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Message from the President, April 2026

Kwé dear members,

Since the fall of 2025, our board of directors has been a dynamic team! Monique Marcil-Morrisette, Vice-President and Membership Director, is increasingly confident in her role. Lynda Marengère, Treasurer, is also reliable and professional. Caroline Bisson, Secretary, is becoming an increasingly indispensable resource. Kassandra Du-rand-Lafleur, Communications Officer, is far exceeding expectations and is currently working on creating our future website and possibly a new newsletter. You will hear more about it soon. Dominique Patrice has found us over 40 new partners offering corporate discounts, in addition to supporting us with their wonderful visibility!

Kimberly Perrier can be proud of the success of the 2025 Solstice celebration, which was a great success! We will have to work hard to be able to hold such an event again next year, so that all our members can enjoy such a gathering.

We are pleased to offer a few scholarships to our members, thanks to our generous partner SAGA Electrical and Construction. We hope this initiative will continue in the years to come.

My term as president ends this year. After 18 years of service, I feel I have accomplished what I set out to do and I will leave with the satisfaction of having helped build a well-structured and healthy community at every level. When I started in 2008, the bulk of the work involved organizing a Christmas party and an AGM with a budget of less than \$5,000 annually. Now, in addition to all that, our community has over 3,000 members, an annual budget of over \$30,000, activities, frequent electronic communications, a newsletter, scholarships, a community website, and much more!

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on May 9, 2026. You will receive the details shortly. I'm really looking forward to talking with you.



Don't hesitate to share your comments with us.

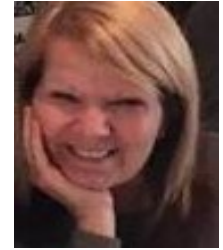
Happy reading!

In peace, harmony and friendship,

Lucie Veilleux, President

A Word from the Membership Committee - How to become a member and membership dues

As you may know, every membership application received by our community is reviewed by volunteers from your community. We need to ensure that the forms are completed correctly and that all required documents and payments have been provided. Please feel free to tell your family about the Indigenous Alliance and help grow our wonderful community.



The same applies to membership fees. You will receive your annual invoice by email, directly from the provincial office, approximately one month before the due date. **However, to minimize the workload for our volunteers, we encourage you to pay this invoice directly through the provincial office website using your credit card.** You can also pay by e-transfer to aaqcommunaute059@live.ca, or by cheque or money order to P.O. Box 502, Gatineau, QC, J9H 5E7.

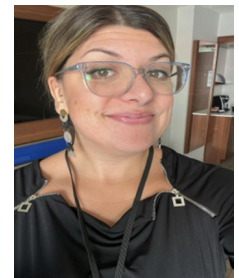
Check your card's expiry date! If it has expired, please complete a renewal form and send it to us. This is free of charge if your membership dues are up to date.

Lucie Veilleux and Monique Marcil-Morrisette, Membership Committee

A Word from the Communications Director

Our community is taking a new turn... a digital one!

For the past few months, we have been actively working to improve our communication methods and make it easier to register for our activities. Our goal is simple: to make information more accessible, centralized, and efficient for all our members.



It is therefore with great enthusiasm that we announce that an **official community website is currently under construction!**

This new tool will allow us to:

- simplify activity registration;
- centralize all important information in one place;
- improve our communications;
- and provide a professional showcase for our wonderful community.

We would also like to extend our warmest thanks to the **Les Marguerites** marketing team for their support throughout the entire process. Their attentiveness, creativity, and ability to visually represent our vision perfectly captured the essence of our community.

We can't wait to reveal the final result!

⇒ Stay tuned... the official launch is just around the corner!

Kassandra Durand-Lafleur
Communications Director

A Word from the Secretary

Dear members,

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has officially approved the launch of a scholarship program for students. A scholarship committee is now in place, composed of myself, Kimberly Perrier, and Lucie Veilleux.

We know that academic success requires commitment and perseverance, and we want to offer support to our students. Investing in our students' education is investing in the future of our community.

This project is made possible thanks to a generous donation from Daniel Lafontaine of SAGA Electrical and Construction, whom we sincerely thank. Students are encouraged to keep an eye on their emails: information regarding applications will be sent out soon!



A huge thank you to Daniel Lafontaine of
SAGA Electrical and Construction.
Thanks to this contribution, our student members will
be able to have financial support for their studies.

