



(Photo: program staff celebrate the grand opening of the Stop Now and Plan Program with the SNAP Dragon)

Six Nations Launches SNAP Program

On Monday, January 30, 2017 Six Nations Child & Family Services gathered together with members of the community in their newly renovated, wheelchair accessible portable located at 15 Sunrise Court, Ohsweken to launch the new SNAP Program.

SNAP, which stands for Stop Now and Plan, helps children with behavioural problems and their parents learn how to effectively manage their emotions and “keep problems small”.

The programs, available for boys and girls, are designed for children between the ages of 6-12 who are engaging in aggressive, anti-social behaviour and/or have come into contact with

authority figures at school or in the community.

Problems may include difficult family relationships, physically aggressive behaviour, angry outbursts, verbally aggressive or defiant behaviour, lack of self-control and problem solving skills, difficulty making and maintaining healthy relationships, stealing, bullying and vandalizing or damaging property.

Experienced and highly trained staff work with each family to assess challenges, problems and develop an action plan. Children and families participate in the program with the goal of preventing future anti-social behaviour and to reduce the chances

of conflict with family, peers and authority figures.

In addition to the SNAP Boys and SNAP Girls Groups, the Program also offers a SNAP Parenting Group, individual child counselling/mentoring and community connections, school advocacy/teacher support, family counselling, and long term connections/continued care.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact SNAP directly. Referrals can also be made by schools, family doctors, community health practitioners, police, child welfare, and mental health providers.

For more info on the SNAP Program contact Six Nations Child & Family Services at (519) 445-0408 or visit www.stopnowandplan.com.



First Nations Conservation Program

First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. (FNESL) has secured a contract from Hydro One to conduct a First Nations Conservation Program (FNCP) in eight different First Nations across Ontario.



On January 12, 2017 the Program launched in the community of Six Nations. Over the next little while, two Community Canvassers will be seeking community members who are

interested in participating with the hope to conduct energy audits on 1,500 homes on the Territory.

Through this Program you may be eligible to access FREE energy-efficient upgrades for your home, including light bulbs, appliances and more. There's no cost to you. You can make your home more comfortable and save energy.

For more info contact Linda Porter at (519) 445-1202.

On-Reserve Hydro Rate

In June of 2016, the Ministry of Energy directed the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to develop options for an On-Reserve Hydro Rate.

The OEB has submitted their recommendations to the Ministry of Energy with the preferred approach of 100% Delivery Rate Credit.

The Chiefs Committee will be meeting with the Minister of Energy to advocate acceptance of this recommendation.

Minister of Energy, Gleen Thibeault has advised Six Nations the announcement of an on-reserve hydro rate could be made by mid-March of this year.

Any community members with concerns about their hydro bill are encouraged to contact Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison Officer at (519) 445-2201.

HYDRO ONE CUSTOMER SERVICE CARE

What is Customer Service Care?

Hydro One is offering a new service model to several First Nation communities across Ontario that focuses on in-community, face-to-face interactions, and ensuring customers understand and can access all of their available programs.

Collaborating with Six Nations Elected Council administrative staff, Hydro One has begun providing in-person services to the community of Six Nations. Through the initiative, a number of Six Nations community members who are existing Hydro One customers and are residing on the Territory have been able to access tools and information to help lower their monthly bills.

How Can Customer Service Care Help You?

Representatives from Hydro One's Customer Service Care Team have been visiting First Nation communities around the province to meet with Indigenous governing bodies, conduct community information sessions, and provide one-on-one sessions with individual customers regarding:

- Disconnections
- Unexplained usage
- Incorrect smart meter readings
- High delivery charges
- Arrears
- Individual payment plans
- Tax exemption
- Budgeting
- Corrections to billing information
- Poor interaction with telephone representatives

Who Do I Contact?

To set up your meeting with Hydro One's Customer Service Care, contact:

Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison

Six Nations Elected Council Central Administration

Address: 1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken

Phone: (519) 445-2201 x3230

Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca

Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm

In collaboration with:



Partners in Powerful Communities

Cap and Trade

Effective January 1, 2017 the provincial government implemented a Cap and Trade System applicable to gas purchases. Following implementation, several gas stations on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory raised prices to compensate for the new tax.

