



Kahnawà:ke Tourism Newsletter, September 2022

Tourism Development Manager takes leave to learn the Kanien'keha (Mohawk) Language



Kimberly Cross, Tourism Development Manager, embarks on a new journey as a student in our local Kanien'keha language immersion program with the expectation of being a fluent Kanien'keha speaker at the end of the program. Kimberly will be mentoring and coaching Trevor on a part time basis over the course of several months.



Mr. Trevor Diabo, has been hired as the Interim Tourism Development Agent to fill the position. Trevor has been working for Kahnawa:ke Tourism as a bilingual tour guide and has extensive knowledge of our culture and history. Kahnawa:ke Tourism is proud to have Trevor join the team and lead the Tourism Strategic Plans and Initiatives.

Every Child Matters

September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to Indigenous children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and as an affirmation that everyone around us matters.

Read more about Phyllis' Story: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>

Source: Orange Shirt Society

Visitors to the Community

This August, the tourism team welcomed five private group tours to Kahnawà:ke with a total of 39 visitors. These visitors were given the opportunity to visit the historic village area, learning the history of our community, visit the Cultural Center to learn about our culture and people, and visit Saint Francis Xavier mission home to the Kateri Shrine. Visitors dined at local restaurants and stopped at our boutiques. The Tourism team participated in a Nature Walk with Lauren McComber, owner of Lotus & Sage. This Nature Walk may be incorporated in our tour options in the near future, we hope to encourage our visitors to learn about our vast plant life within Kahnawà:ke.

Our online booking system is a great success with 74 visitors booking their visits online;

Walking tours: **60**

Language & Cultural Center: **10 visitors**

Saint Francis Xavier Mission and Kateri Shrine: **4 visitors**

Seventeen (17) general walk-in visitors participated in the Tour of Kahnawà:ke with tour guide Dwayne Stacey.

Based on these numbers, Kahnawà:ke Tourism welcomed 130 visitors in the month of August.



Upcoming Events

Culture Days

From September 30th to October 2nd, Kahnawà:ke Tourism has registered to participate in Culture Days! *“initiated and orchestrated by Culture pour tous, the Journées de la culture are three days of free activities open to all that promote greater*

public access to arts and culture” <https://www.culturepourtous.ca/professionnels-de-la-culture/les-journees-de-la-culture/>

From September 30th to October 2nd, Kahnawà:ke Tourism will be offering **free** tours of prime destinations and attractions. Visitors can expect to take a guided tour of Kahnawà:ke, a tour of the Kateri Interpretive Center and a tour of the Language and Cultural Center Museum.



Corn Fest



Join Kahnawà:ke Tourism & Maison LePailleur on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 11h00 to 17h00 at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex in a celebration of corn. Visitors can expect various activities and demonstrations throughout the day: Corn husk dolls, archery, artisan vendors, and much more! For more information call the Kahnawà:ke Tourism Welcome Center at [450-635-2929](tel:450-635-2929).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Rail Coal Fire Bistro & Playground Poker for their sponsorship in the upcoming event.



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Fall Event



This year, Kahnawà:ke Tourism & [Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact](#) have joined forces to bring Kahnawa'kehró:non and visitors alike a Fall event this October.

Kahnawà:ke Tourism will also be hosting the Harvest Food Fest with local businesses throughout the community for the month of October. Each of the participating businesses will have a harvest special on their menu or harvest themed items within their business. Visit Kahnawà:ke Tourism for more information.

Travelling Exhibit of the +215 Moccasin's



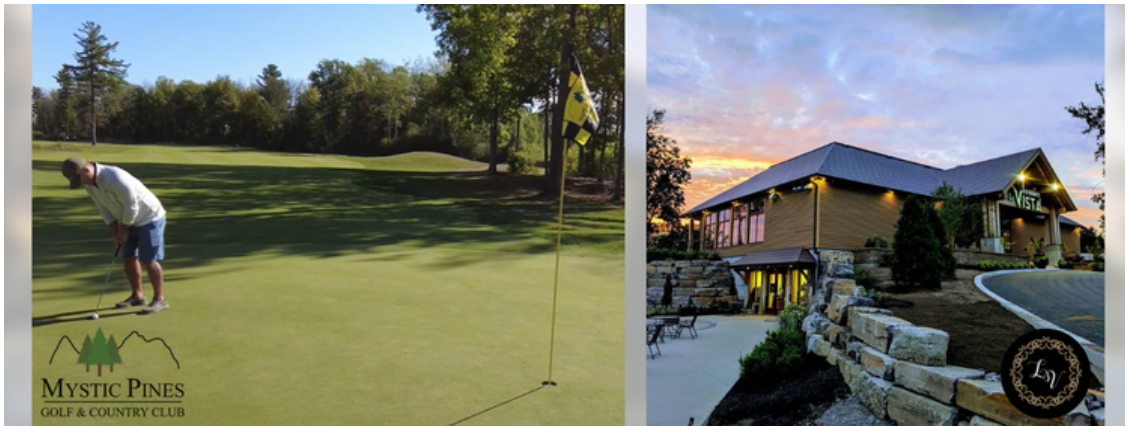
We are thrilled to announce that we have received a grant through the Minister of Canadian Heritage, commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation fund to support the travelling exhibit of the 215+ Moccasin's. This project is in partnership with Nicia's Accessories who made the initial call out across the Haudenosaunee Territory for beaders both new and skilled to create a pair of children's Moccasin's to aid in the healing and remembrance of those who did not return home to their families or communities. The funds received will go towards purchasing equipment to transport the Moccasin's as well as display cases to prevent deterioration from the elements and handling. We want to ensure that the conversation surrounding this topic continues within our community, with our neighbors and beyond.



