



TEWATOHNHI'SAKTHA

KAHNAWÀ:KE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Quarter 1 & 2 - April to September



Opportunity Fair

The Opportunity Fair held at the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, September 25th, was a remarkable success, with over 200 registered participants!

The event was a center of activity featuring engaging guest speakers and insightful panel discussions that covered a wide range of topics.

Attendees could explore various resource booths, gaining valuable information on career development and networking opportunities.

The fair also highlighted the culinary talents of local chefs, offering delicious catering throughout the day. Each panel provided unique insights, allowing participants to engage in meaningful conversations and learn from business owners, community members, and industry experts!

The event fostered a dynamic environment for networking, learning, and exploring new career paths, making it a memorable and beneficial experience for all who attended.

Overall, the Opportunity Fair was a success and an impactful event, leaving attendees inspired and informed.



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OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Recap

Niawenhkó:wa

Niawenhkó:wa to our keynote speaker, Kawennáhere Devery Jacobs, our special guest, Shina Novalinga, and all of the panelists, participating organizations, and PlanIt Consulting & Communications for working with Tewatohnhi'saktha to coordinate the Opportunity Fair! Your efforts have truly made a difference, bringing together a vibrant community and opening doors to new opportunities. The dedication and teamwork from everyone involved were truly remarkable!

Panel Highlights

If you were unable to attend the Opportunity Fair, we've uploaded highlights from each panel on our website! The panels were Youth Workforce – Different Paths to Success and Individual Journeys, Young Women Entrepreneurs: Building Business with Purpose, Future in Focus – In Demand Jobs & Workforce Planning in Kahnawà:ke, New opportunities for Kahnawà:ke Businesses, Culture & Creativity – Opportunities in Language, Culture, and the Arts, and From Local Roots to National Reach: Building Sustainable Indigenous Tourism in Kahnawà:ke.



MORE FROM THE OPPORTUNITY FAIR



NEW STAFF CHANGES / HIRES IN Q1 & Q2



TEWATOHNHI'SAKTHA



Drake D'Souza
Social Enterprise
Manager



Abigail Jacobs
Communications
Coordinator



Finnley Montour
Workforce Development
Coordinator



Savannah Gabriel
Interim Youth
Engagement Counsellor



Iohserenhawi Bova
Tota Ma's Café Manager



Kanenhontie Picard
Business Services Officer

PHOTO MISSING

Katsi'tsaie:ri Paul
Indigenous Women Entrepreneur
Project Development Officer (IWE)

KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM



Roxann Whitebean
Tour Guide



Harley Delaronde
Tour Guide



Iakothahitáhkhe Diabo
Office Assistant



Kortanie Raye
Special Projects Coordinator

PROGRAM STUDENTS



Olivia Rice
KSSEP/MASI



Jayla White
KSSEP



Zye Mayo
KSSEP/MASI



Kanahkwine Albany
KSSEP

MARKETING AND TOURISM



PODCASTS

- Kahnawà:ke Tourism Wrap Up and Look Ahead
- Deep Dive into the IIF IV
- Builders of the Future / PATH
- Opportunity Fair



TALK SHOWS / RADIO PROMO

- Builders of the Future
- Strawberry Fest
- Indigenous Initiatives Fund (IIF IV)
- Opportunity Fair 3x
- The Election
- Mentor a Student Intern



FEATURED BUSINESSES

- PlanIt Consulting & Communications
- 392 Pepper Company
- Nicia's Accessories
- Kahnawake CrossFit
- Old Haunt BBQ

ANNUAL REPORT

The 25th Annual Report is now available!
Visit our website to check it out.
Tewa.ca/about/publications-and-resources/annual-reports



KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM



Highlights

Over the past couple of months, Kahnawà:ke Tourism has participated in and organized numerous events. This includes tours during Cultural Awareness Month, celebrations for Indigenous Day, the "Let's Talk Tourism" event, the registration and planning of the Ionkhinèn:rine Program, a Cultural Exchange at the Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow, and the Opportunity Fair!

They participated in a variety of events, including:

- Vanier College Pow Wow
- Rendez Vous Canada in Winnipeg
- Montreal Tourism Summer Launch
- Collectables Expo
- Fêtes des Cultures
- Maison de la Jeunesse in St. Constant
- KWE Festival in Quebec City
- Community Picnic
- Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow
- Akwesasne Juried Art Show & Art Market
- KBC & Friends
- Akwesasne Pow Wow
- McGill x John Abbott Pow Wow

Food Fests

Kahnawà:ke Tourism hosted the annual Food Fests in June celebrating strawberries and another in August dedicated to corn! Each event featured a packed agenda filled with workshops, contests, activities, and much more!