It is a pleasure,
Caroline Bisson, Secretary



A Word from the Economic Development Director

A quick reminder from the Economic Development Committee that we now have a **document listing all our corporate discounts** offered to the community.

This document will allow you to easily view the benefits and privileges negotiated for you with our partners. A great way to support our network while enjoying tangible advantages!

For more information: <https://aaqnaq.com/les-communautes/kitchi-sipi/>

Calling all entrepreneurial members!

Are you an entrepreneur looking to offer a discount or special perk to members of our community?

We would love to collaborate with you! By offering a corporate benefit, you contribute to the economic vitality of our network while gaining visibility with over 3,000 members.

For more information or to submit a proposal, please email us at: aaqcommunaute059@live.ca

Together, let's grow and expand our community!

Dominique Patrice



2025 PAST ACTIVITIES

Drum making workshop — November 29, 2025

Once again, we had the privilege of receiving the teachings of Mr. Daniel 'Pinock' Smith.



Our community's Winter Solstice celebration, December 7, 2025

As with every year's celebration, what a wonderful gathering among the members of our community to spend time together playing games, welcoming Santa Claus, prizes for everyone present, young and old, sale of Indigenous crafts by our members, as well as a hot meal and cold buffet.



2026 PAST ACTIVITIES

Drum awakening session - January 31, 2026

The teaching, given by Indigenous elder Monique Renaud, was followed by a light snack. Participants who had made their drums in the previous workshop, as well as those who already had one, were able to participate in this teaching on symbolism and invoking ancestors and benevolent spirits in the ceremonial circle by synchronizing human rhythm with that of nature.



Talking Stick workshop - February 28, 2026

The teaching, given by our instructor Larry Vanasse, renowned for his expertise within our community, was followed by a light snack. The activity allowed members to make their own talking stick while learning about this ancient and powerful communication tool.



We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the City of Gatineau, our official partner, which is continuing its support for the year 2026, as well as the collaborative work of the provincial office.

Our ancestors lived on Turtle Island for over 10,000 years. We are the protectors of Mother Earth. Here in the Outaouais region, we live on a traditional, unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

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2026 Annual General Assembly of our community

The next AGA is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the Robert-Middlemiss Pavilion, 1 Principale Street in Gatineau (Aylmer sector). Please confirm your attendance by April 17, 2026, to aaqcommunaute059@live.ca. An official invitation will be sent to members shortly.

Board of Director's Meetings

The board of directors meets approximately every two months to monitor files and plan community activities. During recent meetings, several topics were discussed, including: the development of the community's future website; the organization of cultural workshops; the implementation of the student scholarship program; and the development of corporate partnerships. These meetings allow the board of directors to continue developing projects and initiatives for the benefit of all members.

Housing Committee

Members of the Native Alliance with low incomes may be eligible to occupy the Waskahegen Corporation's affordable housing. Kimberly Perrier, who leads this committee, assists our members with the housing application process and ensures everything is forwarded to the appropriate resources. A report on these activities is presented annually at our AGA, and a meeting with tenants is also planned at our next meeting scheduled for May 9, 2026. You can contact us for more information.

Activités

As indicated below, you will soon receive information by email regarding upcoming activities, as well as through our Facebook page: Outaouais Community of the Quebec Native Alliance 059. Our Facebook page remains one of our primary means of communication. There you will find not only activities organized by our community, but also information on events, workshops, and initiatives from partners and other Indigenous organizations.

We encourage you to check this page regularly to stay informed about the various activities and opportunities offered. We will also keep you informed about upcoming regional events, including some important cultural gatherings.

2026 Board of Directors

President : **Lucie Veilleux**
Vice-president and Membership Director :
Monique Marcil-Morrisette
Treasurer : **Lynda Marengère**
Secretary : **Caroline Bisson**
Communications Director : **Kassandra Durand-Lafleur**
Economic Development Director :
Dominique Patrice
Head of Housing committee and Director :
Kimberly Perrier

Upcoming Events

Annual General Assembly
Saturday, May 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Pavillon Robert-Middlemiss
(Aylmer sector)
1 rue Principale, Gatineau

Planned activities for 2026, subject to the availability of teachers and rooms.
Planning for next year's activities is currently underway. We invite you to stay tuned: information regarding workshops and events will be shared by email and on our Facebook page.

Facebook group

Please visit our Facebook group regularly to see the different announcements, activities and information at 'Communauté de l'Outaouais Québécois de l'Alliance Autochtone du Québec 059'