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# KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM

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## TRAININGS

### Planner Training

Tours Coordinator, Jordan Diabo delivered a Microsoft Planner training session to the Tewatohnhi'saktha Marketing & Tourism Team. The session covered:

- Navigating Microsoft Planner
- Coordinating and structuring projects using plans, buckets, and tasks
- Tracking progress and organizing workflows

Microsoft Planner—a visual, card-based project management tool within Microsoft 365—helps teams manage marketing campaigns, events, product launches, and KPIs with clarity and efficiency. We hope it helps our team better manage the many projects, activities and services that we offer!

### Indigenous Economic Training Program

Tourism Development Manager Kimberly Cross and Tour Coordinator Jordan Diabo traveled to Banff, Alberta, to participate in the Indigenous Economic Development Training program, joining professionals from across the country in exploring approaches to advancing Indigenous economies and communities.



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# INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC TRAINING

## Core learning areas:

- Harvard Project foundations in Indigenous economic development
- Leadership and culture as pillars of strategy
- Sovereignty and its role in business success
- The future of Indigenous finance
- Navigating investment processes



## EXPLORING BANFF

Aside from the training days, Kimberly and Jordan embraced the chance to be tourists:

- strolling the Banff town center
- dining at local restaurants
- browsing local shops
- taking in mountain viewpoints
- enjoying a nighttime visit to Lake Louise
- attending the Banff Christmas Market

The experience offered valuable perspectives on development practices in other Indigenous communities—along with the beauty and spirit of the Rockies.

Participants also created miniature moss bags filled with traditional medicines—a meaningful cultural takeaway.

Guest speakers shared insights on leadership, community-driven development, and the importance of staying grounded in identity, purpose, and inspiration.









# Kwakarátón:ni

## Podcast

On November 17, we were excited to welcome members of the Kahnawà:ke Hunters players and staff to the Kwakarátón:ni podcast. The studio was full to capacity with players Kaymen Diabo, Owen Rice, and Deeland Martin, joined by coaching and management representatives Kirby Joe Diabo, Thunder Jacobs, and Greg Horn.



The community came together in a huge way this past summer to support and celebrate the Hunters' hard work and determination as they secured a league championship and then traveled out west—ultimately becoming the 2025 Founders Cup Champions! Their achievement is a point of pride for Kahnawà:ke, and we were honored to host them as they reflected on the season, shared behind-the-scenes stories, and spoke about their hopes for the future.

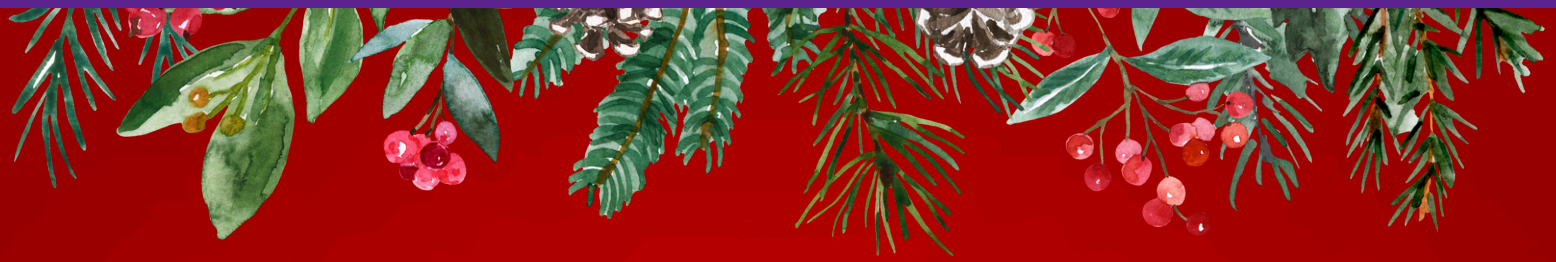
One of the exciting topics discussed was the upcoming unveiling of the covered lacrosse rink—a major milestone for players, fans, and the wider community. Keep an eye out for that announcement soon!