Mystic Pines Golf & Country Club & Ristorante La Vista – A Hidden Gem on the South Shore of Montreal

Mystic Pines Golf & Country Club opened in August of 2013 and is one of the newer golf courses located in the Montreal area. This well-kept secret, nine hole, 36 par link, designed by Graham Cooke is sure to give golfers an unforgettable experience! A challenging course partnered with a beautiful landscape is a golfer's dream. Mystic

Pines also offers a pro shop, a driving range, as well as two putting greens. Not only can golfers look forward to hitting the links, but they may also see some of the beautiful wildlife around such as foxes, deer, wild turkeys, hawks and even a bald eagle that nests nearby. Ensuring that no round you play is ever the same, Mystic Pines is sure to have something for even the most casual golfers! Located on the south shore, only 15 minutes away from Montreal. Follow them on social media [@mysticpinesgolf](https://www.instagram.com/mysticpinesgolf) or visit their website <https://www.mysticpinesgolf.com/> to book your tee time now!



With Mystic Pines comes Ristorante La Vista, built on the same property together this restaurant is the perfect compliment after a challenging day on the course. La Vista is open 7 days a week from 11:00am to 5:00pm and offers an exciting, and delicious menu with locally sourced ingredients to enjoy on the exterior patio and the brand-new pergola over the bar section. Not only does La Vista offer its incredible food but they also offer event services as well, planning and staffing from start to finish with a curated food and drink menu. From weddings to private parties La Vista can do it all, just give them a call for dining reservations at [514-528-4782](tel:514-528-4782).

The Quebec Bridge Disaster



August 29th was the 115th anniversary of the Quebec Bridge disaster in 1907. This anniversary really hit home as we walked past the photos of the 33 men lined up on the rail inside the church. There are many stories that have been told about the bridge and we would like to pass along one of the oral history stories that have passed our way. When you're in the history profession people like to pass on stories that they have been told and therefore a lot of the stories have no researched information, but they are still very interesting to hear. This is one of those stories.

Around the year 1900, the village of Caughnawaga had many Ironworkers, they had started the profession from the work that was done on the Victoria Bridge. The majority of the village spoke Kanien'keha:ka and French in these early days. When the Quebec Bridge collapsed and we lost the 33 men, the women of Caughnawaga decided that the men should not work in large numbers on future ironworking projects. The men agreed and began to form smaller groups of men that would travel to cities across the northern part of North America. Most of the larger cities were building upwards during this time so the men headed to New York, Detroit, Boston, and many other American cities.

After working in these cities for 20 years or more the language in Caughnawaga shifted from Kanien'kehá:ka and French to Kanien'kehá:ka and English. The men working in the states picked up English and their families started to all speak English. Just like that Caughnawaga was an English speaking community!

Trip Advisor Reviews



Stop in at Tóta Ma's Café!



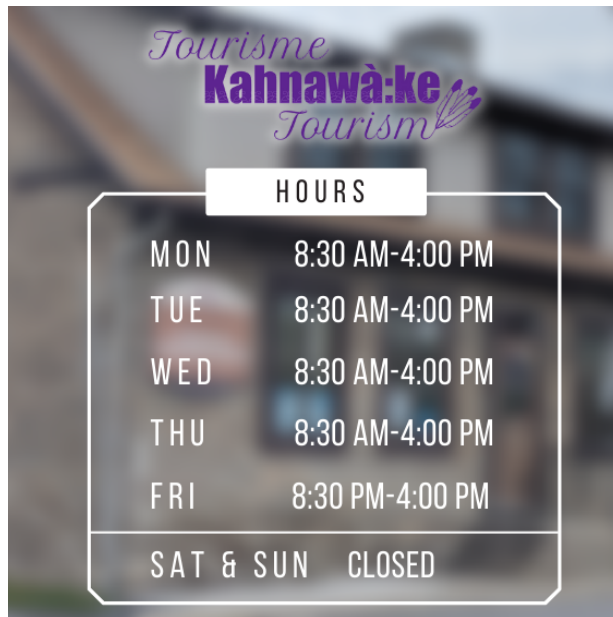
Visit our local café that provides a training & learning environment for young adults to build on their employability skills and gain valuable work experience through selling Indigenous owned/produced products while also promoting and supporting local businesses.

To learn more about Tóta Ma's Café watch the video!

[Click Here](#)



Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center Business Hours



The Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Our visitor center is located on 1 River Road, Kahnawà:ke QC, J0L1B0

Visit us!



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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