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KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM

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TOURISM TEAM BONDING ACTIVITY

On Friday, August 15, 2025, the Tourism team participated in a meaningful and well-deserved team bonding activity — a guided fishing excursion with **Reel Um In Fishing**, operated by local entrepreneur Kirby Joe Diabo. This initiative aligns with our ongoing commitment to support local businesses and promote community-based tourism experiences.

The outing provided an opportunity for team members to step away from their daily responsibilities and connect in a relaxed, natural setting. The weather was amazing and created the perfect atmosphere for team bonding. The team was taught the proper fishing techniques by Kirby Joe before casting their lines into the river. There were smiles all around as several employees reeled in some nice size bass.

We're proud to support Indigenous-owned and locally operated businesses like Reel Um In Fishing, and we remain committed to uplifting members of our community through initiatives like this.



KCB & FRIENDS 2025: A PERFECT BLEND OF BREWS, BEATS, AND COMMUNITY!

August 16th, 2025

On August 16th, 2025, the sun was shining with good weather and vibes as Kahnawà:ke Brewing Co. hosted the 4th annual KCB & Friends event! This year's celebration brought together breweries from across the country for a full day of handcrafted beer, live entertainment, and family fun.

Visitors enjoyed everything from cold pints to hot tunes, with live bands setting the soundtrack for a day filled with face painting, bouncy castles, and good times all around. Adding a unique local twist, our team ran free guided bus tours around Kahnawà:ke, offering 24 guests the chance to soak up the AC aboard the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center's bus while learning about our community's rich history—courtesy of our amazing tour guide, Zye.

Until next year!



SNEAK PEEK: FESTIVAL DES CULTURES DU MONDE - SHERBROOKE 2025

On Saturday, August 16, we had the pleasure of joining: Indigenous Tourism Quebec and Evenements Attractions Quebec's joint observation mission for a special behind-the-scenes visit to the Festival des Cultures du Monde de Sherbrooke, held at Parc Quintal. Now in its 21st edition, the festival continues to be a vibrant celebration of global traditions, music, food, and community.

This visit held extra meaning for us — many of the festival organizers had attended our own Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow in July, where they experienced firsthand the values and care we embed in our events.

The elders' seating area made a strong impression on them. This time, it was our turn to learn and draw inspiration.

We arrived on site at 10:00 AM and began exploring the beautifully arranged festival grounds. From the layout to logistics, every detail reflected thoughtful planning and hard work. We had the chance to discuss key topics such as: Pricing strategies, accessibility, visitor experience, on-site logistics and flow. This hands-on experience was incredibly valuable, providing fresh perspectives on how large multicultural events can operate smoothly and inclusively.

Tastes of the World

After our tour, we came together for lunch — a true highlight of the day. With 17 international food vendors offering dishes from across the globe, choosing what to eat wasn't easy! I went with Colombian cuisine, and let's just say... it left me wanting more!



Shared Ideas & New Inspiration

Over lunch, we had engaging conversations and shared ideas about community events and youth involvement. One idea that stood out was the possibility of creating volunteer programs for youth in our own community events. Not only would this provide valuable learning experiences, but it would also help foster pride and responsibility in our future generations.



We left the festival inspired and full of ideas, energized by the possibilities of what we can bring back home.

We are grateful for opportunities like this — to learn from others, share our own practices, and build stronger connections across cultures. We look forward to applying what we've learned, and perhaps even starting new traditions of our own inspired by this incredible day in Sherbrooke. Until next time — keep celebrating, sharing, and growing together.





CHUCK YA! CORN FEST WAS AN A-MAIZE-ING DAY!

August 24th, 2025

On August 24th, the Golden Age Club was buzzing with energy as over 400 people gathered for our Annual Corn Fest, hosted in collaboration with KSCS's Strong Man/Strong Woman Day and Maison Lepaillieur from Châteauguay.

With more than 20 vendors, the day offered something for everyone—from tasty eats to hands-on workshops and family fun.

Delicious Highlights

The scent of fresh corn filled the air as guests enjoyed: Corn soup by **Screaming Chef**, Corn bread from **Simple Pleasures**, Tamales from **A La Mexicana**, and of course, buttery corn on the cob, a festival favorite!

Visitors got the chance to take part in culturally rich and interactive workshops: Skanaiea Deer led a corn husk doll-making session, Brooke Rice shared insight on Tkà:nios Seed Rematriation and Corn Silk Medicine, and Maison Lepaillieur presented their Habitant du Fort experience with a butter-making demonstration and pottery clay workshop.

