

Akwesasne Contemporary Issues Resource Collection
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Background

The Native territory of Akwesasne is located on the St. Lawrence River bordering St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The roughly 8,000 Mohawk people are governed by at least three different government entities; the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council, recognized by New York State and the U.S. Federal Governments, The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, recognized by the provincial and federal jurisdictions in Canada, and the traditionalist Mohawk Nation Council, which has no standing with the outside governments. The Mohawk people are part of the Iroquois confederacy, which includes five other native groups scattered around New York and other states. For centuries, the Mohawks made their living off the land and in the waters surrounding their territory, but within the last 60 years, the presence of several industrial plants and a gradual waning of traditional hunting, fishing and farming activities have caused environmental harm to the territory and had negative health effects on its people. Today, legalized casino gambling has led to a degree of increased prosperity on the Mohawk reservation, though the territory faces many of the challenges other native groups face, including high unemployment, substance abuse and other ills.

Scope and Content

This collection contains information about the contemporary issues of the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. There are a variety of pamphlets, informational packets, articles, newsletters, newspapers and handouts all with information that pertains to the Mohawk reservation. The issues these resources cover span from environmental initiatives to public school education to the annual powwow.

Provenance

The collection was donated by retiring St. Lawrence University Anthropology and African studies professor Celia Nyamweru. Dr. Nyamweru has taught courses on Social and Environmental issues facing Native people which included student involvement in government offices, schools and organizations at Akwesasne.

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| 1 | 1 | Crossing and Border Issues
Informational packet on the <i>International Indigenous Cross Border Security Summit</i> ,
March 17-18 th , 2006
Article "Province wants local customs port kept on Canadian soil," May 6 th , 2013
Folder created by Dr. Nyamweru on border crossing issues |
| | 2 | Environmental Issues
Superfund Basic Research Program Review, summer 1998
Folder created by Dr. Nyamweru on environmental issues on Akwesasne
Folder created by Dr. Nyamweru containing environmental materials pertaining to
Akwesasne
Informational packet "Akwesasne Environmental Programs: Protecting Our Natural
World" |

Environmental Issues Continued

Article "Mohawk Casino Groundwater Contamination Background Information,"
February 5th, 1999

Handout "Working to Heal Mother Earth: General Motors Superfund Site"

Article "Superfund Clean-up at Akwesasne: A Case Study in Environmental Justice,"
presented by the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environmental Research
Advisory Committee

EPA Article "Grasse River Superfund Site Cleanup Decision Announced"

Informational packet "Background information on Environmental Contamination at
Akwesasne," compiled by the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment

4 Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment

Pamphlet about the May 2003 conference

Conference program, May 2003

Informational packet for a community gathering to propose Grasse River cleanup

Informational packet about the Task Force's environmental initiatives and results

5 Trees of Akwesasne

"Handbook for Black Ash: Preservation, Reforestation, Regeneration," distributed by the
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of the Environment

"Trees of Akwesasne," distributed by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Department of
the Environment

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MCA, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Newsletters

MCA Today, November 2009

"Onkwe'ta:ke, For the People: The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's Monthly
Community Newsletter," Volume 1 Issue 1, October 2011

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 1 Issue 2, November 2011

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 1 Issue 3, December 2011

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MCA, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Newsletters Continued

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 1, January 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 2, February 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 3, March 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 4, April 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 5, May 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 6, June 2012

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MCA, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Newsletters Continued

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 7, July 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 9, September 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 2 Issue 11, November 2012

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 3 Issue 8, August 2013

"Onkwe'ta:ke," Volume 3 Issue 9, September 2013

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8th Annual North America Fur Conference hosted by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the Mohawk Nation Council of Chiefs

Informational folder about the "Aboriginal People in the Fur Trade at the 8th Annual
North American Fur Trade Conference

The "Proceedings of the 8th Annual North American Fur Trade Conference

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SRMT, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Newsletter

