



**Native Alliance of  
Quebec  
Outaouais Region  
Community**



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# Kwé Kwé

Newsletter

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## Message from the President — November 2022

Kwé Kwé members,

I hope you are doing well.

It is my pleasure to introduce the new Board of Directors :

Vice-president and Membership  
Director, Patrice Pharand  
Secretary / Treasurer,  
Lucie Veilleux  
Director, Robert Simard  
Director, Kimberly Perrier  
Director, Sophie Durand  
Director, Jean McMillan  
Director, Nicole Brady  
Housing Committee Members, Larry  
Vanasse, Christine Vanasse and Jean  
McMillan.



We strive to offer cultural and social activities for all ages. We are open to suggestions and would consider the possibility of each one.

We look forward to seeing our members at the upcoming Winter Solstice. It's an opportunity to get together and have a little fun.

In conclusion, we are proud to represent you and be proud of who you are, a great indigenous nation.

In the meantime, the entire board of directors wishes you a lovely fall and enjoy our beautiful nature that is waking up.

Mig8etc

Larry Vanasse, President

## A Word from the Secretary-Treasurer—Update

Kwe!

At the last provincial annual general meeting held on August 26-28 in Sherbrooke, a decision was made to increase the dues by \$5 starting in 2023. The good news is that the portion of the increase will go entirely to your community. Your dues (\$25 and \$15 for seniors) are due annually, on the anniversary date of your card, which you can see on the back of your card.



We would like to thank the City of Gatineau for its contribution of \$3500 for 2022. The provincial office of the Indigenous Alliance has provided us with a contribution of \$1,000, plus a maximum of \$5,000 for our Solstice celebration.

Lucie Veilleux, Secretary-Treasurer, Volunteer

## Update from the Membership Director

Kwé!

### Membership fees

You noticed that there is an expiration date on the back of your card. Your membership fees are due annually on this date.

You are encouraged to use Interac e-Transfer for all payments to the community. This method is reliable, fast and the most economical for you. Your transfers must be made to: [aaqcommunaute059@live.ca](mailto:aaqcommunaute059@live.ca). It is possible to pay your dues in advance. For example for the duration of the card.

### New Memberships

You have a family member who would like to apply for a membership. Here is a suggestion that makes your job easier. Rather than including the full genealogy document (which used to be required) you can now request a copy of the file (free of charge). You will find the file copy form at page 2 of the membership form. This way of doing things reduces the verification work and speeds up processing the file. You can reach me at 819-743-1411 or by email: [059membership@gmail.com](mailto:059membership@gmail.com). It will be my pleasure to help you in your efforts.

Meqwitch,

Patrice, Membership Director, Volunteer



## National Aboriginal Veterans Day-November 8

Did you know that November 8 is a day of remembrance celebrated in Canada in recognition of the contributions of Indigenous peoples to military service, especially during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

The day was first commemorated in 1994. The special memorial was created because prior to 1994, Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities. Aboriginal veterans had to overcome many obstacles to serve Canada in these wars, including adapting to new cultures, sometimes learning to speak new languages (usually English), and traveling long distances to enroll.



Everyone is therefore encouraged to proudly wear a beaded poppy in their honor, which can be purchased on several websites by Aboriginal artists and in Aboriginal boutiques.



## Member Profile—Welcome to our newest members to the Board of Directors

Kwe Kwe, Hello everyone!

My name is Nicole Brady and, for those who don't know me, I am a new member of the Board of Directors of our fabulous Community.

I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a Minor in Indigenous Studies at the University of Ottawa in April 2021. I was employed by the Native Alliance of Quebec (NAQ) while I was finishing my bachelor, where I was able to take charge of student scholarships and the management of student positions. In October 2021, I started my career with the federal government at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Within the CBSA, I had the chance to join the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) where I have the opportunity to help Aboriginal employees, or future Aboriginal employees of the federal government. However, my adventure with the NAQ does not end there. I am currently their youth representative and the Quebec youth representative at the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP). Finally, I am proud to have been elected as one of the Board Directors of my own Community 059. It is truly an honor.

You will see that I bring a lot of passion to everything I do and I look forward to being able to share my passion with you all!

Looking forward to seeing you and to getting to know you in return!

Miigwetch,

Nicole Brady



Kwé Kwé, Hello everyone!

My name is Sophie Durand and I am a new member of the Board of Directors of our Community.

I am currently studying psychology and social work, my goal would be to help young people in our community, through art therapy, listening and creating social change and providing psychological assistance to people in need. I am happy to be part of this great team and to help in cultural activities, and to learn all about our community. The board generally makes its decisions by a majority of the members present. It usually meets once every 2 months, but may do so more often. It can also convene special meetings. The main role of the board is to ensure that the services offered meet the needs of the community. We do our best to make the best decisions for our community.

I am very happy to have been elected as one of the Board Directors of my own Community 059.

I am very enthusiastic. It will be a pleasure to meet and getting to know you!

Miigwetch,

Sophie Durand



## PASSED ACTIVITIES FROM THIS YEAR

### The Board of Director socializes!

The Board of Directors met this summer to chat and have fun together and while following each year's tradition, to thank former members and welcome new ones.

Many thanks to Renée-Claude Pallister and Monique Marcil Morissette for your years of services and welcome to Sophie Durand and Nicole Brady!