Contests, Prizes, and Entertainment

Excitement built throughout the day with fun contests and generous prizes: Our half-and-half draw winner, Line Pharand, took home \$229! Corn basket giveaways went to lucky winners Ruth Loft and Leandra. We hosted our first-ever Corn Shucking Contest, the Adult winner, Quincy Jones, who won a \$50 Shop Kahnawà:ke gift certificate and the kids' winner was Bentley Lahache!

Kids also enjoyed bouncy castles and face painting by Hayley Cross, while families wrapped up the day dancing to the tunes of local country band Midnight Renegade, whose performance brought the community together on the dance floor. It was a day full of laughter, learning, and togetherness, and we thank everyone who came out to support and celebrate the importance of corn in our culture and community life.



FORT CHAMBLY VISIT - ACTS OF RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

Honoring Our Voices, Sharing Our Stories

On August 27, 2025, members of the community took part in a special work-session and site visit at Fort Chambly, located on the banks of the Richelieu River. This collaboration marks an important step toward reconciliation — one that centers truth-telling, respectful dialogue, and the inclusion of Kanien'kehá:ka voices in spaces where our presence has long been underrepresented. The work with representatives from the Fort Chambly team is focused on ensuring that our stories, language, and cultural perspectives are meaningfully reflected in their new exhibition and the rest of the museum spaces.

This work matters. It moves beyond symbolic gestures and into the realm of collaborative truth-sharing, where institutions begin to acknowledge and make space for Indigenous knowledge systems and lived histories. Reconciliation is not just about apologies or acknowledgements - it's about action. It's about:

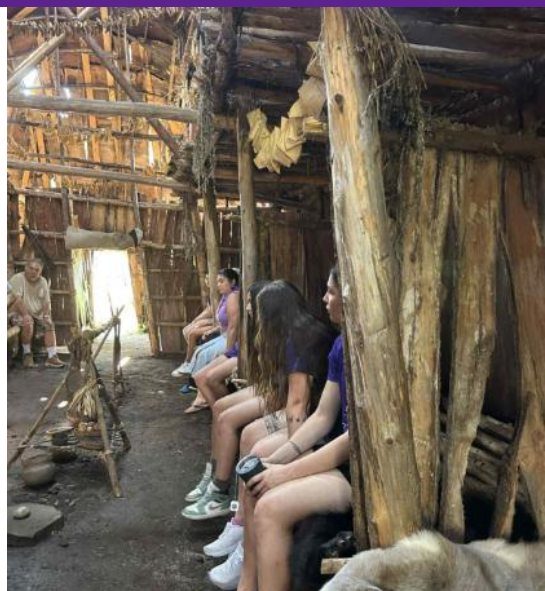
Inclusion of Indigenous narratives in public history spaces

Respectful collaboration, where we are equal partners

Reconnecting with our stories and asserting our ongoing relationship with the land and waterways

Fort Chambly is known historically as a gathering point, especially for portaging around the river's rapids. As part of this collaboration, we are exploring whether Kanien'kehá:ka traveled or accessed this area, the possibility that our ancestors may have docked further south and hiked through traditional trails, and how our relationship with water, paddling, and land can inform the narrative presented in the space.

By participating in this visit, we are actively engaging in an act of reconciliation — one rooted in truth, respect, and the transmission of knowledge. If you have knowledge or stories related to this region and travel routes, please reach out. Let's continue to make space — for truth, for stories, for healing.



IONKHINÈN:RINE' YOUTH CULTURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM RECAP

This summer, Kahnawà:ke Tourism proudly launched the inaugural Ionkhinèn:rine' Youth Cultural Leadership Program, an inspiring and immersive experience for youth aged 12–17. Rooted in Kanien'kehá:ka values, the program nurtured leadership, communication, and storytelling skills, while deepening cultural connection and pride.



Each day began with the Ohèn:ton Karihwatéhkwen (Words Before All Else), setting a collective tone of gratitude, respect, and community. Participants co-created classroom agreements and connected through team icebreakers, building a foundation of trust and collaboration.



Leadership & Skill Development Workshops

Youth took part in engaging, hands-on workshops led by inspiring facilitators: **Kevin Paquette** – Explored team building, self-reflection through self-portraits, and personal leadership styles.

Kimberly Cross – Built confidence in public speaking through constructive critique and culture-based ideologies. Lastly, **Justin Kingsley** – Strengthened storytelling and communication skills through dynamic, creative games.



IONKHINÈN:RINE' YOUTH CULTURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM RECAP

Cultural Arts & Traditional Knowledge

Participants deepened their cultural knowledge through traditional crafts such as: Wampum bracelet making, Beadwork, Moccasin making, and Pottery! These activities encouraged appreciation for ancestral skills and artistic expression.

