



**Outaouais region
community of
the Native
Alliance of
Quebec**

Local 059



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Newsletter

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Message from the President, November 2025

Kwé dear members,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are ready to welcome autumn and our coming winter. By the time you read these lines, autumn, the equinox, the harvest season, and the time to give thanks for the abundance provided by Mother Earth will already be behind us! We must remember that our ancestors hunted to survive. The fruits of the hunt allowed them to survive the winter. They prayed before killing an animal and offered tobacco in thanks if they were successful. Wisely, they only took what they needed to survive. They bequeathed to us this legacy: to protect Mother Earth and all her inhabitants.

We're starting the season with a brand new board of directors! I'm especially proud to welcome some young people who will help energize our community! Kassandra is back in communications, Lynda is our new treasurer, Caroline is our new secretary, and Monique and Kimberly are still with me and their experience on the board is invaluable. You can read more details about the board's composition further on.

Monique, Lynda, Claudette and I participated in the provincial annual general meeting which was held in Jonquière last August. We must remain proud of our Indigenous identity.

Our team is working hard to put together an impressive calendar of activities this year. Remember that we are all volunteers, and it's up to all of us to pitch in and keep our community vibrant.

We invite you to our popular Solstice celebration again this year, and we will be placing even more emphasis on our children. I'm really looking forward to chatting with you.



Don't hesitate to share your comments with us.

Happy reading!

In peace, harmony and friendship,

Lucie Veilleux, President

A Word from the Communications Director

New Corporate Discounts for Members

We're pleased to announce the launch of the **Corporate Discounts Table** available to our community! A special thanks Dominique Patrice, Economic Development Director of our community.

You'll find a variety of special offers on many products and services.

✦ Interested in adding an offer for our members ?

Email us at : aaqcommunaute059@live.ca

As this table is dynamic—meaning it can be updated at any time — we invite you to visit our website regularly to view the most up-to-date version.

➡ View the full table on our web page: <https://aaqnaq.com/les-communautes/kitchi-sipi/>

Stay tuned—new offers may be added soon!

Kassandra Durand-Lafleur, Director



Thank you to our donors for their generous contributions and their support!



Daniel Lafontaine, SAGA Électrique and Construction et Lucie Veilleux, President

A special thanks to Daniel Lafontaine of SAGA Électrique et Construction. Thanks to this contribution, we are able to evaluate a scholarship program for our student members.



We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the City of Gatineau, our official partner, which continues its support for the year 2025, as well as the collaborative work of the provincial office.

Profiles of the new members of the Board of Directors

Secretary, Caroline Bisson

Kwé Kwé, hello dear members,

My name is Caroline, and I was recently elected to the Board of Directors of our Community 059, where I have the pleasure of serving as secretary. I am of Algonquin descent from Barrière Lake in the Outaouais region, and it is an honor for me to be able to be actively involved in our community.



I am currently pursuing my law studies at the University of Ottawa. After completing my Bachelor of Civil Law degree last spring, I am now in my final year of university, at the end of which I will obtain a Juris Doctor degree in Common Law. This academic path allows me to better understand the two major legal systems that coexist in Canada, particularly in our region, and it also fuels my desire to get involved in projects that benefit Indigenous communities.

As part of my studies in common law, I am currently writing a research paper on the role of Canadian law in the marginalization of Indigenous peoples. This work revisits history, but also reflects on the place that Canadian law occupies today in the relationship between the state and First Nations. This is a subject that is very important to me, and I would be happy to discuss it with anyone who shares this interest.

I decided to run for a position on the board of directors to learn more about the mechanisms that support our members, but also to contribute to decisions that serve the best interests of our community. I am very happy to be part of this wonderful team and I look forward to meeting many of you, especially at the Winter Solstice event!

Migwetch,
Caroline

Economic Development Director, Dominique Patrice

Hello,

Allow me to introduce myself: Dominique Patrice, 51 years old, originally from the Petite-Nation region, an area I am particularly fond of and know very well. Although I know little about my Indigenous roots, I am enthusiastic about joining your community to learn more and build connections.



Professionally, I am a licensed real estate broker and have been working in the field for over 21 years. I also offer production coaching in the real estate sector, helping other brokers achieve success, as well as boxing coaching, a sport that has always been a passion of mine, both competitively and for enjoyment. This passion has allowed me to develop strong discipline, a solid work ethic, and perseverance, qualities I apply every day in my work. I've been fortunate enough to share this passion with my 21-year-old daughter, who is now a strong, educated, and hardworking young woman. She is my greatest source of pride and my most cherished accomplishment.

