

RABIES PREVENTION & PROTECTION

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has notified Six Nations Wildlife Program and Animal Control Services that two raccoons originating from the Grand River Territory have tested positive for rabies.

The first specimen was collected as roadkill by Six Nations Animal Control Services along Chiefswood Road and Third Line. It is unknown if any local animals came in contact with a rabid raccoon. Six Nations Police assisted Animal Control with safe removal of the second specimen from a barn located on Third Line near Tuscarora Road.

To help with prevention and/or spread of wildlife rabies, Six Nations has and will continue taking part in a province wide aerial baiting program. Exposure to the bait is not harmful, however in the unlikely event that you or your pet come



into contact with the vaccine contained in the bait contacting a doctor or veterinarian as a precaution is recommended.

As an added measure Six Nations Animal Control Services will also be scheduling Rabies Clinics. Once confirmed further details on the clinics will be provided. Community members who wish to have their pets vaccinated before or after the clinics can also visit local veterinarians in surrounding communities (fees will vary).

REMEMBER TO:

- Report ALL animal bites and scratches to Six Nations

Public Health at (519) 445-2672

- Report sick, injured or strangely behaving wildlife to Six Nations Wildlife Office at (519) 445-0330

For more information on the rabies virus and how you can protect your family and pets call Six Nations Public Health at (519) 445-2672. You can also visit www.snhs.ca/hpnsRabiesBrochureMarch3.pdf or www.ontario.ca/rabies. If you are in need of Animal Control Services call (519) 445-2947 OR for after-hours services call (519) 445-4818.



MARCH POWER OUTAGES

On March 8-9, 2017 a number of residents on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory experienced extended power outages caused by high winds. While Hydro One worked to repair service, Six Nations Fire Station No. 1 opened its doors until all services had been

restored. Community members could access the heated facility, drinking water, and shower with their own supplies. On March 9, 2017 Six Nations Social Services Gym also opened to community members until 4pm.

Ontario Announces Fair Hydro Plan

Following the announcement of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan on March 2, 2017, the Chiefs of Ontario acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the Chiefs Committee on Energy for their continued advocacy for the development of a First Nations Energy Rate, including Chief Ava Hill, Chief Shining Turtle and Chief Janice Henderson.

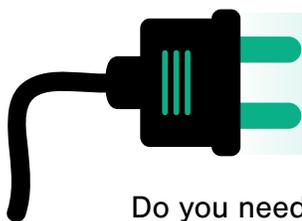
With implementation expected by the summer of 2017, the new plan includes:

- First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit
- An average of 25% reduction of the overall bill
- Enhanced relief through the Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection
- Access to the New Affordability Fund
- Enhancement of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

To read more visit:

www.sixnations.ca/OntariosFairHydroPlanCommunique.pdf

(Source: *Chiefs of Ontario Communique to First Nations Leadership.*)



HYDRO ISSUES?

Do you need assistance with disconnections, arrears, corrections to billing information, unexplained usage, individual payment plans, incorrect smart meter readings, tax exemption, high delivery charges, budgeting or poor interaction with telephone representatives?

Have you signed a contract with a retail energy company like Summit Energy or Just Energy?

FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THESE ISSUES CONTACT:

Arleen Maracle, Community Liaison

SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

1695 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken Phone: (519) 445-2201 x3230

Email: arleenmaracle@sixnations.ca Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Power Outage Safety Tips

- Electrically-connected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out unless they have battery back-ups.
- Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles. If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney, away from children and pets.
- Propane and charcoal barbecues are for outdoor use only. Do not risk bringing them inside due to risk of carbon monoxide exposure.
- Portable generators should only be used outdoors and carefully located to ensure that exhaust fumes do not enter the home.
- Make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are OFF or unplugged to prevent fires from occurring when the electricity is restored.
- Cordless phones will not work when the power is out, so it is recommended to have at least one phone that does not require electricity to operate.

For more info on fire safety contact Six Nations Fire & Emergency Services at (519) 445-4054 or visit www.sixnations.ca.