Exploration & Field Learning

Enriching field trips offered real-world insight into Indigenous resilience and history:

Droulers Tsiionhiakwatha Archaeological Site, Kahnawà:ke's Historical Village, Montreal Botanical Gardens, and the McCord Museum. Youth explored both the ancient roots and contemporary stories of our people, fostering intercommunity understanding and identity.

Reflection & Connection

Each day concluded with a "Rose, Bud, Thorn" debrief, encouraging personal reflection on successes, challenges, and hopes. Daily cultural challenges invited youth to engage with their families and elders-sharing traditional recipes, family stories, and cherished memories-strengthening intergenerational bonds.

Celebrating Achievements

Participants were recognized with graduation certificates and a cash award for their commitment. Parental feedback highlighted the program's impact:

"It opened her eyes to our culture and made her want to explore more."

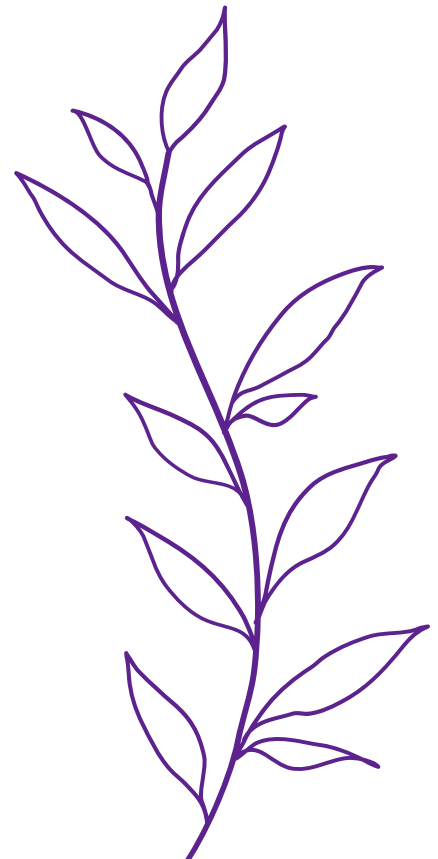
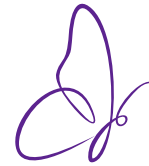
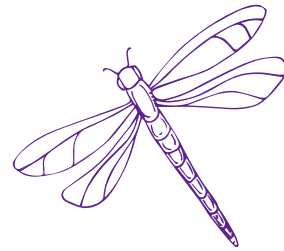
"She was happier and more confident each day." A special congratulations to Mia Iakona'tónhahse Lucero-Armstrong (15), who demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout the program and is now proudly serving as Kahnawà:ke Tourism's youngest tour guide!

Looking Ahead: Ionkhinèn:rine' 2026

We're thrilled to announce that the 2026 Ionkhinèn:rine' Youth Cultural Leadership Program will be hosted at the Kanatahkwèn:ke Cultural Arts Center. We look forward to another year of empowering the next generation of cultural ambassadors and leaders in our community.



WELCOME ABOARD!



MEET OUR NEWEST TOUR GUIDE: MIA LUCERO-ARMSTRONG!

As our very first Youth Cultural Leadership Program: Ionkhinèn:rine' wraps up, we're thrilled to celebrate one of its brightest successes — the addition of Mia Lucero-Armstrong to the Kahnawà:ke Tourism family!

Mia took part in both sessions of the program and has now joined us as an on-call tour guide, proudly becoming the youngest member of our guide team. Throughout August, she's been hitting the ground running by shadowing our senior guides and gaining hands-on experience with group tours.

Fluent in English, French, and Spanish, Mia brings a valuable multilingual edge, along with a deep curiosity and passion for her culture. We're excited to watch her grow in this role and can't wait for visitors to experience Kahnawà:ke through her eyes.

AUGUST GROUP TOURS RECAP - SOAKING UP THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER!

As summer winds down and students get ready to head back to school, we're holding onto every last sunny moment—and our August tours were the perfect way to close out the season!

August 17th

We welcomed 25 visitors from tour operator Collette for a special outdoor cultural experience at the Kahnawà:ke Marina. Tour guides



Bronwyn and Mia (in training!) led the group through a morning of history and culture. Guests enjoyed a delicious catered breakfast by Messy Kitchen, followed by local shopping at Iron Horse.



August 18th

Tour guide Zye and trainee Mia guided 10 visitors from Sustainable Concordia (Concordia University). After a group meeting behind the church, the visitors had lunch catered by Simple Pleasures, toured St. Francis Xavier Mission, and explored Kahnawà:ke's local spots, including Tota Ma's Café and nearby boutiques.

August 19th (Double Duty!)