Six Nations Elected Council will be meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, where the new tax was initiated, to inquire how it will further affect Six Nations.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Update: Boundary Discussions with Brantford and Brant

On January 20, 2017 Six Nations Elected Council met with provincial Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation David Zimmer to further discuss the Consultation Table that will be set up to address issues surrounding the current boundary agreement between the City of Brantford and County of Brant.

their meeting, Premier Wynne agreed to pull together the Consultation Table.

At the Table Six Nations Elected Council, the City of Brantford and the County of Brant will discuss a number of issues, including consultation and accommodation.

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Despite appeal to the provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro, the boundary agreement was approved in December of 2016.

“We had the opportunity to meet with Premier Kathleen Wynne in December to express our disappointment that this agreement was signed without proper consultation and accommodation,” said Chief Ava Hill. Following

Six Nations Elected Council Meets with Minister of Finance

On January 23, 2017 Six Nations Elected Council met with Minister of Finance Charles Sousa to discuss a number of issues including the Brantford Casino, taxation on the West Street Property in Brantford that was left to Six Nations, the modernization of gas cards, and tax exemption.

cards to purchase gas.

The issue of HST exemption for status members was also brought up, and the fact that some retailers are still refusing to acknowledge that the exemption applies to PST at the point of sale and GST when the product is delivered to the community.

During the meeting, the Elected Council explained to the Minister that the Brantford Casino sits on Six Nations land and that they would like to see some benefit from it for the community of Six Nations.

Minister Sousa informed the Elected Council he would follow up on all of the issues raised.

The Minister was also advised to forego the modernization of the gas card, and instead to allow people to use their status

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Fire Prevention

Interested in learning more about fire prevention and safety? Visit Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services. Fire Services Personnel are there to provide you info!

Questions?

Do you need to get in touch with your District Councillor? Call Central Admin at (519) 445-2201 or visit www.sixnations.ca for their contact info.

Animal Control Services

Animal Control will be resuming services on March 6, 2017.

Services will be provided weekdays from 4:30pm-8pm and on weekends from 9am-8pm.

For more info or to access these services call: (519) 445-2947 Monday-Friday OR (519) 445-4818 Saturday-Sunday.

Telephone and Door-to-Door Scams

A word of caution and warning goes out to all community members, especially our Elders, about telephone and door-to-door scams. Be wary. Ask questions.

If you get a suspicious telephone call ask for their name, phone number and any additional information. You are NOT required to give them any info and can advise them you will be reporting them to the Six Nations Police and Six Nations Elected Council.

Door-to-door solicitors can be asked to display a letter granting permission to solicit from the Elected Council. If they cannot produce one you may call the Six Nations Police and have them escorted off of the Territory.

Please share with family and friends!

Walking with Our Sisters

Walking with Our Sisters is a commemorative art installation comprised of over 1,760 pairs of women's, and over 100 pairs of children's mocassin vamps (tops). Each adult vamp represents one missing or murdered Indigenous woman. The unfinished mocassins represent the unfinished lives of the women whose lives were cut short. The children's vamps are dedicated to the children who never returned home from residential schools.

Six Nations will be hosting the exhibit starting November 13, 2017. The location is yet to be determined. Leading up to the exhibit the Planning Committee will be holding a community conversation to raise awareness about preventing violence and missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Student Nutrition Program

Six Nations Health Promotion will be introducing a FULL breakfast nutrition program within the schools on Six Nations. All children should have access to healthy food at school. The nutrition program will lay the foundation for healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime and ensure that learning is not hindered by a lack of access to healthy food.

- School food programs have been linked with positive impacts on children's mental health, including reductions in behavioural and emotional problems, bullying, aggression, anxiety and depression.
- Students who consume a morning meal most days show at least a 10% increase in skills such as independent academic work, initiative, conflict resolution, class participation and problem solving at school.

"Our school was fortunate in participating in the breakfast program that showed that breakfast truly matters! I noticed many positive outcomes in my classroom, such as improved student behaviour and better academic achievement. With having an early healthy breakfast, my students were more alert, could concentrate better and participated more! They were also coming to school on time and regularly!"

~Toni DeMille, OMSK Teacher

Become a Volunteer Today!