Iroquois Caucus Condemns Plan to Truck Highly Radioactive Liquid from Chalk River

On February 22, 2017 The Iroquois Caucus announced that it unanimously condemned a plan to truck 23,000 litres of highly radioactive liquid from Chalk River, Ontario across the International Border to the Savannah River Site, South Carolina, using public roads and bridges.

This unprecedented action could have a devastating impact on the Great Lakes / St. Lawrence River ecosystem. Depending on the route(s) chosen, there is the potential for a spill or spills into waterways flowing into the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River or one of their many tributaries.

This ecosystem provides drinking water for an estimated 40 million people on both sides of the border.

“We have stated clearly in the past that we will not stand idly by,” stated Chief Don Maracle of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. “The seven communities of the Iroquois Caucus stand together in the protection of Mother Earth.”

“It is appalling that such reckless and irresponsible plans are given approval by the regulators and the Courts when far more sensible solutions are at hand,” added Kanewasake Grand Chief Serge Simon.

“The Iroquois Caucus is well aware that liquid of a very similar nature has been routinely solidified and stored at Chalk River since 2003,” explained Kahnawà:ke Grand Chief Joseph Tokwirot Norton. “There are processes already in existence to ‘down-blend’ the liquid in order to eliminate highly-enriched uranium by converting it into low-enriched uranium.”

“We strongly encourage that all persons, communities and organizations that share our concerns stand together to ensure that common sense prevails,” concluded Kanewasake Grand Chief Abram Benedict. “There is no reason to continue

with a plan that puts 40 million people at risk when alternatives readily exist.”

The Iroquois Caucus consists of elected Councils from Akwesasne, Kahnawà:ke, Kanewasake, Mohawk of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga), Oneida Nation of the Thames, Six Nations of the Grand River and the Wahta Mohawks.

(Source: Iroquois Caucus Press Release – Iroquois Caucus Condemns Plan to Truck Highly Radioactive Liquid from Chalk River.)

HEALTH CANADA AGREEMENT

Committed to building a strong, prosperous and healthy community, Six Nations Elected Council has entered into a new multi-year funding agreement with Health Canada that will reduce the role of the federal government and increase responsibility for a number of health programs to Six Nations.

As of April 2016, an increased honourarium of \$5,000 annually has been allotted to members of the Elected Council in recognition of their ongoing efforts to strengthen Six Nations federal political presence and to further support the delivery of its health services.

Ensuring that the community continues to maintain and build its health services, the new funding agreement will enable Six Nations Health Services with the opportunity and flexibility needed to enhance a number of essential health programs offered to the community of Six Nations.



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.

Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

The winners of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients have been announced, including Six Nations own Geronimo Henry! Other recipients of the award include Mary Welsh of Mt. Pleasant and Walter Gretzky of Brantford.

The Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteerism recognizes individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to their community through volunteerism during their lifetime. The award is presented annually to a maximum number of four individuals. This year's celebration will take place during National Volunteer Week on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Community Centre. As a part of the award, a legacy fund will be established in the name of each recipient and will be administered by the Brant Community Foundation.

"Our 2017 recipients have truly enriched the lives of so many, and on so many levels, within our communities and beyond. All three have been recognized for their tireless contributions through volunteering in previously receiving well-deserved commendations and awards for their ongoing efforts and leadership...now it's our turn to honour each for their lifetime of giving selflessly and directly to our citizens." –Derek Bond, Award Committee Chair

As a long-standing survivor,



GERONIMO HENRY

Geronimo is dedicated to helping others comprehend the devastating effects of residential schools that continue to have significant impacts on First

Nations. Six Nations Elected Council was honoured to nominate Geronimo Henry for the Lifetime Achievement Award for his Outstanding Volunteerism.

Stoking the Fire Youth Program

To ensure a proactive approach to securing future employment among our youth, Social Services and Grand River Employment and Training (GREAT) have formed a partnership to equip our youth with the skills needed to make a smooth transition into summer employment.

The Stoking the Fire Youth Program is a program designed for the students who were not successful in securing a summer job last year, and have no work experience.

This program will assist 16-20 year old youth in gaining the valuable skills that they require to successfully seek, obtain and maintain summer employment.