We're proud that the lacrosse experience has also become a meaningful part of sport tourism in Kahnawà:ke, as visitors from across Turtle Island come to witness the Creator's Game. We also join the community in hoping that the Haudenosaunee Nationals will one day bring our flag to the world stage.

Stay tuned for the release of this special podcast episode—we can't wait to share it with you all!

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# Holiday

## CRAFT FAIR



Over 25 artisan vendors, hourly raffle  
giveaway, free soup and hot chocolate, face  
painting, storytelling, and more!



DECEMBER

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SUNDAY

7

11AM - 4PM

11AM TO 12PM - INCLUSION HOUR  
KAHNAWAKE YOUTH CENTER

Accepting non-perishable food items  
to donate to the Kateri Food Basket

Sponsored by:





## NOVEMBER TOURS

### November 13

A busy triple-tour day. Harley guided a double group from the University of Montreal, welcoming a total of



46 visitors who toured the Language & Cultural Center in rotating groups. Later, Bronwyn led a familiarization tour for two tourism partners — Silvia Donelian (Twin Travel Concepts) and Marie-Claude Carrier (Southern Quebec). Their visit concluded with dinner at Kahnawà:ke Brewing Co.

### November 14

Roxann guided 10 visitors from Champlain St-Lambert College through the Language & Cultural Center Museum.



### November 17

Harley hosted a delegation of 6 Judicial Officials, accompanied by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, for a tour of the Language & Cultural Center.



## TOUR REVIEWS

“Anna described her experience as heartfelt and informative, enriched by personal stories that brought Mohawk history and contemporary realities to life. She appreciated the guide’s generosity, openness, and the space to ask questions.”

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“Pascal and his colleagues were deeply moved by the guide’s personal stories and strongly recommend both the walking tour and the museum experience.”

## FEEDBACK

“I wanted to thank you for taking the time to welcome us in Kahnawà:ke. Jordan was fantastic, and Roxann was very generous in sharing deep, poignant and personal stories. Many colleagues told me afterward they wish to visit again, as opportunities like this are invaluable for understanding how our actions continue to have repercussions today.

Congrats on the huge success of the radiothon! We look forward to visiting your new cultural arts center.”

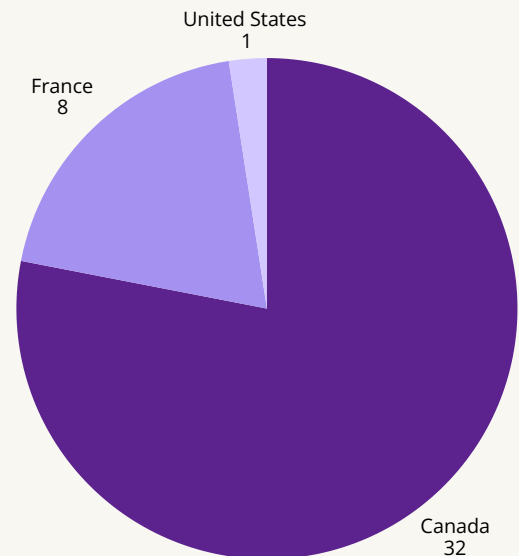


## NOVEMBER VISITOR SUMMARY

In November, the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center greeted a total of 49 visitors from around the world. Our top three visiting countries were:

1. **Canada - 32 visitors**
2. **France - 8 visitors**
3. **United States - 1 visitor**

We were also pleased to welcome guests from Algeria, Cyprus, Morocco, Switzerland, and Mexico, highlighting the diverse international interest in our community.



## KSS CAREER FAIR



The Kahnawake Survival School hosted its annual Career Fair on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, and this year's event was a great success. The Kahnawà:ke Tourism booth welcomed approximately 150 visitors, including students, educators, and professionals. Guests enjoyed participating in our interactive trivia game and were excited to receive our giveaway items, which included winter hats, travel cutlery sets, water bottles, and tumblers.