Tour guide Roxann gave a warm welcome and tour to 2 new staff members from Kahnawà:ke Tourism and the Language & Cultural Center. Later that day, Roxann stepped up for a last-minute tour with 22 visitors from Wahta Mohawks First Nation. The group explored the community and the Language & Cultural Center before enjoying a meal at Two O Seven.

August 21st

Tour guide Danny and Mia (still crushing it in training!) led 40 visitors from McGill University and the Cree School Board on a Kahnawà:ke tour. The experience wrapped up at the Mohawk Trail Longhouse with cultural storytelling and another amazing lunch from Messy Kitchen.



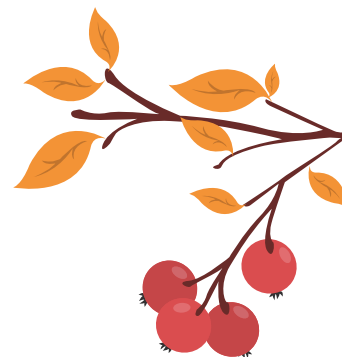
August 22nd

Tour guide Skanaie'a and Mia hosted 10 visitors from Direction de santé publique de la Montérégie and Université de Sherbrooke. They toured Kahnawà:ke and visited the Language & Cultural Center, diving into the community's vibrant culture and history.

A Big Thank You to Our Tour Guides!

This August, our dedicated team of tour guides — including Mia, who did an outstanding job during her first month of training — welcomed 120 visitors through a variety of group tours. It was a busy and rewarding month filled with meaningful connections, shared stories, and cultural experiences.

As we head into the fall season, we look forward to continuing this momentum and welcoming even more guests to explore and learn about Kahnawà:ke.



SEPTEMBER TOURS

Throughout September, Kahnawà:ke Tourism proudly hosted five group tours and one familiarization tour, sharing culture, history, and hospitality with visitors.

September 14th

A group of 24 visitors from Collette enjoyed storytelling with Bronwyn at the Golden Age Club, followed by a delightful meal catered by Messy Kitchen. The menu featured fried bread with maple butter, a fruit platter, cornbread with maple and strawberry compote, mini strawberry sweetgrass muffins, maple-strawberry juice, plus coffee and tea.



September 16th

Action Canada brought 24 guests for lunch at Kahnawà:ke Brewing Co. before joining tour guide Roxann on a historic village tour. The group then visited the Island with the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office and explored Restoration Bay.

September 19th

Guide Harley Delaronde welcomed 27 students from Royal West Academy. They toured the historic village, participated in a lacrosse workshop, and after lunch joined Lotus n Sage's Lauren McComber for a medicine walk along the St. Lawrence River. The day concluded with cultural storytelling from an elder at Mohawk Trail.

September 24th (Group 1)

Tour guide Dwayne led 15 visitors from Rio Tinto on a journey through Kahnawà:ke's history.



September 24th (Group 2)

19 visitors with Spiritours visited the Saint Francis Xavier Mission, the Kateri Interpretive Center, and the Kateri Shrine, guided by our youngest tour guide, Mia.



September 29th – FAM Tour

Kahnawà:ke Tourism hosted a Familiarization (FAM) Tour from Indigenous Tourism Quebec with Kimberly Cross. The group visited the new building site before enjoying a stop at Screaming Chef Cuisine.





TRIP ADVISOR REVIEWS



VIVID LEARNING EXPERIENCE

“Certainly worth visiting! People of the office of tourism were very helpful informing us. We were very touched by the explanations of our local guide, it made our experience more vivid. We left deeply touched... respect for the indigenous people of Canada!”

AN INSPIRING AND WELCOMING VISIT TO KAHNAWÀ:KE

“We had the privilege of visiting the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center Fellowship study tour, and it was truly a memorable experience.

From the start, we were welcomed with warmth and generosity. Conversations with Roxann (the guide) were particularly powerful, she shared histories that are too often absent from textbooks, from the defeat of American incursions to the Oka Crisis of 1990. She also introduced us to the teaching of seven generations, a perspective that deeply inspired our group by reminding us that today’s choices shape the future.

This visit was one of the highlights of our study tour, and we are grateful for the openness, knowledge, and hospitality we received. Highly recommended for anyone who wants to learn and be inspired by the rich history, resilience, and vision of the Kahnawà:ke community.”



DAILY GUIDED TOURS KEEPS BOOMING!

August was a busy month for our daily guided tours, with a steady flow of walk-in visitors and 10 online bookings! Interest in exploring Kahnawà:ke's rich culture and history continues to grow, and we're here for it.

Our in-house tour guides, Roxann and Harley, will continue to lead daily tours throughout the fall season — so whether you're planning or just dropping by, there's always an opportunity to discover Kahnawà:ke with us!

