



**Native Alliance of
Quebec
Outaouais Region
Community**



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Newsletter

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Message from the President—December 2020

KWE Dear members,

What a difficult year! With this pandemic, many people find themselves alone. We could take the time to call them or send them a Christmas card, it would be their greatest gift to see that we are thinking of them. I know it's not easy, but we have to be brave and follow the rules for our safety and that of our loved ones.

Rest assured that we continue to work for you. Our people in charge of membership are answering calls. This year we have people from the Provincial office as well as our Board of Directors working on COVID19.

On September 27, 2020, we had our Annual General Meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Aylmer. Our Grand chief Gérard Coulombe as well as our Regional Director participated.

Even though we could not have a Christmas party, the Board of Directors wanted to prepare this Newsletter in order to share this celebration with you. The entire Board of

Directors would like to wish you Happy Holidays!



Health, Safety,

All my relations

Monique Marcil-Morrisette

President

Chief

Native Alliance of Quebec
Outaouais Region

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COVID Project



The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples of Canada (CAP) is a national organization that is recognized by the Canadian government and works with Indigenous people living off the reservation. The Native Alliance of Quebec is affiliated with the Congress of Indigenous People of Canada. CAP has recently received funding to help Indigenous people living off the reserve in the wake of the pandemic that is currently affecting us.

As a result, the Native Alliance of Quebec has received funding from CAP for the project called COVID. Staff have been hired to fulfill the mandate, with the goal of determining what are the needs of members of the Native Alliance following the impacts of the pandemic on our lives.

If you have not already, you should receive a call from someone in the Provincial office (considering that we are over 2500 members, two people from the provincial office work specifically for our community).

The person will inquire about your needs following the pandemic, among other things; they will ask if you have children, if you are a student, etc. Your membership file will be updated at the same time. Following these calls, the Provincial office could assess how assistance could be provided according to the needs identified.

The 2020 Annual General Meeting

Our last AGM was held in Aylmer on September 27th.

In view of the pandemic, we had to limit the number of members attending.

Ten members were in attendance, other members attended the meeting via Facebook live. Elections were held, and we now have a returning director on our board, Ms. Renée-Claude Pallister.

Some members decided to step down. We would like to thank Lynda Gray who has been a board member for several years and volunteered endlessly. We would also like to thank Christiane St-Laurent, who despite her short involvement in our community, shared her extensive knowledge of the native culture. We wish Christiane all the best on her return to her native region.

We are always looking for dynamic volunteers to help keep our community vibrant.

Member's profile

Hi, my name is Tina-Marie Dubeau and I live in Rockland, Ontario. I was born in Fort-Coulonge.

I am the new youth representative on the administrative committee of the Outaouais Region Community of the Native Alliance of Quebec.

I accepted the nomination because I am proud to be Indigenous and want to make a difference in the world for Indigenous youth.

I am an entrepreneur in the field of construction and landscaping. I am currently registered at St-Laurent College where I am studying Business Administration.

You can contact me at (613) 608-2311 / tina_marie_123@hotmail.com.

For all of us during these difficult times a little prayer :

Sainte KATERI TEKAKWITHA,

pray for Us

Lord, by Your Grace You have made the Mohawk River bloom and the pure and tender St. Lawrence Lys, Kateri Tekakwitha.

Deign to grant us by our prayer the Grace we ask of you, (protect us and our loved ones) by Kateri this little follower of Jesus and his Cross elevated now to the rank of saints.

Through her innocence and faith, may she be a model for us of love, purity and courage.



Word from the Secretary-Treasurer—Reminder

Your membership cards expired on September 15, 2020. To receive your new membership card valid until 2026, your membership fees must be up to date, you must complete the renewal form and provide a new passport photo according to the guidelines available on the Provincial office's website: www.aaqnaq.com. Feel Free contact us if you have any questions.

We ask that you communicate with your community through email: aaqcommunaute059@live.ca or telephone: 819-743-1411.

You can pay your membership fees by cheque, Money order to P.O. Box 502, Gatineau, Qc, J9H 5E7. We are now accepting electronic transfers to the following address: aaqcommunaute059@live.ca, make sure to indicate your name and membership number.

Remember we are volunteers. We work hard to keep our community vibrant and are always looking for people like you to volunteer!

Lucie Veilleux
Secretary Treasurer

Robert Simard
Membership

2020 Board of Directors

Community Elder : **Monique Renaud**
President: **Monique Marcil-Morissette**
Vice-president: **Larry Vanasse**
Secretary Treasurer : **Lucie Veilleux**
Director Membership : **Robert Simard**
Director: **Renée-Claude Pallister**
Director : **Christine Vanasse**
Youth representative: **Tina-Marie Dubeau**
Head of housing committee: **Jacques Périard**

Reflexion

Wear a mask to better protect yourself

**We wish you all a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!**

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Housing - Robert Simard

IN EACH EDITION OF KWE KWE NEWSLETTER WE WILL INFORM OUR MEMBERS THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE AAQ. MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE ALLIANCE OF QUEBEC ARE ELIGIBLE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OFFERED BY THE WASKAHEGEN CORPORATION HABITAT MÉTIS DU NORD.

The Waskahegen / Habitat Métis du Nord Corporation is an important organization which provides housing to Indigenous people living off the reserve in Canada. The corporation has been in existence for 48 years and has an inventory of over 2000 affordable housing properties in 117 municipalities in Quebec. Their goal is to:

- Offer affordable housing
- Offer services adapted to your sensibility
- Provide a suitable living environment for your family

Members of the Native Alliance of Quebec who wish to apply for housing must be members in good standing. The form as well as the list of available properties can be found on the Waskahegen website at: https://www.waskahegen.com/fr/formulaire_demande_logement_Waskahegen.html

If you are interested in a property and would like to enquire if it is available, you can contact Cheryl Brown, Mansfield Branch at 819 683-3757.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can also obtain a form by contacting Jacques Périard, volunteer and Head of the Housing Committee for the l'Outaouais Region Community at 819 770-2331. A big thank you to Jacques Périard who has been a volunteer for 25 years with the Outaouais Region Community.

We would also like to thank Carole Romain, Director Region 02—Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

December 2020
Due to the pandemic, the Christmas party has been

AGM

(date and time to be determined 2021)

If you wish to apply for a card -
Send your request to:
P.O. BOX 502,
Gatineau, QC, J9H 5E7

Avez-vous réglé votre cotisation annuelle ?

La cotisation doit être payée à tous les ans, le 15 septembre, pour l'année 2021.
Pour autres renseignements, veuillez nous rejoindre au : 819-743-1411

Have you paid your annual membership fee ?

Membership fees are paid annually on September 15, for the upcoming year 2021. For more information, contact us at: 819-743-1411