Tour & Visitor Stats:

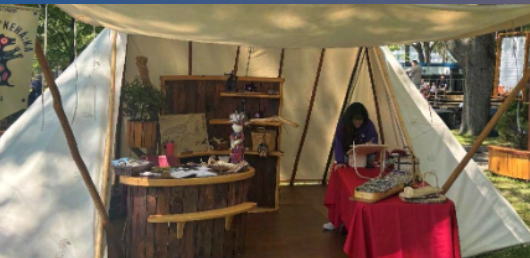


1,012
Visitors



40+
Tours

- The Mohawk Institute (Mush Hole) in Six Nations
- Monument à Macdonald
- Haudenosaunee Tourism Network!



Tourisme
Kahnawà:ke
Tourism 

**MORE PHOTOS
FROM EVENTS**



BUSINESS SERVICES



Businesses newly opened or expanded from April to September



Red, White,
and Cheddar



Doll Parts



PAP Autobody



Mystic Pines
Golf Club



Pumpkin Queen
Creations

Business Grants Distributed in Q1 and Q2

Tewatohnni'saktha Business Contribution Fund



Q1: \$660,000
Q2: \$86,420

Professional Services Fund



Q1: Not reported
Q2: \$3,366

Marketing Pro Fund



Q1: Not reported
Q2: \$16,710

Business Assistance Fund



Q1: Not reported
Q2: \$58,725

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS



74

Clients served in the first quarter

73

Clients served in the second quarter

Clients who Graduated

Exciting news in the realm of employment! Four vocational graduates have successfully secured full-time positions in the first quarter. These accomplished individuals come from a diverse range of programs, including the Welding and Fitting Program, Institutional and Homecare Assistance Program, Horticulture and Garden Operations Program, and the Make-up Art Certificate Program.

In the second quarter, six vocational graduates completed their programs: one in Swedish Massage 1 at IKRA, one in Aesthetics at Laurier McDonald, one in Institutional Homecare Assistance, one in the PAB program, one in Horticulture DEP, and lastly, one in the Secretarial Program at NOVA.



76

KSSEP Positions Approved

64

KSSEP Positions Filled

Clients who completed a program and found employment

5



Administrative Bootcamp Graduates

3



Builders of the Future Graduates

19



Clients who upskilled for Employment - PATH

12



Participants for the Mentor a Student Intern Fall Semester

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Results from the 2025 Election

On September 6, 2025, nominations were held to fill two seats on Tewatohnni'saktha's Board of Directors. Electoral Officer Herb Rice has announced the results. The following individuals were nominated and elected by acclamation:

- **Thawennontie Thomas**
- **Michael Thomas**

The nominations were formally vetted and confirmed on September 15, 2025, during a duly convened meeting of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) Chief and Council.

Tewatohnni'saktha Board Thanks Mackenzie (Mack) Kirby for Six Years of Dedicated Service

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mackenzie (Mack) Kirby for his dedicated service on the Tewatohnni'saktha Board for the past 6 years.

Your contributions as a board member have not gone unnoticed. You have approached this role with professionalism, integrity, and a true commitment to our mission. The impact of your leadership and insight will continue to be felt long after your term of service.

We thank you for your time, energy, and dedication.

Heather Bauersfeld
Chairperson
Tewatohnni'saktha



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Workforce Development

To enable individuals to acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes for gainful employment or improved work performance and providing employers with an effective means to communicate and meet their demand for skills to decrease the number of unemployed and under-employed community members.

Business Retention & Expansion

To ensure that businesses located within Kahnawà:ke maintain and expand (as measured by increasing the number of individuals employed) their operations within the Territory.

Entrepreneurship & Business Services

To provide entrepreneurs with access to developmental loans and other financial contributions, training, mentoring and the technical assistance they need to start-up and expand their business.

Economic Development Marketing & Tourism

To market the overall community, individual properties or sites, or specific programs or policies for the purposes of attraction, retention, and expansion of businesses, increasing the number of tourists, and improvement of the community's image locally, nationally, and internationally.

Economic Policy Advisory

To provide research and analysis of how economic policy, commercial regulations, and macroeconomic trends could impact Kahnawà:ke's economy and businesses.



PROGRAMS

Transitions
Bookkeeping and Aftercare
Builders of the Future
Counselling and Advice
Mentor a Student Intern Program
Self Employment Assistance



TRAINING

Entrepreneurship Training
I Want to Learn a Trade
Looking for a New Career
Training for my Staff
Vocational Training
PATH



JOB

Help Applying for a Job
Looking for a Job
Looking for a Summer Job
Job Seekers
Looking to Hire
Post a Job



FUNDING

Indigenous Initiatives Fund (IIF IV)
Business Assistance Fund
Business Contribution Fund
Business Loan Fund
Marketing Program Fund
Professional Services Fund
School/Training
Wage Subsidy
External Funding Opportunities



YOUTH

Counselling-Youth Engagement
Heads Up Program
Kahnawà:ke Youth Business Fund
Skills Link Program
Kahnawà:ke Summer Student
Employment Program (KSSEP)
Up & Atom STEAM Camp

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