# **ANNUAL MOHAWK LANDING CELEBRATION**

Saturday & Sunday May 20 & 21, 2017

### **Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. Re-enactment of the Landing (across from 353 Bayshore Road)

12:00 p.m. - Lunch, Community Centre, 1807 York Road

1:00 p.m. - Historical displays

1:30 p.m. - Presentation by Tom Porter, and children's craft

7:00 p.m. - SOCIAL

### Sunday:

Church Services celebrating our Landing on the Bay of Quinte.

(Note: services will be held according to usual worship service times.)

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, Community Centre, 1807 York Road

1:30 p.m. - Historical displays

2:00 p.m. - Presentation by Darren Bonaparte and children's craft

Something for Everyone! Come celebrate with us.

## **Guest Speakers:**

### Sakokwenionkwas - Tom Porter

Founder, spokesperson and spiritual leader of the Mohawk Community of Kanatsiohareke located in the Mohawk Valley near Fonda, New York since 1993. He is a member of the Bear Clan of the Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne. He is married to Alice Joe Porter who is Choctaw, and has six children. Sakokwenionkwas is recognized nationally as a compassionate and inspirational speaker. In June 2009, he received an honorary Doctors of Law degree from Trent University for his contributions as an Indigenous cultural educator, Elder and Spiritual leader. In 2017 he will receive an honorary Doctors of Humane Letters for his lifelong commitment to preserving Rotinonhsyonni culture and traditions. Tom began his teaching career as a member of the touring group "The White Roots of Peace" which was organized

by the Mohawk Nation Council. Tom is accorded great respect for his sensitivity and the respect he gives to all people. He never waivers from his basic message that Mohawks were good human beings in possession of a way of thinking important to the world. He has always advocated strongly for revitalization of Kanyen'keha language, believing that it is a pillar of Kanyen'ha:ka identity.

### Akiatonharonkwen - Darren Bonaparte

Bonaparte is a writer, artist, and storyteller from the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. His writing has appeared in *Native Americas*, *Aboriginal Voices*, and *Winds of Change* magazines, and *Indian Time*, *The People's Voice*, *Akwesasne Phoenix*, and *Eastern Door* newspapers. He is the creator of The Wampum Chronicles: Mohawk Territory on the Internet (www.wampumchronicles.com) and Guitar Solo of the Gods: The Online Novel (www.guitar-solo-of-the-gods.com). He is a frequent lecturer at schools and cultural festivals in the United States and Canada and was a cultural consultant for the PBS mini-series "The War That Made America." He has been profiled on APTN's Chiefs program. In 2000, his community honored him by electing him chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.



Parking available at Tsi tkerhedodon Park 275 Bayshore Rd., with shuttle to Re-enactment site. ON SITE Parking limited to elders and/or those with mobility issues.

All are encouraged to bring your own chair, Washroom facilities unavailable Christ Church - Open to the public from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm if you wish to explore!

