



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 13 Seskehkó:wa/September 2021

Meeting held at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr. (attended virtually), Lindsay LeBorgne, Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, and Harry Rice

Out: Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs (Grand Chief) Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Personal Day), and Ratsénhaienhs Barton Goodleaf (Wellness)

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

Housekeeping

- *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare*
- Acknowledgement of Trina Diabo-Jacobs final meeting as Council Meeting Administrator
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Michael Delisle, Jr.
- Tuesday to Friday: all-day Council Priority Setting meetings
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Weekly Update
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Housing meeting (Tentative)
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Waste Management meeting; Tuesday: meeting on Mercier Bridge file; Wednesday: meeting with Church Committee
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Asbestos Civil Investigation Draft Report review meeting
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting, Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: meeting on Parc Jean Drapeau project
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: meeting with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) (tentative); Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting; KERM Fund meeting, Wellness in afternoon; Friday: Hydro-Québec 'Hertel Project' meeting
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: meeting with Church Committee
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky Deer:** Wednesday: meeting with Church Committee; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, KERM Fund meeting

Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Daily School Bus Transportation

Presence of Spencer McComber (Manager of Daily Transportation), and Kevin Kennedy (title). Portfolio Chiefs: Arnold Boyer & Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to approve proposal to lease four (4) school buses and hire four (4) bus drivers to address increased needs resulting from COVID-19 safety measures, which limit one person per bus seat. This measure has caused lengthier routes and significant delays with pickups, as buses have to make more trips with less passengers. This measure, which will be in effect for the current school year, will cost an estimated \$268,500 in total. **Approved by Consensus**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

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Council Updates

- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis Control Board training, *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* draft Regulations, and Community Review Board
- Lindsay LeBorgne provided information on the fiber optic project for the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex; and a community member's infrastructure issue
- Ross Montour updated briefly on KEPO; and upcoming trip to New York City for the Hydro-Québec 'Hertel Project'
- Jessica Lazare informed the table that the Community Meeting survey is being launched on this date (Monday) – see press release for details
- Harry Rice updated on proposed project to build a roof for the outdoor rink at Orville Standup Park
- Tonya Perron provided notice regarding possible issues affecting minor hockey because of COVID-19 measures in place at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on the Aquaponics project; planning for upcoming Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relation meetings; introductory meeting with Quebec Negotiator Geoff Kelley; Indigenous Business Fund meeting; Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission matters; call for Gaming Working Group to meet; Tewatohnhi'saktha/Economic Development Portfolio meetings; and KERM Board matters/issues
- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos Civil Investigation and other asbestos remediation matters
- Alan John Rice provided brief update regarding initial meetings on Social Affairs Portfolio, including Sports & Recreation
- Arnold Boyer brought forth a community member's concern on an operational matter; and informed the table that he will be out next Wednesday on a Personal Day
- Ryan Montour updated on a 'missing person' situation in Tioweró:ton (the person was found); Peacekeepers jurisdictional matter regarding complaints; and a meeting with Corrections Services Canada regarding Parole Supervision within the Territory
- Meeting ended at **12:45pm**