



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 10 Seskéha/August 2020

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COVID-19 TASK FORCE,
ALL MEETINGS REFERENCED BELOW ARE VIA VIDEO- OR
TELECONFERENCE**

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Joe Norton (left for meeting at 11am), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer (left for meeting at 11am), Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle, Jr., Harry Rice, Ross Montour and Lindsay LeBorgne

Out: Frankie McComber (Vacation Day)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Transition Committee meeting, Consultation Committee, Quebec's Bill 61 legislation, and internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Sectoral Table workplan development meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) working group, and QKR Cannabis workplan development meeting. Vacation from August 17th to September 4th
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: First Nations Education Center meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Thursday: Economic Development portfolio meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: internal QKR Sectoral Table workplan development meetings, Indian Day School Settlement sub-committee meeting; Thursday: Economic Development portfolio meeting; Friday: internal monthly QKR strategic meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Friday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (K/CR) Environment file planning meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: Mohawk Online meeting; Wednesday: Tawatohni'saktha, and QKR Sectoral Table workplan development meetings; Thursday: Economic Development portfolio meeting; Friday: QKR monthly internal meeting. Vacation from August 17 to 28
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Collective Impact Language & Culture Mentorship Program presentation; Thursday: Governance Discussion meeting; Vacation from August 17 to 21
- **Cody Diabo:** Friday: K/CR Environment file planning meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Transition Committee meeting, Friday: internal monthly QKR strategic meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Consultation Committee, Bill 61, internal QKR Sectoral Table workplan development, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Governance Discussion, KLCC working group, and internal QKR Sectoral Table Cannabis workplan meetings; Friday: internal monthly QKR strategic and K/CR planning meetings. Vacation from August 24 to 28
- **Joe Norton:** Monday: Mohawk Online meeting

Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged item
Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) and Murray Marshall. Lead Portfolio Chiefs: Joe Norton & Gina Deer. Client/Attorney privileged

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Chief & Council Updates

- Harry Rice provided brief update on cash donation resulting from Kahnawà:ke/Chateauguay golf event
- Discussion on Statistics Canada letter requesting Kahnawà:ke's participation in Census. MCK response will reiterate the long-standing position that Kahnawà:ke does not participate – agreed by consensus. Future discussions to be held to consider MCK gathering Kahnawà:ke statistics for internal use only
- Gina Deer updated on Microsoft training, and meetings on Kahnawà:ke Library programs, Housing, Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund, Kahnawà:ke Office Complex, and Bill 61
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on Curatorship issue, and Finance Administration & Operations Committee (specifically Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex concerns regarding maintenance issues, with ensuing discussion. Mike Delisle, Jr. provided additional information and immediate follow-up actions)
- Ross Montour reported on Education (including First Nations Education Council funding concerns) and Karihwanó:ron matters, meetings & actions regarding Quebec's Bill 61 legislation, request for intervener status in Southwind v. Canada litigation at the Supreme Court of Canada, interview (along with Tonya Perron) on a university Cannabis research project, the 'Twitter' sexual assault issue (participated in 'solidarity' March)
- Joe Norton briefly updated on Karihwanó:ron meeting
- Harry Rice reported on meeting with federal officials regarding Karihwanó:ron funding & building issues
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on discussions regarding interim supervision of Executive team, brief interview with CBC regarding MCK support of COVID-19 Task Force direction & directives, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, KERM, participated in sexual assault 'solidarity' march, and Animal Protection proposal to address 'loose dogs' issues
- Rhonda Kirby discussed follow-up on sexual assault issues & participation in the 'solidarity' march, and Indian Day Schools Settlement
- Clinton Phillips acknowledged the Ratitsénhaienhs who attended the sexual assault 'solidarity' march, briefly updated on Asbestos issues, unresolved Land issues, visit to Tioweró:ton to review facts regarding a Tioweró:ton Committee matter
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on McGill University's effort to increase Indigenous visibility & local resources that could assist in engagement on this initiative, upcoming project to highlight Turtle, Wolf & Bear clans in downtown Montreal, *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* Regulations, and acknowledged those who attended the sexual assault 'solidarity' march
- Cody Diabo updated on the Aquaponics project, Kanawaki file, Asbestos & Landfill matters including completion of clean-up at 207 site, and Human Resource needs of the Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office
- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis Control Board survey on Regulations and other matters, and work being done regarding Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission regulations policies and consultation processes
- Meeting ended at **12:22pm**