My open-mindedness and ease with people have always allowed me to build strong relationships and be helpful to others. This is what led me to take charge of the corporate discounts offered through the Association. I managed to convince nearly 20 companies to join the initiative, a contribution I am particularly proud of since these partnerships provide direct benefits to the members.

Today, I want to go further and put these qualities, as well as my experience, to the service of the Indigenous community. For me, this is a concrete way to give back and contribute, by supporting those who need help or advice. Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to speaking with you.

Dominique Patrice

2025 PASSED ACTIVITIES

Awakening your Drum Workshop
with Monique Renaud
March 22, 2025



Pickleball initiation and equipment
donation to our community
April 7, 2025



General Annual Assembly
New Board of Directors
May 24, 2025



Our President Grand Chief,
Gérald Coulombe, with Brendan
Moore, Chief of Congress of
Aboriginal People of Canada



**Provincial Annual General Assembly
Jonquière - August 28-29, 2025**

Our Board of Directors
after a long day!



Our President Grand Chief,
Gerald Coulombe with
elder Fabyola Lauzé



Indigenous traditional culture initiation workshop with Luce Bélanger
at the 4 Directions Center
June 15, 2025



2025 PASSED ACTIVITES

Board of Director's visit at Patrice Pharand
and Johanne's 'little sugar shack'
April 21, 2025



Our President hosts a
'5 to 7' to recognize the
partners, volunteers,
and Board of Directors
June 4, 2025

Discover Aylmer's history
The importance of the Outaouais river (Kichi Sibi) and the history as to
why Aylmer was important for the indigenous peoples
Ours members were able to learn this enriching history through this guided 1.5 hour walking tour
with historian, Marc Trudel of Shanti Tours
The weather was in our favor and the activity was free!
October 26, 2025



Our ancestors lived on
Turtle Island for over
10,000 years. We are the
protectors of
Mother Earth.
Here in the Outaouais
region, we live on a
traditional, unceded
territory of the
Algonquin Nation.

Kwé Kwé!
Le Bulletin d'information
de la Communauté de
l'Outaouais québécois
de l'AAQ
Mise en Page et
traduction:
Renée-Claude Sauriol

Faites-nous parvenir vos
textes, photographies
et commentaires par
courriel au :
aaqcommunaute059@live.ca

Board of Director's Meetings

Although photo are not always taken in the moment, the members of the board of directors meet every two months to discuss and plan upcoming activities and update their respective files.

Housing Committee

Members of the Indigenous Alliance who have low incomes may be eligible for affordable housing through the Waskahegen Corporation. Kimberly Perrier, who leads this committee, assists our members with their housing applications and connects them with the appropriate resources. A report on these activities is presented annually at our AGA, and a meeting with tenants is also planned during our next assembly scheduled for May 9, 2026. You can contact us for more information.

Activities

As indicated below, please expect to receive emails regarding upcoming activities, as well as updates on our Facebook page (Outaouais Quebec Indigenous Community of the Quebec Native Alliance 059). Our Facebook page remains our main source of information and communication for upcoming events, not only those of our community, but also those from various sources and partnerships that recognize our community. For those who have joined our Facebook page, you have already seen the various information and activities from past months, such as reconciliation events, celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day, and several free culinary arts workshops offered by the First Peoples Innovation Centre in Aylmer. You'll also find job opportunities and scholarships from the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, videos from our Economic Development Director explaining new ways to access available discounts with your membership card, press releases from our provincial office and our own announcements for our upcoming meetings, etc.

2025 Board of Directors

Président : **Lucie Veilleux**
Vice-presidente and Membership
Director : **Monique Marcil Morrissette**
Treasurer : **Lynda Marengère**
Secretary : **Caroline Bisson**
Communications Director : **Kassandra
Durand-Lafleur**
Head of Housing committee and
Director : **Kimberly Perrier**
Economic Development Director :
Dominique Patrice

Upcoming Events

Annual General Assembly
Sunday, December 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
*an invitation will follow

**Planned workshops for 2025 and 2026,
subject to the teachers and rooms
available :**

Atelier de confection d'artisanat autochtone
Atelier de confection de bâton de la parole
Atelier de confection de capteur de rêve
Atelier initiation à la culture autochtone
Annual General Assembly
*Informations will follow by email and our
Facebook page

Facebook group

Please visit our Facebook group regularly to see the different announcements, activities and information at 'Communauté de l'Outaouais Québécois de l'Alliance Autochtone du Québec'