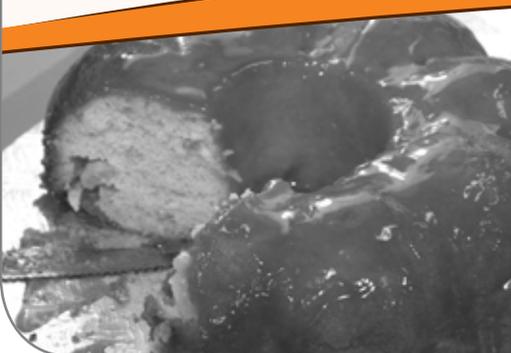
We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our volunteers, in particular to all Staff of the Environment Protection Office (Eva Johnson, Alana Kane, Lynn Jacobs and Holly McComber), Debbie Morris, Associate Director of Lands and Nelva Diabo, Assistant to the Executive Director’s Office and of course, our Mistress of Ceremonies, Joyce Rice, who did a fabulous job to energize everyone.

A great big NIA:WEN KOWA goes out to all Kahnawakeronon who came out to support our efforts and made the “14th Annual Three Sisters Health & Harvest Fair” the success that it was.

#### DID YOU KNOW...

The St. Lawrence Seaway (SLS) lands from the tunnel to the survival school and the Peacekeepers Station lot was identified by Chiefs for commercial business use in 1989.

*A Commercial Lands Use Policy* has been approved on October 10, 2006 to manage the land in a responsible and equitable manner.



## FLU CLINICS

The Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre are holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of November. Please drop by to receive your flu shot.

November 6 ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 November 7 & ..... 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 November 9 & 13 ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 November 14 & 15 ..... 1:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 November 16 ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 November 18 ..... 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

### Specialized Clinics available:

**Golden Age Club:** November 15 from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

**Community Health Unit** (For infants ages 6 months to 23 months): November 20 & 29 at 4:00 pm - 6 pm.



Leslie Walker-Rice, will be on hand to give the flu shots



## PUBLIC SKATING TIMES

Friday, November 3, 2006 ..... 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
 Tuesday, November 7, 2006 ..... 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
*\* Every Tuesday following*  
 Friday, November 10, 2006 ..... 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
*\* Every Friday following*  
 Friday, January 26, 2007 ..... 4:00pm – 5:00pm  
*\* This date and time only*

## SHAKY NEWS...

Kahnawake has two earthquake fault lines running through it?

Call Emergency Planning (632-0635) to find out exactly where.



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## ONKWARIWA'SHON:'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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## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

MISSING: DANIEL MONTOUR, MITCHELL GILBERT, THOMAS ARMSTRONG,  
KEVIN KENNEDY, CRAIG STANDUP AND FRANK RICE

Congratulations to the MCK employees who have reached a level of 20 years of service to the MCK organization.

Daniel Montour, Frank Phillips, Dwaine White, Mitchell Gilbert, Kathy Curotte, Thomas Armstrong, Kenny Cross, Kevin Kennedy, John Deere, Ray Arthur Diabo, Rosemary Lahache, Craig Standup, Alana Goodleaf Rice, Frank Rice, Richard White, Chief Peggy Mayo, Cynthia Kirby, Thomas Lahache, Ronald Skye.

## NEW STAFF

**Tricia Cook** Receptionist

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Management Officer

**Terry Diabo** Director of Community  
Protection

**Bruce Jacobs** Main Receptionist

**Justus Polson-Lahache**  
Communications Officer, Promotions

**Raymond Phillips** Bus Driver

**David Scott** 1 Year Interim Director of  
Operations, Kahnawake Fire Brigade

Farewell to **Georgia Splicer**, who retired on *October 20, 2006*. Her presence, dedication & assistance to the department and staff of Land Management will be missed.

## RECOGNITION AWARD

The MCK would like to congratulate the recipients of the first annual MCK Achievement and Recognition Award. The recipients are being honored for their extensive involvement in organizing the 2006 Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the 2006 North American Indigenous Games.

### **Recipients:**

**Vanessa Alfred**  
**Dave Canadian**  
**Bryan Deer**  
**Ray Diabo**  
**Kenny Kane**  
**Arnold Leborgne**  
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