



Kahnawà:ke Tourism Newsletter, July 2022

A Successful Night of Comedy



A night of great food, company and laughs is what happened on June 11 at La Vista Ristorante due to the comedic acts of Got Land Comics. Got Land is an Indigenous comedy group organized by Janelle Niles. The Indigenous comics come from around Turtle Island to showcase Indigenous comedy. The comedy night was organized by Kahnawà:ke Tourism. The Kateri Food Basket received a donation of \$517.50 from tickets sales and the ½ & ½. The tourism team would like to thank those in attendance, Got Land and La Vista Ristorante for a fantastic night of laughs.

Strawberry Food Fest Update



The Strawberry Food Fest has begun and will continue till the end of July with 10 participating businesses: Tóta Ma's Café, Roosters Express 138, Rooted, Roses Home Delights, Rowy's, The Purple Dragonfly Trading Post, Messy Kitchen, Dustin's, Brittany's Cakes & Pies, and Rooted Revival. Look for the Strawberry Food Fest Poster at any of the participating businesses or businesses that offer their products. All businesses are encouraged to participate in the Strawberry Food Fest by contacting info@kahnawaketourism.com

Indigenous Block Party

The Indigenous Block Party was a collective effort organized by community organizations to celebrate Indigenous culture on June 21 for Indigenous People's Day. The event took place at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex, where activities and vendors had been set up throughout the day. The social scheduled for 7PM was relocated to the 207 Longhouse, due to the heavy rain, where a great turn out of people came together. CBC and CTV News also showed up for the day to conduct interviews with Tourism, Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center and the vendors. Community members and visitors alike enjoyed the event and hope to see a recurrence in the future.



K103.7 Day in the Park

The K103.7 BBQ & Picnic is a community initiative bringing local organizations together to celebrate the community. The event had been organized by K103.7 F.M. staff located at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex on Friday June 24, 2022. Eighteen (18) community organizations came together to make this event a success.

Each organization provided free promotional items to giveaway. Tourism gave out free tour vouchers for our summer long scheduled walk-in tours at the Kahnawà:ke Tourism Welcome Center. Fun was held by all.



KFB Firefighters Challenge

The 31st Annual Quebec Aboriginal FireFighter Competition 2022 took place on

Saturday June 25, 2022, at Karonhianónhna Elementary School here in Kahnawà:ke. The event included seven (7) aboriginal fire fighter teams throughout Quebec.

The tourism team set up a booth at the event. where they provided the green tourism bags, information pamphlets, magazines, the strawberry food fest coloring pages, and the tour vouchers. It can be estimated that twenty-five (25) tour vouchers had been distributed to the community and visitors alike.

In all the event went well and everyone had a great time. The Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade came in 2nd place.

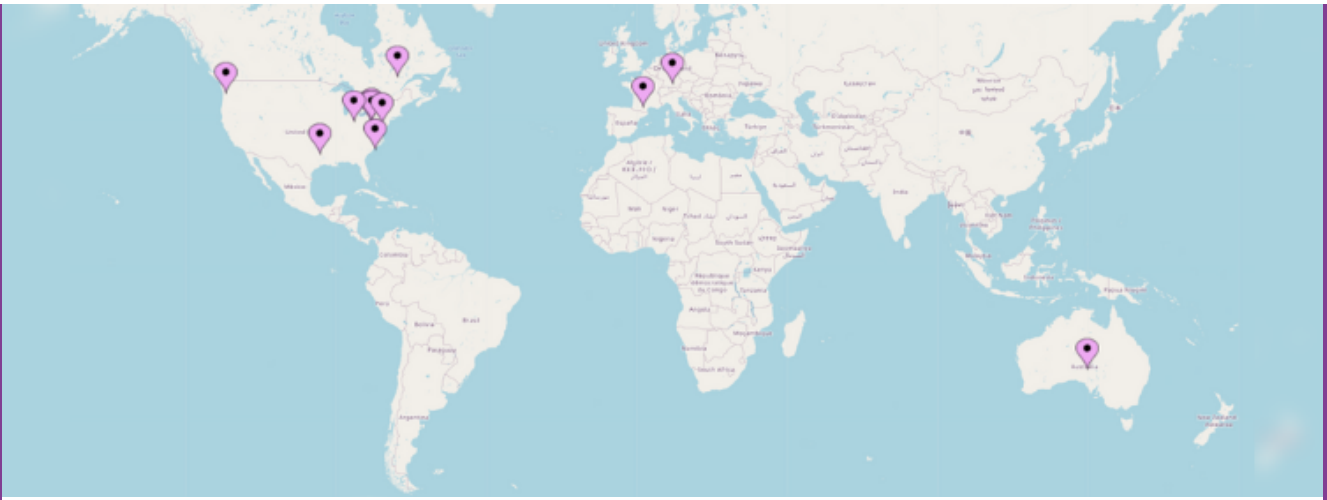


Tour Updates

The tourism office received a total number of 332 visitors for scheduled private tours with our tour guides. We had five school groups from the New Frontiers School Board, two personal tours for families living in Montreal, one college school group from Kings College in Pennsylvania organized by St. Josephs, three groups from Insight Global Education from BC and Toronto. We also had a tour from Kahnawà:ke Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) and representatives from the Governor General of Canada.

