

Watch for upcoming
OLCC website launch
coming soon....



The Oneida Name: **OnΛyota'á:ka**

In the Oneida language – **OnΛyota'á:ka** means “People of the Standing Stone” where “onΛy” means stone and “ota’ ” means its standing and “á:ka” means people.

(In the older hymnbook style of writing it would be **Onenyota:aka**, where “Λ” is “en”).

In the recent past, the term has been spelled “Onyota'a:ka” which some people pointed out “on” by itself refers to “a collar” or something around the neck, so “people of the collar” would be the translation. If you really listen to a speaker say it, you can hear the syllable “en” being pronounced even though it was never spelled out.

Throwback to 2012

What do we do at OLCC?

Quoting from our OLCC policy document, which was approved by Council in 1997:

- 3.0 Aims and Objectives
- 3.01 To research and document the historical background of the Oneida name, Oneida cultural symbols and other history relevant to Oneida people and distribute such information to the Oneida community;
- 3.02 To provide Oneida language instruction for teachers and teaching assistants, community members, parents of students, administration staff and community service providers;
- 3.03 To assist teachers with language translation for course curriculum, and provide teaching materials and multimedia resource support.

Oneida Language Survey

The eyeball report is that we had 268 surveys completed by Oneida members.

The youth reported a strong desire to learn language related to Oneida ways of knowing and being i.e. history and cultural practices.

65% of the respondents felt that the OLCC should be open full-time hours. The program ran out of money before completing the statistical analysis and data interpretation. Every effort will be made to roll out a proper detailed report in the near future.

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Research Team

The research focus is to find the most effective method of language teaching and learning for adult Oneida language learners. Oneida language masters and apprentices steer the research design by consensus.

The 'Root Method' and “error correction” are two methods currently under study.

Cultural Information to be distributed to community

At the upcoming Open House, OLCC will be distributing two cultural information booklets concerning customary protocols and practices, one about Naming and the other on what was done from the moment of death.

These protocols are taken from the living memory of those who remember how things were done fifty years ago. It is not intended as

the “only one right way” but is offered simply as a guide for those who would like to know how things were done fifty years ago. As is only right, the decision of the family in these matters, is really what governs our practices. OLCC will be offering tea meetings to discuss these practices in more detail for anyone that is interested in doing that.



www.oneidalanguage.ca
has now been available to
Oneidas worldwide for past
5 years.



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The Root Method was found to be a useful tool for some Oneida language learners in combination with master speaker mentoring. Not everyone took to this applied linguistic approach so the search continued and the Oneida Language Proficiency Course is the result. Beginner classes are underway and the plan is to launch the online version as soon as Highspeed internet is established in the Oneida area. Our slow internet service does not have the capacity to run us on the internet highway which is necessary to "run with the big dogs".

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The two information booklets mentioned, have since been included in the Oneida Cultural Handbook which was researched compiled by OLCC and printed by Oneida Nation of the Thames Council in 2015. One copy was distributed to each household and copies were made available to other band members for pick up at OLCC. Following this another booklet called Cultural Connections to Healing was developed in

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Community Language Plan 2017

The Association of Iroquois & Allied Indians has accessed monies under an MOU agreement with the Ministry of Education for the 7 member nations to develop a community strategy for language revitalization. Oneida will be having our meeting on July 7, 2017 at the Fairgrounds Hall, facilitated by Amos Keye Jr from Six Nations, and Margaret Peters from Akwesasne. The daytime session starts with lunch and runs from noon until 4pm. The session will be repeated in the evening starting with supper ending at 9pm for those not available during the day. Please come out and share your views and ideas about saving the Oneida language.

Oneida History Curriculum

Three booklets will soon be published on The Peace Party Moves to Canada; The Early Settlement Years; and the Struggle for Governance. This research is based on archival documentation and correspondence written by Oneidas or from an Oneida perspective as much as possible. Although written for the Jr. Division at Standing Stone School, plans are to make it available to the community in general.

Oneida Language Survey

The programming at OLCC has been guided by these survey responses from 268 Oneidas. People indicated how they best learn and the best overall solution pointed toward online learning. An overview of these survey results will be shared with the community at the upcoming Community Language Planning Session in July.

meeting
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