The Student Nutrition Program is in need of volunteers to make this program a success in our community. We completed trial runs at each school, in which the students were eager and excited for breakfast every morning. Parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, all community members are encouraged to lend a hand.

Volunteer at the school of your choice for the following:

Mornings: preparing breakfast in school, breakfast servers, clean-up

Mornings/Afternoons: prep work, baking

Highschool/Post-Secondary Students: volunteer hours after school or on PD Days

*Requirements: safe food handling, training will be provided for FREE by Health Services

For more info or to volunteer contact Lacey Hill, Student Nutrition Program Coordinator at (519) 445-2809 or email laceyhill@sixnations.ca





(Photo: Chief Ava Hill attending the Toronto 2017 North American Indigenous Games major partnership announcement with CBC News on January 21, 2017. Photo courtesy of naig2017.to)

Six Nations to Host Lacrosse for NAIG 2017

Six Nations of the Grand River will have the honour of hosting lacrosse for the upcoming North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) during the week of July 16-23, 2017 including:

- Boys Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19, 16 and 14
- Girls Box Lacrosse Tournament: Under 19

The Elected Council has established a Six Nations Steering Committee who will be overseeing Six Nations involvement in the Games, including events in the community. Potential events in the community include a cultural festival, lacrosse

festival, tours and more!

If you're interested in volunteering or for sponsorship inquiries contact Dallas Squire, Coordinator Six Nations NAIG Working Group at (519) 774-6721 or email dalsquire@gmail.com.

To learn more about the North American Indigenous Games, visit www.naig2017.to. You can also follow NAIG on Facebook at naig2017.to or Twitter [@naig2017to](https://twitter.com/naig2017to)

Right to Play

Six Nations Health Services has partnered with Right To Play (RTP) to support youth programming. Innovative and community-driven, the PLAY Program uses sport and play to empower Indigenous children and youth with the necessary life-skills to become change-makers in their communities.

The Program has been offered in Six Nations since 2015.



(Photo: this year's Right to Play Social)

This year, RTP winter training took place at Tim Hortons Camp at Onondaga Farms. This training event brought together RTP Community Mentors from 40 reserves and urban organizations across Ontario.

For more information about the Right to Play program at Six Nations please contact Charley Hill at (519) 445-2809.

Accessibility

Six Nations Elected Council is working towards making all Council-owned buildings accessible.

At this time, the Federal Government has agreed to provide staff with the expertise to conduct accessibility audits on the buildings and make recommendations for improvement.

Road Safety

Following two recent accidents on Sixth Line, Six Nations Elected Council would like to remind community members of the importance of road safety.

Please remember to reduce your speeds, be mindful of pedestrians, obey all road signs and always come to a complete stop at all posted stop signs. Nia:weh.

Elected Council Updates

Bridge No. 5

Public Works will soon begin work on Bridge No. 5. There will be lane restrictions on the bridge, located on Fourth Line between Chiefswood Road and Tuscarora Road, associated with the bridge replacement. Notice will be provided.

Bridge No. 7 Repairs

This summer we will begin rehabilitating Bridge No. 7 located between Third and Fourth Line. These repairs will impact the flow of traffic through this area, but are needed to ensure the continued safety of our community.

Overall, we have identified 11 bridges in need of rehabilitation in the upcoming years.

Federal Funding

Unfortunately Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has cut nearly \$300,000 of our departmental funding used to maintain assets. Nearly \$200,000 has also been cut from our water/wastewater department. We will be following up with the Minister's office.

Emergency Housing

Over the next Council term we will be working on addressing the need for emergency housing. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Hazardous Waste Event

Our next Household Hazardous Waste Event

is scheduled for June of 2017. For tips on storing waste until this date or for alternative locations for proper waste disposal visit Public Works - Landfill Site at www.sixnations.ca.

Housing Development

Six Nations Housing Department was granted \$97,500 from Six Nations Economic Development Trust to undertake work to plan a housing development across from the Village Cafe. The plan is now complete with a proposed 65-units, and details will be shared with the community soon.

Hydro One

For assistance arranging a meeting with Hydro One, contact Arleen Maracle, Liaison Officer at (519) 445-2201 or arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca.

Hydro One's Customer Service Care includes assistance with disconnections, arrears, unexplained usage, incorrect smart meter readings, high delivery charges, individual payment plans, poor interaction with telephone reps, corrections to billing info, tax exemption and budgeting.