From left to right :

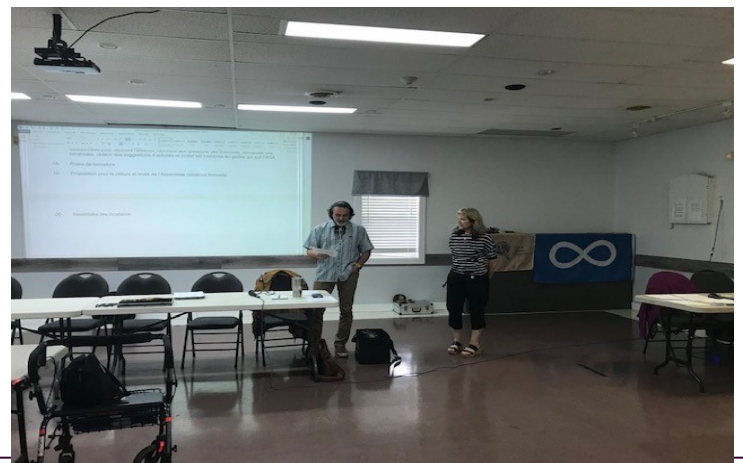
Monique Marcil Morissette  
 Larry Vanasse  
 Johanne Leblanc  
 Patrice Pharand  
 Lucie Veilleux  
 Renée-Claude Pallister  
 Nicole Brady  
 Robert Simard (present  
 however taking the photo!)



### The AGA of May 15, 2022

The Board of Directors prepares to welcome members for the Annual General Assembly of our community.

Thank you to our president Grand Chief, Gérard Coulombe, for chairing our assembly.





## ***Tribute to our late brothers***

### ***Our former President Grand-Chief, Robert Bertrand***



It is with regret that the Native Alliance of Quebec announced the passing of our former President Grand Chief, Robert Bertrand, who left us from this physical world on May 17, 2022. Robert, who is a native of Fort-Coulonge in the Pontiac, worked for several years within the NAQ before being elected National Chief at the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

During his mandate, he was a major contributor to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in the *Daniels* case and also generated the Political Accord that flowed from that decision.

His knowledge, experiences and passions have greatly benefited us. Thank you for everything and now rest in peace.

### ***Our former representative of the housing committee, Jacques Périard***



We are saddened to announce the death of Mr. Jacques Périard on June 15, 2022, following a long battle with illness.

Mr. Périard was responsible for the community's housing committee for over 25 years. Lucie Veilleux shares that she met Mr. Périard when she first joined the board of directors, in 2008, when she moved to the Outaouais. Mr. Périard actively participated in our meetings and general assemblies, as long as his health would let him. We are paying him tribute, and will keep fond memories of him.

A word from his daughter Christine Périard, also a member of our community: Here are a few words that describe my father Jacques Périard, also known as Jacko. He was a generous man, he enjoyed helping people, he was a man who did not judge people no matter what they had done, because you never know the history or the baggage people carry, he would say. He always tried to see the best in people and life in general. He had a huge heart, he loved to make little jokes to make people around him laugh, he always thought of others until the end of his fight against the disease.

Today our leader is one more star in the sky, to watch over us and guide us.

Mig8etc, thank you for everything Robert and Jacques!

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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.

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## Drum making workshop

A call was made to members by email at the end of September for a drum-making workshop and in a flash, the 20 places available were filled! We are delighted of this success however on the other hand, we are sorry for those who could not be part of the places since these were on a "First come" basis. We have a waiting list for a possible second drumming workshop.



This workshop will be given by Mr. Daniel "Pinock" Smith who is a member of the Kitigan Zibi community, and will assist us in making our Algonquin type drum. The workshop will be conducted primarily in French, and Mr. Smith is bilingual. You can consult his WEB site in order to better visualize the quality of his teachings.

We would like to thank the city of Gatineau because this workshop was made possible in part thanks to their contribution.

### Upcoming Events

#### Drum Making Workshop (Full)

Sunday, November 13, 2022  
Knights of Columbus Hall of  
Aylmer (Aylmer sector)  
78 Principale Street in Gatineau

#### Winter Solstice

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 11:00am  
Knights of Columbus Hall of  
Aylmer (Aylmer sector)  
78 Principale Street in Gatineau

#### Drum awakening session

January 2023  
Session with an elder

#### Annual General Assembly

**(AGA)**  
Sunday, June 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall of  
Aylmer (Aylmer sector)  
78 Principale Street in Gatineau

#### Call for volunteers for future events

Please contact us by email at  
[aaqcommunaute059@live.ca](mailto:aaqcommunaute059@live.ca) or by  
phone at 819-743-1411.

### 2022 Board of Directors

President: **Larry Vanasse**

Vice-president and Membership Director :

**Patrice Pharand**

Secretary-Treasurer : **Lucie Veilleux**

Cultural activities Director: **Sophie Durand**

Director: **Robert Simard**

Director: **Kimberly Perrier**

Communications Director and Youth

Representative: **Nicole Brady**

Director : **Jean McMillan**

Head of Housing Committee: **Larry Vanasse,  
Christine Vanasse et Jean McMillan**

### Facebook group

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

### Did you renew your Annual Membership?

Membership fees are due annually, on the date identified at the back of your card. For more inquiries, please call: 819-743-1411