

## Approved Cabin Construction Applicants

### October 16, 2013

- Rickey Diabo & Tammy Whitebean
- Rasenni'saks Jacobs Lahache & Chibonne Little Bear Evertz
- Angus Skye
- Micheal Norton & Christina Jacobs
- Jake Rice & Cheyanne Cross Rice

### December 4, 2013

- Tekaheroken Herne
- Tekarihwakhen Herne
- Ohnawio Montour
- Teioshontathe Herne
- Audrey Curotte
- Stormy Goodleaf & Jewel McGowan Goodleaf
- Marina Goodleaf & Merrick Goodleaf

### May 16, 2014

- Tom Scott & Lynn Marie Jacobs

### July 23, 2014

- William Whyte & Lynn Jacobs
- Scott Stacey
- Kyle Zacharie & Kimberly Cross
- Kwaronhiahawi Barnes
- Cody Diabo & Kiera-Ann King
- Thelbert Rice
- James Norton & Trina Skye

### September 15, 2014

- Ronnie Stacey & Patricia Ross
- Dwayne Cross & Angie Lawrence

## Hunting Season

Allan McComber—Bull

(September 3, 2014)

James Montour—Buck

(September 15, 2014)

Skaroniati Stacey—Bull

(September 22, 2014)



## DONATIONS

The Tioweró:ton Committee would like to thank Watio Lazare for his generous donation to the Territory. Watio made some major repairs to the Fire Road.

The Tioweró:ton Committee would like to thank Ronald McGregor for donating a fire ring to the Campground for the Youth Center camping trip.

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## Kahnawà:ke Youth Center & Our Gang Tioweró:ton Camping Trip



This year the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center & Our Gang held their Tioweró:ton Camping Trip from July 29—July 31, 2014. The Campground was reserved for their use and was closed off for Community Members.

We look forward to your visit next year!

Please note that the Campground is used on a first come first served basis, however, Community Organizations may reserve the campground for Community Events.

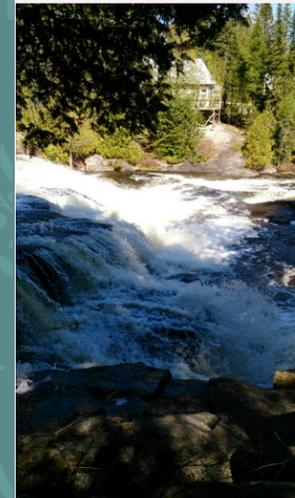
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## Community Meeting Recap



found, it may be that there will no longer be a sand pit in Tioweró:ton.

It was also decided that brush will no longer be accepted at the Sand Pit. Currently the amount of brush in the sand pit poses a fire hazard. Community Members are encouraged to burn or bury the brush they may collect from their cabin site.

This year the Spring Tioweró:ton Community meeting was held on June 4th, 2014 at KSCS in Kahnawà:ke.

The first item on the agenda was the New Cabin Construction Area that was approved which is located just off the sand pit. The area will open up approximately 12 new sites and has potential to be expanded.

The next item discussed was the Sand Pit. Due to concerns brought forth by the Community and the potential environmental damage to the area, the Committee has decided to relocate the sand pit. Test pits will be dug to find a similar type material. Should a new location not be

are being asked to assist by providing cabin ownership information as well as their contact information. This for emergency purposes. The information can be provided to one of the Caretakers or by contacting the Lands Unit.

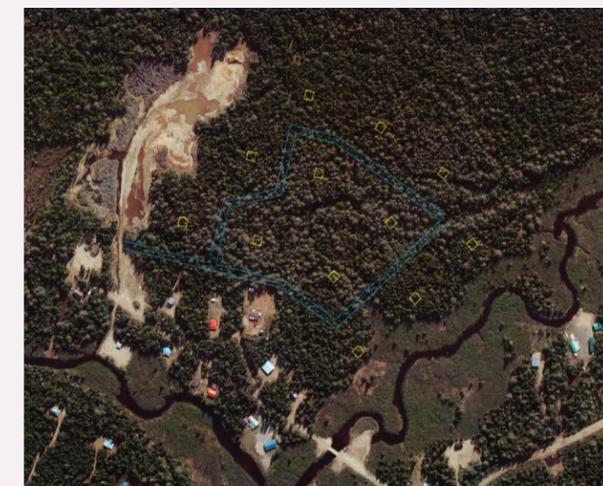
The Environment Protection Office informed the Community that water sampling of the Doncaster River took place in April and will also occur throughout the summer and fall. The results have all been very positive (See article on page 2).

