



# TEWATOHNI'SAKTHA

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## **Executive Director appointed for Tawatohnhi'saktha**

The Board of Directors unanimously appoint Tammy Skawenná:ti Delaronde as Executive Director for Tawatohnhi'saktha after a successful seven (7) month interim appointment in the position. Tammy has been employed with Tawatohnhi'saktha for close to 24 years, her career began as a Business Services Officer and then advanced to Director of Business Services and then interim Executive Director.

As Tawatohnhi'saktha moves forward with its mandate and three-year strategic plan, the Board of Directors are excited to have Tammy leading the organization. "With her experience, strong values and commitment to the community and our economy, we believe that Tawatohnhi'saktha is in good hands." said Heather Bauersfeld, Co-Chairperson for the Board of Directors.

*"I've thoroughly enjoyed my new experiences in the position over these several months and look forward to the challenges ahead. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for having confidence in my abilities and providing me with this opportunity."* said Tammy Delaronde, Executive Director.



## New Interim Workforce Development Program Manager Hired

Tewatohnhi'saktha would like to introduce the new Interim Workforce Development Program Manager, Katsistohkwí:io Jacco. She recently received her Master of Arts in Political Science and a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood from the University of Victoria. Katsistohkwí:io is very passionate about empowering Indigenous youth through creating culturally relevant programs and services.

In her position Katsistohkwí:io will oversee and administer the Kahnawà:ke Summer Student Employment Program (KSSEP), Self Employment Assistance Program (SEAP), and the Skills Link Program (SLP). She will also be responsible for overseeing Tota Ma's Café, a Tewatohnhi'saktha social enterprise. Something you can look forward to from Katsistohkwí:io is the launch of a brand-new 4-year program coming this fall.

*"I am really excited to be working at Tewatohnhi'saktha in the Workforce Development department. The WFD team is all about empowering Kahnawa'kehró:non through offering access to educational and career development programming, which really aligns with my interests and values. I previously worked here as a summer student as a Tourism Development Assistant and as the Heads-Up Facilitator, and I absolutely loved the office environment and my experiences here, so I am happy to be back!"* said Jacco.



## Belle Phillips, Youth Engagement Workforce Development Counselor

Belle joins the Counselling team as the NEW Youth Engagement Workforce Development Counselor. Belle has worked previously with the team as the Youth and Programs Assistant and Youth Engagement Coordinator. In her new role Belle will develop, plan, and implement youth engagement projects by collaborating with community organizations. Belle's goal is to provide plenty of engaging activities to keep Kahnawà:ke youth on track to a bright career path. Belle also provides academic, vocational and career counseling services to her youth clients as a Workforce Development Coordinator.

*"We are so lucky to have Belle join the Counseling Team! It's been great watching her grow over the last few years, from a summer student, to a mentor student intern, and now to our Youth Engagement Counselor. She is very bright, innovative, and caring, all qualities that will help her shine in this role! Look out for Belle and all the awesome youth engagement initiatives to come!"* said Emily Rice, Workforce Development Counseling Services Manager.



## Reaching our Youth through Social Media

Adrianna Jones will be working with the Workforce Development team as the Youth Engagement Social Media Content Creator through our Mentor a Student Intern program. Adrianna started on March 27th. Some of the tasks she will be responsible for are to help create content specific to youth through platforms like Instagram and TikTok.



## Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies Inc. shares transferred to Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke from Tawatohnhi'saktha

Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies (KSE) and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) announced that effective April 1, 2023, the common shares of KSE and, by extension, its partnership units in the Des Cultures Wind Energy Project (Des Cultures) were transferred to the MCK. The transfer was ratified by the Tawatohnhi'saktha Board of Directors on March 28, 2023 and by the MCK via Mohawk Council Executive Directive at the duly convened MCK meeting held on Monday, April 3, 2023.



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## Kahnawà:ke Summer Student Employment Program and Career Fair Update

Over 55 students attend the KSSEP Career Fair, 10 students registered for the Program on-site, and the Workforce Development Counselors helped 9 students with their resumes.



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## Introducing KSS Students to Vocational Careers through NOVA

Belle Phillips, the newly hired Youth Engagement Counselor attended the morning with the Kahnawà:ke Survival School students at Nova Career Center. At this visit Belle explained to the students her role and how she can help students who wish to enroll in the vocational school. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to experience the different programs Nova Career Center has to offer such as: Welding, Hairdressing, Institutional and Home Care Assistance, and Auto Mechanics. There was positive feedback from the students who enjoyed being able to see the center in person, how classrooms are set up depending on program, and the opportunity to see a “hands on” example of it.



### New Business Highlight

## Two Row Holistic Health

Two Row Holistic Health offers coaching in health and nutrition, utilizing a holistic approach. This business is a Sole Proprietorship owned and operated by Laura Jacobs. Looking at the person as a whole - mind, body, and spirit in order to create a comprehensive wellness plan. We offer support and accountability throughout the client's health journey and personal development. Each client's wellness plans are personalized with the client during one-on-one session. No two wellness plans are alike as it is specific to each client's needs and wants, medical history, physical activity level and health goals. The focus of Two Row Holistic Health is on the betterment of Indigenous Peoples in our communities.