MONTHLY VISITOR HIGHLIGHTS

We're excited to share the visitor breakdown for the month of August! Thank you to everyone who stopped by — whether you're near or far, your interest and support mean the world to us.

VISITOR STATISTICS

For the month of August, we welcomed 255 visitors from around the globe! The largest portion came from Canada, followed by France and the USA. The remaining visitors came from various countries including Germany, Tunisia, United Kingdom, Scotland, Algeria, Belgium, Mauritius, Czech Republic, Italy, and Austria!

Key Highlights



Canada continues to lead the way with over 75% of our visitors!



Strong interest from France and the United States shows growing international engagement.



We're also thrilled to see visits from Mauritius, Tunisia, Algeria, and other diverse regions - welcome!

Niá:wen for being apart of our growing community. Stay tuned for more updates next month and feel free to share our platform with friends around the world!

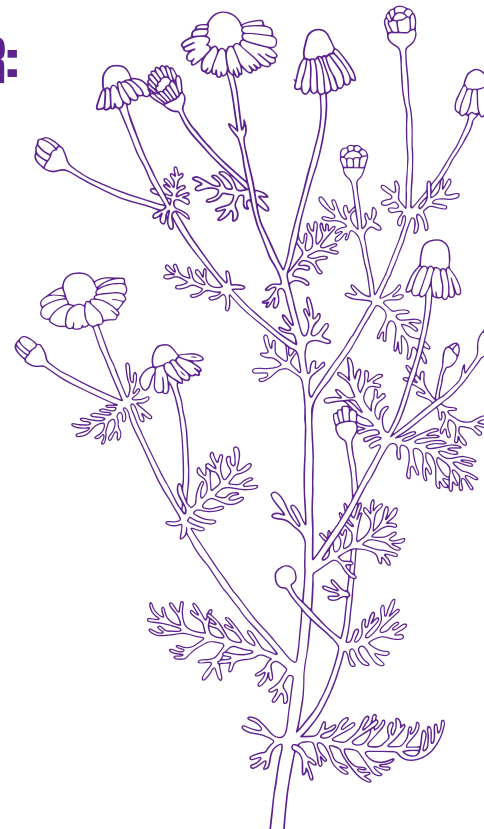


WELCOME ABOARD!

WELCOME OUR SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR: KORTANIE RAYE!

“As Special Projects Coordinator, I’m proud to lead initiatives that honor our culture, strengthen community bonds, promote economic development, and share Kahnawà:ke’s story with the world.”

We are excited to welcome our newest team member to the Tourism team as our Special Projects Coordinator! With her fresh perspective and enthusiasm, she will be an asset in driving forward key initiatives and supporting projects. Her background and passion for tourism make her a perfect fit, and we’re thrilled to have her on board! Welcome, Kortanie!