Landfill Site

The Six Nations Landfill Site is currently operating on winter hours (8am-4:30pm Tuesday through Friday and 8am-4:15pm Saturday).

For tire disposals please inform the Site Guard of the

type of tire and source. There is no charge for tire disposal, however this information is reported monthly to the Ontario Tire Stewardship and impacts funding.

McKenzie Creek

We will be preparing to complete work this year to improve drainage on the west side of the Territory, as part of the McKenzie Creek Master Drainage and Flood Remediation Plan. This will entail some work on private property on Third Line near Oliver M. Smith Elementary and near the intersection of Fourth Line and Seneca Road. The respective property owners impacted will be approached in the coming months to discuss the required work.

Ohsweken Infrastructure

We're happy to announce that the new traffic lights at the intersection of Chiefswood Road and Fourth Line are now operational. This spring Six Nations Public Works will be painting the new left-hand turning lanes, and implementing the advanced green on the north and south ends of Chiefswood Road. Advanced notice will be provided before this transition is made. Please remember to obey all hand signals, they are there to help ensure you know when it's safe to cross the road.

The new traffic lights will also be equipped with a pre-emption feature that will be controlled by Six

Nations Fire and Emergency Services. In the case of an emergency all lights at the intersection will flash red. When you see this, please pull your vehicle safely to the side of the road to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

Funding for this project has been provided by Six Nations Elected Council, and the governments of Canada and Ontario through the Small Communities Fund. Questions? Contact Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

Priority Projects

We are continuing to strongly advocate the federal government to secure funds for priority projects for the benefit of the community.

Public Works

Six Nations Public Works is working on a number of projects for the benefit of the community, including: the replacement of the existing fibre lines that support all Council services, the expansion and renovation of Social Services to support their service growth, and the extension of hydro servicing to Pauline Johnson Road railway crossing in an effort to install warning lights with a bell for safety.

Recycling

Larger recycling bins are now available, 4 per household, free of charge at Public Works (1953 Fourth Line). Please recycle, and

help to protect Mother Earth. Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Re-Use, Repair and Recycle. Questions? Call Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

School Maintenance

We are pleased to announce that we have recovered over \$365,000 from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for our School Maintenance Department.

Waste Management

At this time, we have been able to secure funding from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to close the existing Landfill Site and build a transfer station in the 2017/18 fiscal year. We are currently in the process of hiring a consultant to design the transfer station plans. Further details will be provided as we move forward.

Watermain Extension

We're pleased to report that Phase 1 (design) of the watermain extension to I.L. Thomas and Oliver M. Smith Elementary Schools, and the Oneida Business Park is complete.

Council is actively advocating for the funds needed to complete the construction and installation of these watermains.

Please note, this watermain extension will NOT include servicing to any homes. Any home connections to the watermain will be the responsibility of the resident.

Funding for this project has been provided by the Six Nations Economic Development Trust.



(Photo: Ontario Minister of Education Deb Matthews visits Six Nations and Polytechnic)



(Photo: Michelle Davis, Chief Hill, Premier Wynne and Rebecca Jamieson at the Indigenous Women's Forum)

Chief and Elected Council Community Engagements

February

- Friendship Walk in Brantford on the 4
- Women's Treaty Forum in Toronto on the 7
- Iroquois Caucus in Ottawa the 8-9
- Brantford Sports Hall of Fame Annual Banquet on the 8
- Hydro One Meeting Session with First Nations on the 9
- Political Confederacy Meeting, Chiefs of Ontario on the 10
- Ontario ParaSport Winter Games Opening
- Ceremony in Brantford on the 10
- Chiefs Committee on Wealth Creation in Toronto on the 15
- Meeting with Eleanor McMahon, Tourism Sport and Culture in Toronto on the 16
- Fentanyl Community Presentations on the 15 and 17 at the Community Hall
- Chiefs Committee on Hydro One Sales the 22-23
- Committee Hearings on Aggregate Act in Toronto on the 23
- Meeting with Katherine McGarry, Natural Resources in Toronto on the 23
- Good Roads Convention in Toronto the 27 - March 2
- Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum in Toronto the 28 - March 2

March

- Overlapping Claims Conference in Niagara Falls the 1-2

- Public Works Notice -

Pre-paid System Implemented at Truckfill Station

Effective January 2, 2017 the Six Nations Truckfill Station has begun operating on a pre-paid system, with all accounts subject to a one-time \$25 administration fee. Pre-payments can only be made at the Public Works Office (1953 Fourth Line) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am-4:30pm.

