

Local News

Akwesasne Area Management Board Employment and Training

The Akwesasne Area Management Board has been setting employment and training priorities for the Akwesasne area since 1991. Since that time, approximately \$10 million in Human Resource Development Canada (HRDC) training funds have passed through the Board. The intent of the Board has been to give more control of HRDC program funds to the local community. Both the Canadian and Native governments have widely acknowledged that the people who know best for themselves are community people. Currently, the Akwesasne Area Management Board has 27 members and 9 board of directors. These Akwesasne people have recognized that in order to have a say on the future of employment and training Akwesasne was to get involved. If you are interested in employment and training activities in Akwesasne then applications for membership can be found at the Akwesasne Area Management Board office located on 3rd street north in Kanatakon.

Currently, the funding structures of the Akwesasne Area Management Board have undergone a number of changes we wish to inform you about. The changes are directly associated with both the Federal and Provincial governments agenda to reduce or redirect government funding related to training or job creation.

For instance, the Jobs Ontario Training Program is being wound down this year on orders from the Provincial government. The new government of Ontario has determined that a new system of job creation will take the place of the Jobs Ontario Training pro-

gram. Currently, the government of Ontario is exploring different ways to redirect training funds to the provincial welfare system in an attempt to reduce the number of welfare participants.

On the Federal level, the Akwesasne Area Management Board which services community development, individual and group training programs, summer youth programs and unemployment insurance needs will stay intact under a new resolution with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

However, the regional Manpower budgets and infrastructures related to First Nations in Canada are currently being re-organized. This will have a financial affect on Akwesasne in ways unknown at this time. Because of this situation, the government is delaying part of our budget allocation until a new budget allocation formula for all Aboriginal peoples can be agreed upon.

For Akwesasne members, this means that some funding will arrive later than anticipated. We must emphasize that this delay is an administrative problem at the regional level and although some program funding may be delayed, the process will continue. This delay should not prevent you from applying for training funds this fiscal year. In the meantime, we will provide you with periodic updates and will be planning a information workshop on employment and training programs during the month of May.

Should you require further information on programs or membership applications please don't hesitate to call our office at (613) 575-2626.

Cornwall, Ontario, Canada to Host International Ecosystem Conference

Cornwall — The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences will host its third annual Conference on the St. Lawrence River Ecosystem. The Conference is scheduled for May 13 - 16, 1996 in the Seaway City.

The event is truly an international one. The St. Lawrence, one of the world's great river systems is shared by Canada, the United States of America and the Mohawk Community at Akwesasne. The Conference is co-hosted by St. Lawrence Aquarium and Ecological Center Inc. of Massena, New York, the University of Ottawa Institute for Research on Environment and Economy, and the City of Cornwall.

The conference theme is *C'est l'environ qui nous mene* which means 'It is the environment that takes us there'. Launching the event will be keynote speaker Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first woman in space. The many topics to be explored during the conference itself include Landscape Ecology of the St. Lawrence, Biological Effects Monitoring, Relative Significance of Environmental Problems in the Cornwall-Massena region, Sediment Contamination, and more.

Speakers of note include Gail McDonald, Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and former Chair of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Also on the program is Bob McDonald, host of the CBC's acclaimed national science program, *Quirks and Quarks*, along with Eva Ligeta, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario.

The St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences focuses its activities on ecotoxicological research of large river systems. Located in the historic weave shed of the once prominent Cornwall Cotton Mill, the Institute commands a panoramic view of the object of its research, the mighty St. Lawrence River.

The Institute spawned from the vision of its founding partners which included municipalities, various levels of government in both Canada and the United States, universities and research institutes, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, and a number of the region's major industries. Eminent environmental scientist Dr. David Lean has been named its first Director of Research with Dr. Jeffrey Ridal as its full time Research Scientist.

For more information contact: David Leech, Conference Manager (613) 936-6620

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St. Lawrence College Offers Worldwide Travel/Study Program

CORNWALL (Ontario) — The Encore: Seniors' Education Centre at St. Lawrence College is a member of Travelearn, a network of 283 Universities and Colleges which join together to offer educational tours for adults to 15 countries worldwide. According to Beverly Hincks, Encore coordinator, "For adult travellers looking for more than sightseeing and sand beaches, Encore's travel programs emphasize learning, with opportunities for first-hand education about foreign countries, their culture and customs, through on-site lectures and field experiences."

1996 Summer and Fall Programs will include Alaska, Australia, Belize, Bermuda, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Galapagos Islands, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Kenya, Morocco, Nova Scotia, South Africa and Turkey. Free itineraries are available.

The cost for these travel/study tours for adult learners (including meals, first class accommodations, unique learning experiences, and airfare) range from \$2,000 to \$5,000: "luxury field trips with the best teachers you've ever had," as Professor Ed Williams, founder of Travelearn, describes them. The average size of each tour is 14 people, providing individualized attention and ample opportunity for flexibility in travelling.

For more information about Encore's travel/study programs you are invited to attend a free seminar on Tuesday, April 16, 10 am to noon at St. Lawrence College, Moulinette Hall, Room 224. You must pre-register by contacting Beverly Hincks, Program Coordinator, Encore: Seniors' Education Centre, St. Lawrence College, Windmill Point, Cornwall, Ontario K0C2J0 or call (613) 933-6080, ext. 2133 or fax (613) 937-1523.

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