By paving a fortified employment opportunity for 20 students, this program may prove to be the catalyst that our youth need to facilitate a successful transition into the labour market.

To participate in this exciting program please contact the Native Education Counsellor at your high school.

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 & 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, tournaments 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](https://www.facebook.com/naig2017.to) or Twitter [@naig2017to](https://twitter.com/naig2017to)

Six Nations Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program

"Improved health of mothers and infants"

The CPNP aims to help mothers make wise decisions during pregnancy and motherhood. It is available to pregnant moms, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding moms, infants, and supporting family and friends. On your first visit you even get a nutritious food basket.

Call (519) 445-2226 today to book an appointment or email prenatal@sixnations.ca to see how we can help you and your baby!

A Registered Dietitian Can Help By:

- Providing prenatal nutrition/fitness programs
- Completing diet assessments
- Offering nutrition education
- Providing food baskets
- Completing ODSP forms
- Teaching cooking, baby food making, etc.
- Referring Moms as needed

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 to have them escorted off of the Territory.

Please share with family and friends!

SHARE YOUR VOICE
COMMUNITY FORUM
FOR WELLNESS & UNITY
THURSDAY APRIL 6TH 7-9 PM
SIX NATIONS COMMUNITY HALL
WORKING TOGETHER TO BATTLE SUBSTANCE USE IN OUR COMMUNITY
SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT

Logos: Six Nations Health Services, Six Nations Police, Six Nations of the Grand River Child and Family Services, Six Nations Council.

WWW.SIXNATIONS.CA [f](https://www.facebook.com/sixnations) [y](https://www.youtube.com/sixnations)

ANIMAL CONTROL

SIX NATIONS ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES HAS RESUMED ON-CALL WEEKDAY SERVICES MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 4:30-8PM

AND WEEKEND SERVICES

SATURDAY & SUNDAY FROM 9AM-8PM

SIX NATIONS ANIMAL CONTROL

1769 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken

Phone: (519) 445-2947

After Hours: (519) 445-4818

ELECTED COUNCIL UPDATES

Bridge Rehabilitation

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.

There is still work to be completed on Bridge No. 9 located on Fourth Line between Chiefswood Road and Tuscarora Road. This work is scheduled to be completed in April 2017 and is expected to require a lane reduction or bridge closure. Advanced notice will be provided.

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

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.

Woodland Cultural Centre

The Woodland Cultural Centre has started working on long overdue renovations and repairs to preserve the building and save the evidence. The contractor has started the roof replacement with an expected completion date of June 2017.

Funding

We have submitted an application for funding to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, in order to upgrade our wastewater treatment system by March 2018. We are very optimistic that the application will be accepted.

Unfortunately Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has cut nearly \$200,000 in funding from our water/wastewater department. We have followed up with INAC, and with the assistance of other First Nation leadership we have now secured these funds again for the 2017/18 fiscal year.

We are also advocating INAC for the funding needed to replace two pumper tankers that are more than 25 years old, for the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Social Services

The Social Services Department is working towards the completion of a conceptual design for the expansion and renovation of the Social Services building, in order to support their service growth. The project is well underway.

Pauline Johnson Road Railway

We have submitted an application to extend hydro servicing to Pauline Johnson Road railway crossing in an effort to install warning lights with a bell for safety.



Meeting with Minister Glenn Thibeault before announcement of the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan



Council taking the Pink Shirt Promise on Feb 22, bullying is never acceptable!



Council meets with Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) members at the Queenston Border Entry

CHIEF AND ELECTED COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS - MARCH