Our team shared valuable information about local businesses, youth programs, and employment opportunities. The event fostered community connection and helped support our youth as they explore their strengths and prepare for future careers. We are proud to contribute to an environment that encourages growth and guides the next generation into the workforce. We hope to have some students join us for the 2nd edition of Ionkinè:rìne summer 2026!





## 4TH-YEAR FIRST NATIONAL EXECUTIVE EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY

The 4th-Year Graduation Ceremony for the First National Executive Education (FNEE) programs, held on Friday, November 21 at HEC Montréal, was a beautiful and uplifting celebration. The day began with an opening by Sedalia Fazio, setting a warm and inspiring tone for an event filled with guest speakers, singers, past graduates, and an abundance of positive energy.

Kahnawakeró:non were proudly represented across the various groups who participated throughout the past year, making the celebration even more meaningful for our community.

The ceremony began in the late afternoon and featured a powerful performance by Ivan Boivin-Flamand from Manawan, who sang in Atikamekw and left the audience in awe of his remarkable talent. The event closed around 6 PM

with a special appearance by Elisapi Issac, a singer-songwriter from Salluit, Nunavik, who offered heartfelt words of encouragement to the graduates.

As each group was called to the main stage to accept their diplomas, the stage filled with smiling graduates—capturing a moment of pride, accomplishment, and connection. The celebration continued with a cocktail hour, complete with a photo booth so graduates and their families could take home a joyful keepsake of the occasion.

We encourage community members to explore the programs offered through FNEE, and discover opportunities to learn, grow, and build meaningful connections with other Nations.

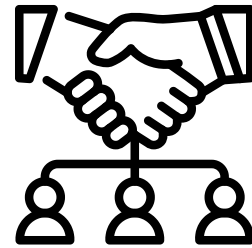


## SHARING SESSION WITH NANO ONE TECHNOLOGIES

On November 5, our team was invited to deliver a teaching session for Nano One Technologies in Candiac. We began with the fundamentals, as many employees were unfamiliar with who their neighbours in Kahnawà:ke are. Using maps, we highlighted the traditional territories and introduced the meaning and contemporary relevance of the Two Row Wampum Treaty.

The session also explored local land claims, offering insight into the realities our community faces amid ongoing changes in the region. Throughout the discussion, meaningful moments of connection emerged—from shared stories about maple syrup to deeper conversations surrounding the history and long-lasting impacts of the Oka Crisis.

We enjoyed continuing these conversations over lunch and encouraged participants to further their learning by visiting The Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language and Cultural Center, with an invitation to experience Kanatahkwen:ke when it opens in spring 2026.



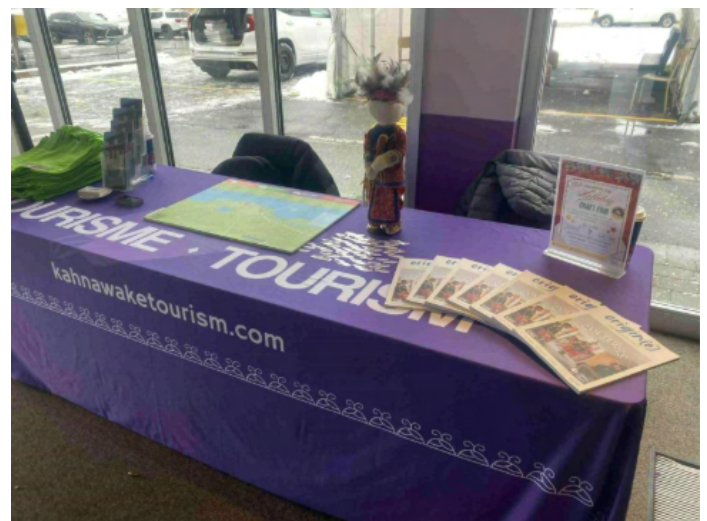
We are grateful for opportunities like this—moments that put truth and reconciliation into action and foster stronger relationships with neighboring communities.