"SRMT *Kawenni:ios*," August 2009

"SRMT *Kawenni:ios*," September 2009

"SRMT *Kawenni:ios*," September 2010

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SRMT, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Newsletter Continued

"SRMT *Kawenni:ios*," February 2011

		“SRMT <i>Kawenni:ios</i> ,” April 2011
		“SRMT <i>Kawenni:ios</i> ,” May 2011
		“SRMT <i>Kawenni:ios</i> ,” September 2011
		“SRMT <i>Kawenni:ios</i> ,” October 2011
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		“SRMT <i>Kawenni:ios</i> ,” June 2013
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3	1	Akwesasne Education
		Pamphlet about the Johnson O’Malley Program
		Pamphlet about the Akwesasne Freedom School
		Informational packet about “Counselling and Education for Akwesasne: A Multicultural Perspective”
		Informational packet about “First Nation Artists in the Classroom”
	2	Public Environmental Education
		Pamphlet on the Brownfields Program at Akwesasne
		Pamphlet “Open Dumping, Not the Solution” from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
		Pamphlet “St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Recycling Guide PAYT Program”
		Pamphlet “St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Solid Waste Management Program”
		Pamphlet “Household Hazardous Waste Information Sheet” from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
		Pamphlet “Preventing Home Heating Oil Spills” from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
		Pamphlet “Does Burning Your Trash Make it Disappear?” from the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
		Pamphlet “Customer Guide to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe’s Solid Waste Transfer Station”
		Pamphlet “Environmental Impacts of Everyday Household Items”
		Pamphlet “First Environmental Research Projects”
		Flyer “Announcing the Akwesasne Earth day Celebration and Native Plants Workshop,” April 24 th , 2010
		Pamphlet “What the Frack? Hydraulic fracturing and the Environment”
	3	Akwesasne Mohawk Casino
		Flyer advertising the Casino, includes a small map
		Informational packet “How Gaming Benefits our Community”
		Economic Impact of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe 2008
		“Facts about the (Casino) Expansion Project Referendum
	4	Domestic Violence Prevention
		Pamphlet “Honoring our Community, Embracing Our Beliefs”

- Pamphlet “Three Sisters Program: Always Here to Protect, Empower and Guide our Sacred Families”
- Pamphlet “Men Honoring Women: Three Sisters Program”
- Pamphlet “Women are Sacred: Three Sisters Program”
- 5 Cultural Centers and Events**
- Flyer “Thompson Island: Cultural Camp”
- Pamphlet “Thompson Island: A Youth and Elders Camp”
- Pamphlet “Akwasasne Cultural Center: Library and Museum”
- Flyer “Akwasasne Museum”
- Pamphlet “We are from Akwasasne: A Traveling Exhibit Co-Curated by Youth from Akwasasne
- Large Pamphlet “Akwasasne Cultural Center; Library and Museum,” extensive information
- Article “Profile: The Akwasasne Museum”
- Pamphlet “Akwasasne Bookstore”
- Informational packet “Native North American Traveling College: Publications Catalogue”
- 6 Akwasasne International Powwows**
- Postcard from the 11th Annual Akwasasne International Powwow
- Informational packet “The 11th Annual Akwasasne International Powwow,” September 10th-11th, 2011
- Informational packet “The 12th Annual Akwasasne International Powwow,” September 8th-9th, 2012
- Informational packet “The 13th Annual Akwasasne International Powwow,” September 7th-8th, 2011
- 7 Articles on Akwasasne Culture and History**
- Article “Community Mobilization and Leadership development on the St. Regis (Akwasasne) Mohawk Reservation”
- Folder created by Dr. Nyamweru containing articles on Akwasasne culture and history
- 8 Akwasasne Publications Regarding Culture**
- Handout about “*Kaswentha*, The Two Row Wampum Treaty Belt”
- Handout about “The Origin of the River Song”
- Informational packet “*Haudenosaunee* Press Guide: Official Information on the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk and Tuscarora Nations”
- Folder created by Dr. Nyamweru regarding commerce and trade on Akwasasne
- Booklet—“O:nenhste Corn”—North American Indian Traveling College
- Flyer—“Akwasasne Land Where the Partridge Drums”—Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center
- Flyer—“50 Chiefs”—Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center
- Flyer—“The Importance of Names”—Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center
- Booklet—“Publications Catalogue”—Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center
- Booklets—“Four Sacred Ceremonies”; “Creation Story”; “Cycle of Ceremonies”; “Longhouses”; “Corn, Beans and Squash”—Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center
- Ronathahon:ni Cultural Center informational flyer
- Pamphlets –Kateri Shrine & Mohawk archaeological site in St. Anicet, Quebec
- 9 Business Directories**
- Akwasasne 2009 Business Directory
- Akwasasne 2010 Business Directory
- Akwasasne 2013 Business Directory
- 10 Directories**
- 2010-2012 Mohawk Nation Telephone Directory
- Akwasasne Area Business and Visitor Information Directory, Winter 2010