- Overlapping Claims Conference in Niagara Falls on March 1-2
- Meetings with Cabinet Ministers on Transportation, Advanced Education, Community Safety, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Accessibility, Infrastructure and Child & Youth Strategy
- Bid for Canada Summer Games on March 1
- Farewell to Janis Monture at the Woodland Cultural Centre on March 3
- International Women's Day March in Galt on March 4
- Coffee House at the Woodland Cultural Centre on March 4
- National Indigenous Women's Summit on March 5-8
- Meeting with Minister Chris Ballard on Poverty Reduction and Housing
- University of Guelph Speaking Engagement on March 8
- Energy Table with the Provincial Government in Sault Ste. Marie on March 10
- Little NHL Opening in Mississauga on March 12
- Res 2017 in Las Vegas March 13-16
- Meeting with Canada Border Service Agency in Niagara Falls on March 21
- AFN Energy Conference in Ottawa March 22-23
- Chiefs of Ontario Political Confederacy in Ottawa on March 24
- Kawenni:io Gala on March 24
- Voices at the Woodland Cultural Centre on March 25
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Family Gathering at the Community Hall on March 28-30
- Ontario Arts Council Presentation on the Indigenous Culture Fund at Polytechnic March 29
- Speaking at the Canada/India Foundation in Mississauga with Minister Zimmer, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on March 31

SIXTIES SCOOP

Recently a court case called the "Sixties Scoop" was launched by individuals who were placed in non-Indigenous foster homes or adopted by non-Indigenous families during the 1960s. If this happened to you and you would like to register for The Sixties Scoop Class Action Law Suit visit:

<https://sixtiesscoopclaim.com/about-the-ontario-sixties-scoop-claim-registration-as-a-class-member/>



SIX NATIONS PUBLIC WORKS

1953 Fourth Line, Ohsweken P: 519.445.4242 F: 519.445.4763

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE



WATER RATES

In order to continue providing the community of Six Nations with a reliable supply of potable water and to properly collect and treat communal wastewater,

effective April 1, 2017 water rates will be increasing from \$1.45 to \$1.65 per cubic meter

Questions? Contact Six Nations Public Works at

519.445.4242

www.sixnations.ca



YOU COULD SEE
**YOUR DESIGN
HERE!**

*Colour and graphics to cover the tank portion of the water tower

Water Tower

DESIGN CONTEST

Contest is open to all Six Nations Community Members and will be judged by the Six Nations Building and Infrastructure Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN CONTACT:

Fran Henry, Executive Secretary
SIX NATIONS PUBLIC WORKS
1953 Fourth Line, Ohsweken N0A 1M0
519.445.4242
Email: fhenny@sixnations.ca
Entries can be submitted electronically or in-person

WINNER
WILL RECEIVE
\$500

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
MAY 31, 2017 @ 4:30 PM**

www.sixnations.ca

Community Events

LIVING WITH FASD – FINDING PURPOSE WORKSHOP

April 5 from 7:30am-5:30pm in St. Catharine's, Transportation Provided

Call (519) 445-2947 to register

WELLBRIETY GROUP

Thursdays April 6 – June 8 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at New Directions Group

Call (519) 445-2947 to register

YOUTH 5K FOAM FEST TRAINING

Tuesdays and Thursdays April 18-August 17 starting at 4:30pm at the Blue Track (Tuesdays) and Hiking Trail (Thursdays)

Call (519) 445-4779 to register

YOUTH 5K FOAM FEST

April 19 in London, Ontario

Call (519) 445-4779 for more info

Little NHL



Congratulations to all of the teams who participated in this year's 46th Annual Little NHL Tournament and nia:weh to Moose Cree for hosting this year's event.

To all of the little athletes who displayed tremendous effort and passion, we applaud you.

To all of the coaches, fans and family members who encouraged each team with their cheers and loyal presence at each game, we appreciate you.

WAY TO PLAY!

Community Awareness Week May 13-26, 2017

This year you can submit your Community Awareness Week events online at www.sixnations.ca/2017CAWSubForm.pdf

Printable submission forms can be found online at www.sixnations.ca

You can also contact Central Administration (1695 Chiefswood Road) or by calling (519) 445-2201 to request a form.

If you would like to be included in the Six Nations Elected Council 2017 Community Awareness Week Booklet submit your event(s) by end of day **Friday, March 31, 2017 to adpr@sixnations.ca**

PLEASE NOTE: EVENTS RECEIVED AFTER MARCH 31, 2017 WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE 2017 COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK BOOKLET, BUT CAN BE PROMOTED THROUGH SIX NATIONS ELECTED COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