## KAHNAWÀ:KE TOY COLLECTABLES EXPO

The Kahnawà:ke Toy Collectables Expo took place on Sunday, November 16 at the Mohawk Super Bingo and brought together families, collectors, and toy enthusiasts for a lively community event. The venue was filled with vibrant vendor booths showcasing impressive toy collections, along with mock wrestling matches that kept children entertained throughout the day.

The Tourism Team was on site to engage with attendees—answering questions, sharing information about Kahnawà:ke, and promoting upcoming events. Over the course of the expo, the team distributed 95 Tourism bags, 12 maps, and 17 Origin magazines, featuring Indigenous tourism stories from across Quebec.

The team connected with many enthusiastic and curious visitors, making the expo an important opportunity for community outreach, education, and tourism engagement.







## CANADIAN PACIFIC KANSAS CITY HOLIDAY (CPKC) TRAIN BRINGS FESTIVE CHEER TO KAHNAWÀ:KE

On a perfect winter evening, the CPKC Holiday Train made its festive stop in Kahnawà:ke from 5:00 to 5:30 PM, drawing a large crowd of families eager to kick off the holiday season. The weather was ideal—not too cold, just crisp enough to enjoy the winter spirit.

Kahnawà:ke Tourism welcomed visitors with pre-packaged holiday goody bags featuring a Kahnawà:ke Tourism holiday sticker, a granola bar, and a packet of Welch's. Right beside them, the Kateri Food Basket collected generous community donations while volunteers handed out warm hot chocolate and light-up sticks that brought smiles to children and adults alike.

By the end of the evening, the Kateri Food Basket had collected a trailer full of non-perishable items, \$1,308 in cash donations, and

received a \$4,500 cheque from CPKC to support individuals and families in need throughout the community. Santa was also on site, posing for photos and adding extra magic to the night. The atmosphere was filled with music, excitement, and the joyful glow of the holiday train—an uplifting moment of seasonal spirit and community togetherness.







## KAHNAWÀ:KE WELCOME CENTER HOURS

MON .....	8:30AM - 4:00PM
TUES .....	8:30AM - 4:00PM
WED .....	8:30AM - 4:00PM
THU .....	8:30AM - 4:00PM
FRI .....	8:30AM - 4:00PM
SAT & SUN .....	10:00AM - 3:00PM

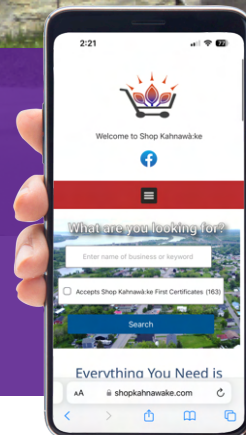
WEEKENDS CLOSED AS OF DECEMBER 14TH

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## SHOP KAHNAWÀ:KE

Shop Kahnawà:ke Gift Certificates are now available for purchase at the Welcome Center! Gift certificates can be given as a gift for that special occasion and can be redeemed in over 100 business locations in Kahnawà:ke. Visit the Shop Kahnawà:ke Facebook page and website for more information.

[Shopkahnawake.com](https://shopkahnawake.com)



## BOOK A TOUR WITH US

To experience all that Kahnawà:ke has to offer, we invite you to book one of our many fun and informative tours or join us at one of our many cultural events.