- 11 Maps**
 Akwesasne Area Map, spring 2012
 Akwesasne Historical Map, 2010-2011
 Akwesasne Map, 2009-2010
 Map of Akwesasne and the surrounding area
 St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Facilities Map
 Map of the Area Industries of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- 12 DVDs & Electronic Media**
 Skahwatsira (One Family, One Nation) –Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Educ.—2013
 Voices of Akwesasne –Parks Canada
 Akwesasne History Powerpoint Slide show—MCA, 2013
- 12**
 Akwesasne Water Story 2010
 Our Challenge, Our Responsibility: First Nations Social Security—Assembly of First Nations (n.d.)
 St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Environment Division Natural Resource Damages Assessment Program—Cultural Impact Assessment

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Indian Times

- “The *Haudenosaunee*,” Supplement to the Indian Time, Spring 2004
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #11, March 18th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #33, August 19th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #34, August 26th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #35, September 2nd, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #36-37, September 16th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #38, September 23rd, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #39, September 30th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #40, October 7th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #42, October 21st, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #43, October 28th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #44, November 4th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #46, November 18th, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #48, December 2nd, 2010
 “Indian Time” Volume 28 #49, December 9th, 2010

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- “Indian Time” Volume 29 #22, June 2nd, 2011
 “Indian Time” Volume 29 #33, August 18th, 2011
 “Indian Time” Volume 29 #34, August 25th, 2011
 “Indian Time” Volume 29 #35, September 1st, 2011
 “Indian Time” Volume 29 #36, September 8th, 2011
 “Indian Time” Volume 29 #40, October 6th, 2011

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- “Indian Time” Volume 30 #34, August 30th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #35, September 6th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #36, September 13th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #37, September 20th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #38, September 27th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #39, October 4th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #40, October 11th, 2012
 “Indian Time” Volume 30 #41, October 18th, 2012

“Indian Time” Volume 30 #43, November 1st, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #44, November 8th, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #45, November 15th, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #46, November 21st, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #47, November 29th, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #48, December 6th, 2012
“Indian Time” Volume 30 #49, December 13th, 2012

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“Indian Time” Volume 31 #17, May 2nd, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #19, May 16th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #20, May 23rd, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #22, June 6th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #35, September 5th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #36, September 12th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #38, September 26th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #40, October 10th, 2013
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“Indian Time” Volume 31 #45, November 14th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #46, November 21st, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #48, December 5th, 2013
“Indian Time” Volume 31 #49, December 12th, 2013

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Other Newspapers

“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” December 13th, 2006
“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” June 25th, 2007
“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” February 28th, 2008
“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” Summer 2008
“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” Fall & Winter 2008
“Akwasasne: A Special People in a Special Place,” September 2009
“Akwasasne Notes: A Journal of Native and Natural People,” Spring 1995
“Akwasasne Notes: A Journal of Native and Natural People,” Spring 1997