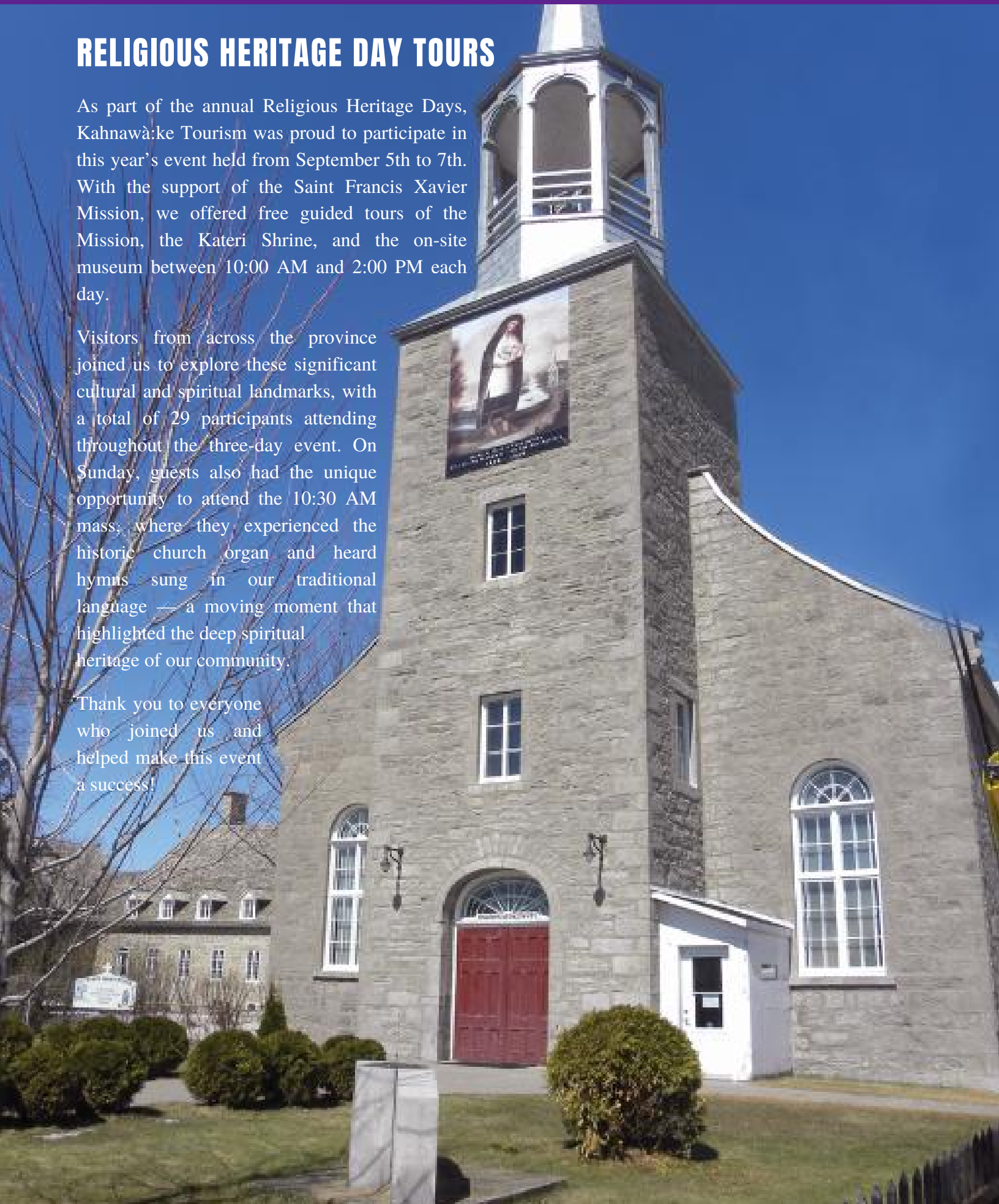


RELIGIOUS HERITAGE DAY TOURS

As part of the annual Religious Heritage Days, Kahnawà:ke Tourism was proud to participate in this year's event held from September 5th to 7th. With the support of the Saint Francis Xavier Mission, we offered free guided tours of the Mission, the Kateri Shrine, and the on-site museum between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM each day.

Visitors from across the province joined us to explore these significant cultural and spiritual landmarks, with a total of 29 participants attending throughout the three-day event. On Sunday, guests also had the unique opportunity to attend the 10:30 AM mass, where they experienced the historic church organ and heard hymns sung in our traditional language — a moving moment that highlighted the deep spiritual heritage of our community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event a success!





CULTURE DAYS

From September 26th to 28th, Kahnawà:ke Tourism proudly took part in this year's Cultural Days celebration! In collaboration with the Kahnawà:ke Language and Cultural Center, we welcomed visitors with free guided tours of the museum and shared the moving 215+ Moccasin Display between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

Over the course of the event, guests from across the province joined us to learn, reflect, and experience our culture. We welcomed 7 pre-booked visitors through our Rezdy platform, along with 12 walk-ins, for a total of 19 visitors.

Niá:wen to everyone who visited and made Cultural Days a meaningful success—we look forward to welcoming even more of you next year!

OPPORTUNITY FAIR

On Thursday, September 25th, 2025, Kahnawà:ke Tourism proudly took part in the Tewatohnhi'saktha Opportunity Fair at the Knights of Columbus. The fair ran from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., offering a full day of networking, inspiring keynote talks, and valuable workshops designed to support career, business, and community growth.

A true highlight of the day came at the 6:00 p.m. panel, "From Local Roots to National Reach: Building Sustainable Indigenous Tourism in Kahnawà:ke." We were especially proud to have our Tourism Development Manager, Kimberly Cross, as a panelist along with fellow panelists Pierre Kanape from Indigenous tourism Quebec, Angela Ryder from indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, Mackenzie Kirby from Playground, and our MASI Student, Olivia Rice, stepping into the role of moderator with confidence and skill. Together, they shared powerful insights on how Indigenous tourism not only boosts the economy but also keeps our culture alive and thriving.

Niá:wen to Tewatohnhi'saktha for hosting such a dynamic event and to all the community members who stopped by to learn more about our work.





MENTOR A STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

Following the success of the Youth Cultural Leadership Program—and growing interest from parents—Olivia will begin laying the groundwork for an adult version of the initiative. We're thrilled to have her return as she continues her academic journey.