We also received numerous walk-in tours for the month of June with a total of twenty-five (25) visitors.

Visitors for June 2022



51 Total Visitors; 22 from Canada; **1** from Mississauga, **1** from Newmarket, **2** from Toronto, and **2** from North Vancouver. We had **7** visitors from the United States; **3** from Michigan, **2** from Syracuse, **1** from Cherokee Nation, and **1** from Virginia. We also had **10** visitors from France, **10** from Germany, and **2** from Australia.

Update from Tour Guide Dwayne Stacey on the Free Tours

Over the past month tours were held almost every day, sometimes two or three. We receive visitors from everywhere in the world which makes for some interesting tours and discussions.

We offered various school tours and the staff from the schools have been very pleased with our presentations, as they learned about the sport of lacrosse and visited a longhouse. It's been a pleasant experience meeting with the students who were very well behaved and very respectful with the guides, the people we met and the places they visited.



App Update

The Explore Kahnawà:ke App is in the final stages of preparation! We are eagerly awaiting final touches to unveil the whole experience to our guests! We anticipate a soft launch in all English before the end of July and a full Launch with French and Kanien'keha in August.

Pow Wow

The 30th Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow was held this weekend! July 9 & 10! Its been 2 years since we heard the sounds of the drum and seen the beautiful dancers – and of course, were able to taste the FOOD! Our tourism team setup on site, giving away information & free bags for all the shopping!

Some team members were also at the traditional longhouse that was set up and shared our history with the visitors!

We look forward to next year's Pow Wow and we hope you can join us!



KWE

The Kanien'kehá:ka people were represented at the 5th edition of KWE à la rencontre des peuples autochtones (meet with Indigenous Peoples) by Tourism Development Agent, Kimberly Cross, local artist & beader, Phyllis Fazio-Mayo, dancer Barbara Diabo, and local crafter, Preston Jacobs. The event was held in Quebec City, at the Parc Jean-Beliveau on June 16 – 21. KWE! is where all 11 nations in Quebec are represented by shows, dancing, singing, crafting, and by our people, on site to talk about our cultures and communities. Thousands of people attended the event over the five (5) days where information was given, discussions were hot and fun was had by all! While Kimberly had the cultural and tourism information set up, Phyllis was on site demonstrating beadwork. Barbara Diabo, a well known and talented fancy and hoop dancer, was a performer with one of the entertainment artists in the evening shows. Preston had the amazing task of building and animating a traditional longhouse!



Historic Places Days 2022

Tourism has joined the Historic Places Days 2022, encouraging visitors to visit historic places throughout Canada. The 30th Annual Proud Nations Pow Wow was among one of the event promoted on the site along with the Strawberry Food Fest.

[Visit the website!](#)

Upcoming Events



June

- Onake Water Challenge - 4th & 5th
- Comedy Event - 11th
- Indigenous Block Party - 21st
- Daily Guided Tours - June to August
- K103 Day In The Park - 24th
- Strawberry Food Fest - 25th to mid July
- Kaienthokwen Food Fest - June-September

July

- Powwow - 9th & 10th

September

- Marina Rock the Docks
- Corn Fest - 17th to mid October

October

- Harvest Food Fest - 22nd
- Spooky Tours/Haunted House - 29th

November

- Remembrance Day Parade - 11th
- Holiday Parade
- Holiday Train

December

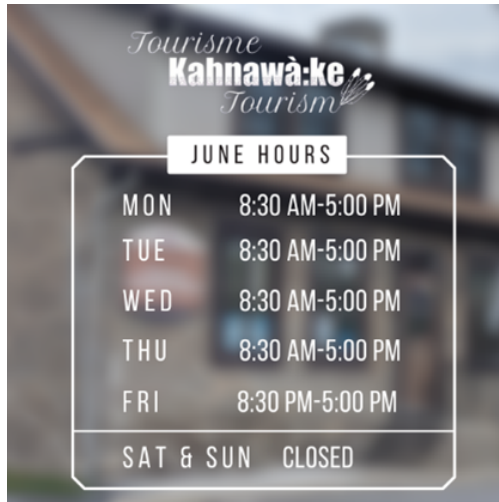
- Winter Wonderland - Kateri Memorial Foundation
- Christmas Craft Fair

2023

- January** Winter Carnival
- February** Ice Racing
Ice Fishing
- March** Maple Food Fest



Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center Business Hours



The Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Our visitor center is located on 1 River Road, Kahnawà:ke QC, J0L1B0

Visit us!

Shop Kahnawà:ke



Shop Kahnawà:ke Gift Certificates are now available for purchase at the Welcome Center! Shop Kahnawà:ke is a spectacular business community offering bountiful products and services to our neighbors near and far. We invite you to visit us and [**SHOP KAHNAWÀ:KE**](#) today and every day!



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