Customers are asked to contact the Public Works Office to ensure there is an existing balance on the account.

For further info on the new pre-paid system, to inquire about your account or if you have any questions contact Six Nations Public Works at (519) 445-4242.

safeTALK Suicide Awareness Workshop: March 1 from 4:30pm-8pm at Child & Family Services (519) 445-0408.

March Break Program (Ages 6-9): March 13-14 from 9am-4pm at Social Services Gym (519) 445-2950.

March Break Program (Ages 10-13): March 15-16 from 9am-4pm at Social Services Gym (519) 445-2950.

Bounce Back & Thrive Part 2: Wednesdays March 22 - April 12 from 1pm-3pm at Family Gatherings (519) 445-0408.

Safe Food Handling: March 8 from 8am-5pm at Parks and Recreation (519) 445-2947.

Safe Food Handling: March 22 from 8am-5pm at Parks and Recreation (519) 445-2947.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshop: March 28-29 from 8am-4:30pm at Stoneridge Circle (519) 445-0408.

Wellbriety Group: Thursdays April 6 - June 8 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group (519) 445-2947.

SIX NATIONS PARKS & RECREATION MARCH 2017 PROGRAMS:

Drop In (Ages 12+): Monday-Friday from 9am-9pm or Saturday-Sunday from 12pm-9pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311.

Public Skating Program (All Ages): Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays March 1-31 from 12pm-12:50pm at Gaylord Powless Arena (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Saturday Beginner Skate with Standards: Saturdays March 1-31 from 7pm-7:30pm at Gaylord Powless Arena (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Saturday Public Skate with No Standards: Saturdays March 1-31 from 7:30pm-8:20pm at Gaylord Powless Arena (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Badminton (All Ages): Mondays March 6, 20, 27 from 1:30pm-2:30pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Badminton (Family Time): Mondays March 6, 20, 27 from 7:30pm-8:30pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Badminton (Adult Time): Mondays March 6, 20, 27 from 8:30pm-10pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Pickleball (All Ages): Tuesdays March 7, 21, 28 from 1:30pm-2:30pm and 7:30pm-9pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Ladies Volleyball (Ages 16+): Tuesdays March 7, 21, 28 from 7:30pm-9pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Drop In Get in the Game (All Ages): Thursdays March 2, 9 from 12pm-1pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

Ladderball Tournament: Friday, March 31 from 1:30pm-3pm at Dajoh (519) 445-4311 x5226.

SIX NATIONS HEALTH SERVICES MARCH 2017 PROGRAMS:

Women's Singing Group: Mondays March 6, 20 from 6pm-7pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Men's Singing Group: Mondays March 13, 17 from 6pm-7pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Batch Cooking Class - Make Large Meals and Freeze: March 29 from 5pm-8pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Cayuga Language Classes: Thursdays March 2-30 from 4pm-5pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Guitar Basics: Wednesdays March 1, 15 from 1pm-3pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

FREE Mental Health First Aid Training: March 7-8 from 8:45am-4:15pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-2143.

Falls Prevention Education & Exercise Program (Seniors): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday March 6-30 from 2pm-3pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Boot Camp (Prenatal & Post Natal): Monday, Thursday March 6-30 from 10:30am-11:30am at Stoneridge Children's Resource Centre (519) 445-4779.

Baby Food Making (Post Natal): Tuesdays March 7 - April 25 from 10am-12pm at Stoneridge Children's Resource Centre (519) 445-4779.

Healthy Spirits Youth Group (Ages 11-17): Mondays, Tuesdays March 6-28 from 4pm-6pm at Dajoh (519) 445-2809 x2278.

Chair Yoga: Mondays March 6-27 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779 x2297.

Kids Cooking Class (Ages 7-9): March 8 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

Wee Ones Cooking Class (Ages 4-6): March 22 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at White Pines Wellness Centre (519) 445-4779.

For more events pick up your Leisure Activities Guide Winter 2017, available at White Pines Wellness Centre!