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## Business Spotlight

**Elevating Eyelash Services in the Community**

Owning and operating her own business was something Jody Diabo always wanted to do, however wasn't quite sure what business to explore. Eventually, she decided to follow her passion and take an eyelash course. After gaining knowledge and experience in the field Jody opened her new business, Exalted Eyelashes. *"I have no regrets! I get to do what I love and share that with my clients. Seeing their reactions when they open their eyes is what motivates me to keep learning and becoming a better lash artist,"* said Diabo


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## Mentor a Student Intern Program – Tahothoratie Cross

**Cross Shares the Benefits of Taking Part in the Mentor a Student Intern Program**

The winter school semester is a time when students and employers can begin to look forward to accessing the Tewaohni'saktha's Mentor a Student Intern Program (MASI). The program, also known as MASI has been a core program at Tewaohni'saktha for a number of years seeing countless students benefiting from the program. One of those students, Tahothoratie Cross, currently studying at Bishop's University, described his experience as a great opportunity to not only grow as a professional but to also experience various working environments which he says have helped him ever since. *"My experience with the mentor-student intern program has served as*

*a springboard for many opportunities that have come my way. The ease of application and ability to create a working experience for students like me is very valuable,"* said Cross.


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## Tourism Highlight

# Sugar Shack Brunch Event brings sweet results for Kahnawà:ke Survival School Students

On Saturday, March 25th, 2023, Kahnawà:ke Survival School (KSS), in partnership with Kahnawà:ke Tourism, hosted the very first Sugar Shack Brunch sponsored by Playground – The Rail Coal Fire Bistro, netting over \$3,900 for student extra-curricular activities. The students of KSS used their new maple syrup processing system in anticipation of this event and to supply the brunch with the final product of Maple Syrup. The students also offered various maple items for sale to the public. The event was well attended with 256 tickets sold, 91 purchased online and another 165 purchased at the door.

The event was coordinated by Kahnawà:ke Tourism in conjunction with the annual Maple Food Fest. “We wanted to coordinate an event that could be attended by the public and as well showcase the work being done at the school for maple production. We hope that this event can be repeated in the years to come, we already have new ideas for fun activities to be held during the event.” said Jordan Diabo, Tourism Events Coordinator.



*“The collaborative sugar shack brunch was a huge success. It was so nice to see families come out to enjoy a wonderful meal with one another and explore our very own KSS sugar shack. The students were able to showcase their unique learning environment and teach their own community the basics of sugaring. We are very grateful to The Rail-Playground Cares Initiative for sponsoring the meal and to the Kahnawà:ke Tourism for helping organize and coordinate the event. It raised a lot of money for activities here at KSS and we are grateful to everyone who came out to support KSS. On behalf of Tourism, we thank all who volunteered to make this event a success and to Playground - The Rail Coal Fire Bistro, for supplying the food and making their staff available to cook and serve the meals.”* said Trevor Diabo, Interim Tourism Development Agent.



## Tóta Ma's Café is on the Move!

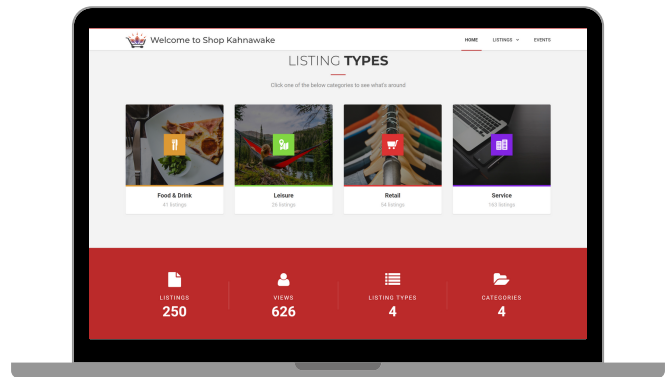
We have some exciting news, Tóta Ma's will be moving to a new location on the Old Malone Highway. Unfortunately, that means the café will be closed as of May 1st so the Tóta Ma's team can begin the move. At this time, we are unsure how long it will take for the café to relocate, but to stay updated on the move and on the expected Grand Reopening visit Tóta Ma's Facebook and Instagram pages.



### Business Update

### Shop Kahnawà:ke

Keep the public updated on your services, location, business hours etc. If you are a Kahnawà:ke Business and interested to be included on our website complete this online entry form and we will more than happy to promote your business!



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# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

## PROGRAMS



- Achieving Concrete Essentials
- Bookkeeping and Aftercare
- Counselling and Advice
- Meeting Room Rental
- Mentor a Student Intern Program
- Self Employment Assistance

## YOUTH



- Counseling - Youth Engagement
- Heads Up Program
- Kahnawà:ke Youth Business Fund
- Skills Link Program
- Kahnawà:ke Summer Student Employment Program (KSSEP)

## TRAINING



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

## JOBS



- Help Applying for a Job
- Looking for a Job
- Looking for a Summer Job
- Job Seekers
- Looking to Hire
- Job Creation Initiative
- Post a Job

## FUNDING



- Business Assistance Fund
- Business Contribution Fund
- Business Loan Fund
- Marketing Program Fund
- Professional Services Fund
- School/Training
- Wage Subsidy



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