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TRIBE HIRES NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR AKWESASNE MOHAWK CASINO

Casino has "Great Potential"

AKWESASNE TERRITORY – A new General Manager has taken over the helm of the casino. Patrick Bassney began his duties as General Manager on Monday, July 14th. Bassney brings a solid casino background to Akwesasne, with experience in the Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe and Atlantic City gaming markets where he served in many roles including Vice President of Hotel Operations, Director of Casino Marketing and General Manager. He also has experience in Indian Country where he opened Turning Stone Casino, just outside of Syracuse in Verona, New York as Vice President of Hotel Operations.

"I'm very happy to begin my work here at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino," remarked Bassney. "This casino has great potential to be a destination resort, especially considering the attractions of the North Country, along with the tradition of Mohawk hospitality. I appreciate this opportunity from the Tribe and Tribal Council to take the challenge of managing the casino."

Despite the fact that the casino saw a downturn in business due to the recent closing of the Seaway International Bridge, Bassney feels that the casino is well positioned geographically and in relation to its competition. "We're ready to take this gaming property to the next level and I will be working with the staff to identify ways to improve our operations at all levels," asserted Bassney.

Bassney graduated from Paul Smith's College outside of Lake Placid, NY with a degree in Hospitality Management, and went onto University of Las Vegas where he received his Bachelor's Degree, also in Hospitality Management. He then began his extensive casino career in Las Vegas.

"We're pleased to have somebody of this caliber," said Tribal Chief James Ransom. "Patrick brings a wealth of experience to the job and will help us continue to keep the economy of the North Country strong." Attracting the right kind of management talent to the North Country can sometimes be a challenge. Tribal Chief Monica Jacobs noted, "Now that we are one of the largest employers in the North Country, and as we continue to grow, we are starting to be a more attractive option to candidates who are looking for senior management positions."

"We have high expectations for our new General Manager," said Tribal Chief Mark Garrow. "And we are impressed with Patrick's credentials and the energy he is bringing to the job. I am confident that he will take our casino in many positive directions and will grow the business." Currently the casino employs 700 employees and pumps millions of dollars into the local and regional economies.

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