They'll be assisting with tours, events, and the day-to-day operations at the Kahnawà:ke Welcome Center, and we're grateful to have them as part of our team once again. Welcome back, Olivia and Zye — here's to another exciting and meaningful season together!

SÉPAQ PARK COLLABORATION - SEPTEMBER 3 VISIT TO ÎLES-DE-BOUCHERVILLE

On September 3, we had the opportunity to visit Parc national des Îles-de-Boucherville, managed by Sépaq. Tourism Autochtone Québec was invited by Sépaq to collaborate on updating the interpretive section titled "Huttes des Premières Nations"—an important archaeological site connected to our Nation's history.

The purpose of this collaboration is to provide accurate, respectful, and culturally grounded information about the site. We are deeply grateful for this opportunity to help ensure our stories are shared properly, and that meaningful education is offered to everyone who visits these unceded Indigenous territories.

The site is located in a peaceful, natural setting that is accessible only by foot or by river shuttle operated by Navark. Surrounded by the river and forest, it offers a quiet yet powerful glimpse into

the vastness and depth of our history and presence on these lands.

We look forward to continuing this important partnership with Sépaq to enhance cultural interpretation and contribute to reconciliation through education and collaboration.





\$2.7 MILLION LEFT TO RAISE FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

September 23rd launched the final phase of the historic capital campaign to build our new Kanatahkwen:ke Cultural Arts Center, a project years in the making. Spearheaded by the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC) in partnership with Kahnawà:ke Tourism, Turtle Island Theatre, and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, the center will house a language revitalization hub, a community museum, and a 178-seat performing arts theatre. It is envisioned as a vibrant space for education, creativity, and cultural preservation—honoring Kanien'kehá:ka identity and serving as a gathering place for both the local community and visitors.

With over \$51 million of its \$55.5 million goal already secured through generous public and private contributions, the campaign now invites wider community support to bring the project to

completion. Slated to open in spring 2026, the center represents a powerful statement of pride, resilience, and cultural renewal.

In the spirit of community, we asked everyone to help us raise the remaining funds through our Radiothon fundraiser. The event took place October 18–19 at K103.7fm Radio. With a fundraising goal of \$200,000, we called on residents, local businesses, and loyal K103.7fm listeners to come together and help bring this vital cultural vision to life. Donations can be made online at www.kmpb.ca or in person at KORLCC.





AKWESASNE POW WOW 2025

On Saturday and Sunday, September 6–7, Kahnawà:ke Tourism was proud to set up our information booth at the annual Akwesasne Pow Wow, held this year at the Cornwall Civic Center. It was a memorable weekend filled with vibrant culture, powerful performances, and meaningful connections.

Thanks to the big tent, dancers and drummers were able to shine—rain or shine! Despite the weekend starting off with some rainfall, the energy never dipped. Dancers and singers embraced the elements and filled the grounds with strength, pride, and beauty.

A major highlight of this year's Pow Wow was the Tlacopan Aztec Dancers from Mexico City, who wowed the crowd with their stunning regalia and an unforgettable Fire Dance performance. The energy didn't stop there—Feryn King and the Akwesasne Youth Hoop Troupe lit up the grounds with a spectacular hoop dance that had everyone cheering.

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The weekend kicked off with a powerful Grand Entry, where dancers from all categories came together in a vibrant display of unity and tradition. Visitors also had the chance to browse through incredible vendors, sample delicious food, and enjoy the warm community atmosphere.

A special moment was shared when the Snake Island Muskies joined the celebration alongside the Snake Island Singers, proudly sharing the joy of their recent Presidents Cup championship win.

For Kahnawà:ke Tourism, it was a fantastic opportunity to connect with visitors from near and far, share information about our community, and celebrate the strength and beauty of Indigenous culture.

We're grateful to the organizers, performers, vendors, and everyone who came together to make this event such a success. We can't wait for next year!



TEWATOHNNI'SAKTHA TEAM BUILDING DAY - A HOLE-IN-ONE EXPERIENCE!

We were thrilled to spend a beautiful, sunny day outdoors for our Team Building Activity Day at Lafleur's Golf Course. Under clear blue skies, our team came together for a day of friendly competition, connection, and plenty of laughs.

Foursomes hit the greens—some seasoned golfers, some enthusiastic beginners—and shared a fun-filled experience of searching for lost balls, offering words of encouragement, and enjoying each other's company.

The spirit of teamwork was on full display throughout the day!

A big congratulations to the winning team led by Drake D'Souza, our Social Enterprise Manager. Way to go!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the day a success. We're already looking forward to next year's event and whatever fun surprises it brings!