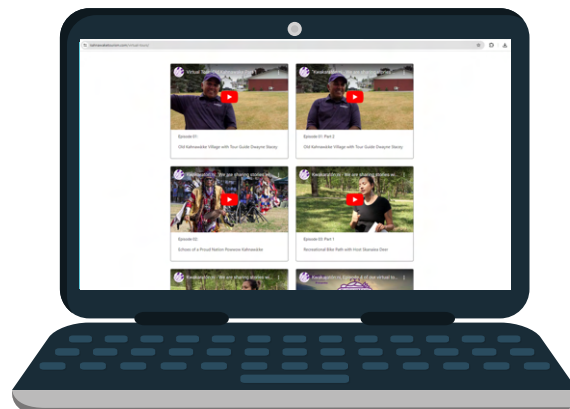


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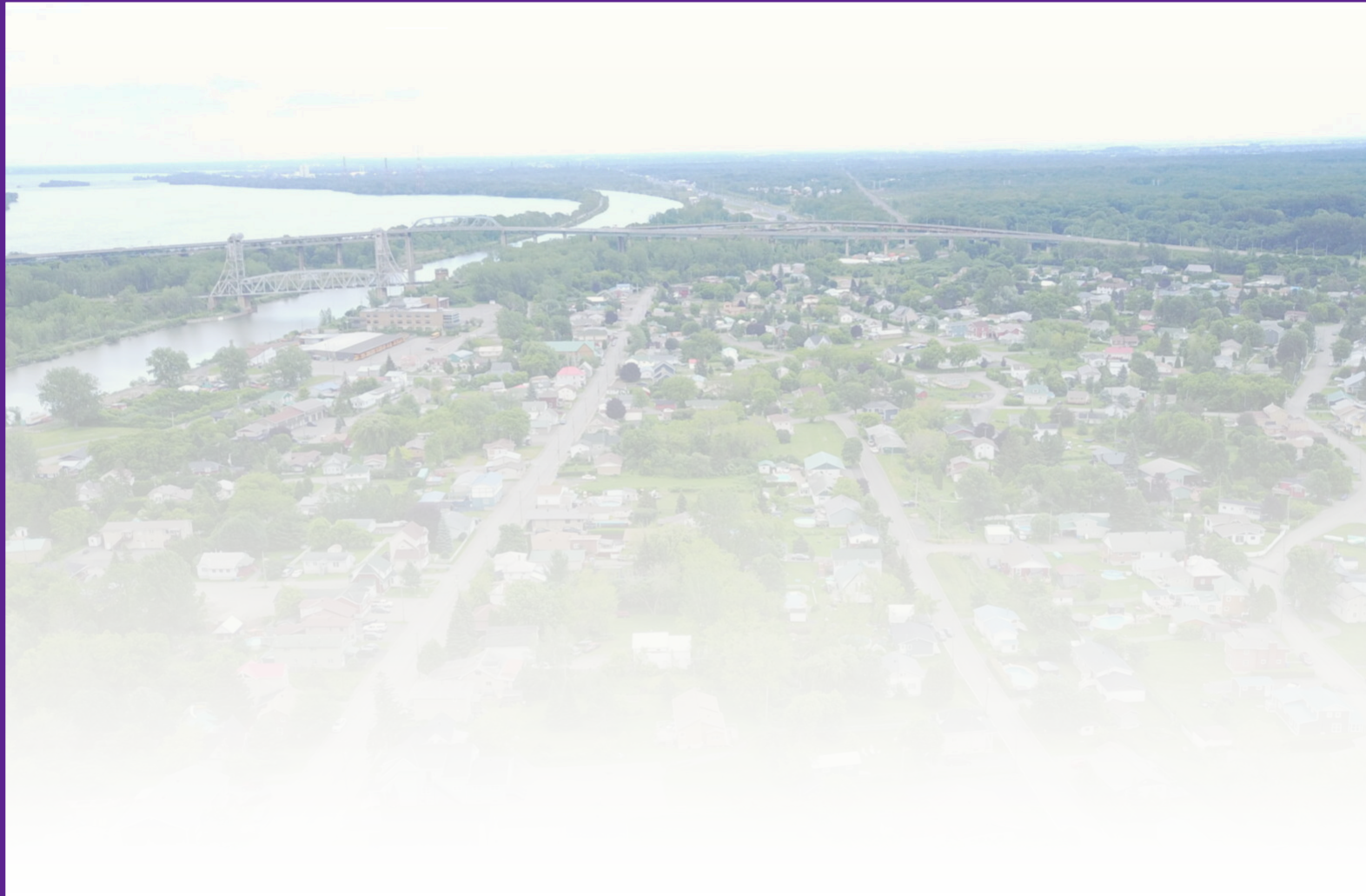
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