



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 9 Seskéha/August 2021

Meeting held remotely via Teams

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle, Jr., Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, and Harry Rice

Out: Cody Diabo (Vacation), and Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Tricia Diabo (Interim Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

Housekeeping

- Cheque signers: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Minute Acceptance for July 19, 2021
- Rescheduling of Summer Community meeting: due to ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, it was recommended that the next Community Meeting be held virtually. It was also agreed that the meeting should be scheduled before summer officially ends on September 21, 2021. Further discussions on this matter to take place at a future meeting of Council
- Request for two Representatives for India Independence Day event: Harry Rice & Ryan Montour agreed to attend the event, which takes place on Sunday, August 15th in Montreal
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: meeting with Minister of Indigenous Affairs Carolyn Bennett; Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Friday: 'MCK Friday' talkshow on K1037
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Date to be confirmed: ICBF meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: meeting with Minister of Indigenous Affairs Carolyn Bennett; Tuesday: Oral History Project interview
- **Alan John Rice:** Friday: 'MCK Friday' talkshow on K1037
- **Jessica Lazare:** Friday: 'MCK Friday' talkshow on K1037

Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Tewaohnni'saktha Board of Directors Election 2021

Presence of Herb Rice (Electoral Officer). Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr.
Request to approve election results for two positions on Tewaohnni'saktha Board of Directors. Candidates Thawennontie Thomas and Mackenzie Kirby both completed their previous term in good standing and met all requirements. As they were the only two candidates for the two seats, they were acclaimed as re-elected by Electoral Officer Herb Rice. **Approved by Consensus**, with Jessica Lazare abstaining due to Conflict of Interest

Discussion: Community Watch and Lots 106 Checkpoint Petition

Presence of Dwayne Zacharie (Chief Peacekeeper) and Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety). Discussion/Update regarding matters pertaining to the Community Watch program initiated by community members in response to concerns about suspicious persons within the Territory. While the initiative is supported by the Peacekeepers and the MCK, it has been made clear that certain guidelines must be followed, and, for numerous reasons, Checkpoints are not being recommended at this time. Kyle Zachary of the Peacekeepers has been designated to provide education and information to the participants and community-at-large regarding this type of activity.

Discussion: Petition to Remove Remains of Father Lajoie; and Church Letters

Presence of Dwayne Zacharie (Chief Peacekeeper) and Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety). After much discussion it was agreed that the Society of Jesuits and Fr, Lajoie's family would be approached directly to discuss



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the matter at hand. In addition, members of the Council should maintain open communications with the group requesting the removal of the remains to ensure they are kept apprised of developments.

Council Updates

- Ryan Montour updated on a proposed 'Core Values' statement being developed regarding the Community Watch initiative, along with updates on the issuance of markers for vehicles formally assigned for active watch
- Barton Goodleaf informed the table that he has met with several community members on various issues since he was elected
- Alan John Rice informed the table that he has finalized his work at the Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry; and his activities in support of the Community Watch initiative
- Mike Delisle, Jr. provided updates on the Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures Fund; Tawatohnhi'saktha strategic meetings/opportunities; and Gaming matters (with input from Ross Montour and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer)
- Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis updated on several topics, including Housing initiatives; Electronic Gaming Device agreement royalties; and Executive Office planning/policies; additionally, the recent Canada/Quebec press conference regarding fiber optics was discussed, as there were concerns regarding protocols related to the coordination of the event in the territory – this matter will require further investigation
- Meeting ended at **4:25pm**