The Community was then informed that all existing cabin files are being converted into an electronic database. The information being kept is what is listed on a cabin construction application. Community Members who constructed their cabin prior to 1999

The issue of ATV safety was also discussed. The use of proper safety equipment and parental supervision is essential to the prevention of serious injury.

An update on the pilot project for dust control was provided to the Community. The application of Calcium Chloride to minimize the dust was not as successful as anticipated, with only a few bags purchased last summer.

The Calcium Chloride will remain available with the Caretakers until it has all been sold. The final agenda item was the Policy Amendment Update. The Policy is now in Draft 2 and is being reviewed by other MCK departments. Most of the changes requested by the Community have



Sketch of the new cabin construction area and an aerial photograph of the sand pit. Please note that this picture was taken in 2011. The sand pit has since almost doubled in size.

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been incorporated into the draft. Once the Tioweró:ton Committee and MCK departments finalize their review, the Draft Policy will go to Chief and Council for Approval in Principal.

There will then be a 30 day Community Consultation where Community Members will have the opportunity to review the documents and provide feedback on the amendments. We are antici-

pating that this will take place during the month of October.

After the 30 day Community Consultation, all of the feedback will be forwarded to Chief and Council for review and final approval. Once the

amendments have been approved by Chief and Council, the new Policy will be implemented.



The Tioweró:ton Committee would like thank Tom Morris for his many years of service and his commitment to the Tioweró:ton Committee and Territory. Congratulations Tom, enjoy your retirement!



## Water Quality Surveying

A surface water quality monitoring program was initiated in Tioweró:ton this year. Water samples are being collected on a monthly basis from April to October at three locations. The locations include at the upstream and downstream end of the Doncaster River and on the tributary coming from St-Agathe. The water is being tested for *E. coli*, suspended solids and phosphorus. These three parameters are good indica-

tors of impairments to water quality that can be caused by upstream development, agricultural activities or excessive bank erosion. The results to date indicate that the water quality is very good in Tioweró:ton. Increasing development can put pressure on the freshwater resources we all share. By implementing Best Management Practices in and around water we can limit our impact on the environment ensuring the continuation of good water quality for fishing and swimming.

## Mussel Survey

Tioweró:ton caretakers participated in a freshwater mussel survey with experts from the Quebec Environment Ministry. There are over twenty species of freshwater mussel in the province and this particular survey was looking for the Eastern Pearl Mussel. This species is in decline due to the introduction of the invasive Zebra Mussel, reduction in water quality and the presence of dams which limit the movement of its host fish. Mussel larvae ride on the gills of Brook Trout until they are old enough to survive on their own. They then drop off and burrow into the sediment. The survey found a large number of adult mussels, marking the furthest westerly point they have been found in Quebec. Unfortunately no younger mussels were found suggesting that the adults are not reproducing well. This is another good reason why we need to protect our waters and ensure that there are a healthy number of brook trout in the river!



## Best Management Practices (BMPs)

### For Activities Taking Place in and around Water Habitats in Kahnawà:ke and Tioweró:ton



**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** are scientifically based methods that have been field tested and proven to be the most technologically and economically feasible means of preventing and/or managing environmental impacts associated with work around water.

They include consideration of:

- The management of water on your work site
- Identifying and developing a plan for protecting sensitive species and habitats
- Installing erosion and sediment control measures to prevent the movement and spread of sediment
- Post construction site restoration

**The BMPs should be used by:**

- MCK planners and workers
- Individual community members
- Local businesses
- Contractors

### Potential Impacts of Activities in or Near Water

- Working around water can cause the loss of habitat and wildlife, pollution of water-ways, increased risk of flooding and erosion, and increased maintenance costs.
- BMPs are intended to reduce these negative impacts as much as possible.

### Education and Training

- In general, BMPs are not difficult to implement. However, to be effective, it is important that the correct use and installation of these techniques is followed.
- **KEPO staff are available to provide advice on implementing BMPs to ensure that your project achieves your goals while mitigating harm to the environment. KEPO staff can be reached at 450-635-0600.**

Remember the core principles of BMPs:

- AVOID
- MINIMIZE
- MITIGATE
- RESTORE

**These BMPs are intended to serve the following purposes:**

- To provide a framework for community development while protecting wildlife and the environment
- To reduce negative impacts to the water resources in the community
- To ensure development does not cause negative impacts to existing nearby property owners.
- **To reduce costs** associated with long-term maintenance resulting from bank erosion, flooding, and other environmental hazards.