MCGILL X JOHN ABBOTT POW WOW - A BEAUTIFUL FIRST IN ST. ANNE DE BELLEVUE

For the first time ever, the McGill x John Abbott Pow Wow was hosted on the scenic grounds of John Abbott College in Saint-Anne-de-Bellevue, what a day it was! The event brought together an amazing group of dancers from several different communities, filling the day with movement, song with local MC Lance Delisle keeping the schedule flowing and the crowd engaged, the day unfolded seamlessly.



Kahnawà:ke Tourism was proud to be part of this powerful celebration. We had the opportunity to connect with students, staff, and visitors, engaging in meaningful conversations that help open hearts and minds. These educational moments are essential for building bridges and fostering mutual understanding. The smell of delicious food filled the air thanks to McComber Fish

and Game, locals Eric and Erica McComber, the brother-sister duo who served up their famous fresh fried fish—a crowd favorite that kept the line going strong all day long! Moccasin Jo from Kanehsatà:ke also drew a steady crowd, serving up hot and iced coffees, and keeping everyone energized throughout the celebration. A wide variety of local vendors brought their talents and creations to the event,

helping to make the Pow Wow a vibrant and welcoming space for all.

A huge congratulations to the organizers for putting together such a successful and impactful event. We look forward to seeing this new tradition grow in the years to come!





CELEBRATING THE 10TH COHORT OF FIRST NATIONS EXECUTIVE EDUCATION (FNEE)!

Kahnawà:ke Tourism's Public Relations Officer Bronwyn Kawenahawe Johns as well as MCK's Melanie Morrison, Dawson College's Tiawentinon Canadian, KSCS's Britlee Diabo and Cheryl Lahache participated in the 10th Cohort of the First Nations Executive Education (FNEE) program!

This milestone cohort marks a decade of empowering Indigenous leaders through a program designed to strengthen Nation-to-Nation collaboration, Indigenous governance, and strategic leadership rooted in culture and community values.

Bronwyn joined a dynamic group of leaders from across different Nations, gaining valuable tools and insights to further support our mission of promoting Indigenous tourism with authenticity and respect. Her participation highlights our ongoing commitment to professional development and capacity building within our team and community.

Congratulations to all members of the 10th Cohort! Your work is creating real impact and inspiring change across Turtle Island.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE 10TH COHORT OF THE WOMEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM





WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE MILESTONE - A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMITMENT

On September 30th, in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we stood in solidarity with our sister community of Six Nations of the Grand River for an incredibly significant moment in history—the unveiling of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an official International Site of Conscience and Commemoration.

This powerful recognition would not be possible without the bravery, resilience, and determination of the Survivors who have long fought to have their voices heard and their stories acknowledged. Their strength continues to inspire and lead the path forward.

Members of the Kahnawà:ke Tourism team travelled to the Woodland Cultural Centre to be part of this historic day and to support the ongoing #SaveTheEvidence campaign. We were

deeply moved by the overwhelming turnout from neighbouring Nations and communities, all coming together to honour Survivors and commit to a shared journey of healing and education.

The day began with powerful stories from Survivors, followed by an opening address from Grand Chief Hill. Throughout the day, visitors took part in guided tours of the former residential school, educational activities, and a social gathering that filled the grounds with the sound of songs, drums, and community.

This exhibit serves as a reminder that the past must not be forgotten. Despite efforts to erase our presence, we persist in rising, speaking, and teaching to protect future generations. Let us pursue reconciliation together with honesty, love, and determination for a better future for our children.



KAHNAWÀ:KE WELCOME CENTER HOURS

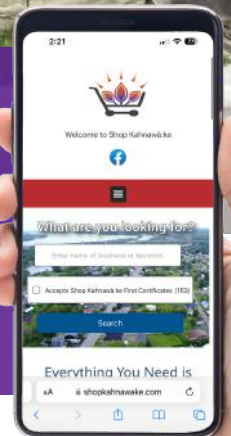
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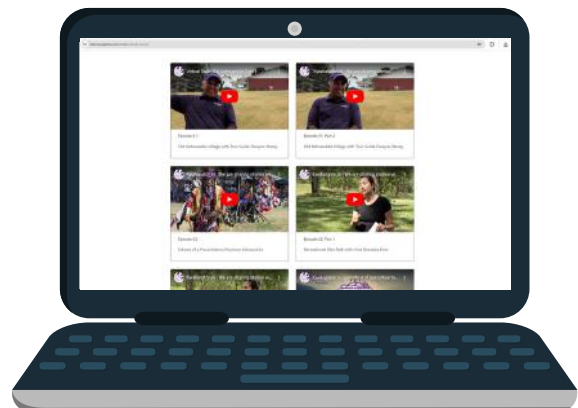


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