



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 7 Kentenhkó:wa/November, 2022 **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawake**

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Ross Montour (left at 3pm to attend meeting), Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour (left at 2pm to attend meeting), Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice; and Iohahi:io Delisle

Out: Jessica Lazare (attending Assembly of First Nations Language conference in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Executive Assistant Sarah Delisle

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer welcomed Iohahi:io Delisle as the new Ratsénhaienhs
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance September 26, October 3, and November 3, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: meeting with Tawatohni'saktha; Thursday: JFK Quarry, Regulatory Boards & Commissions Portfolio, and Infrastructure, Transport & Operation Portfolio meetings; Wellness Day on November 16 and (possibly) November 17 and 18
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Housing Unit meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade funding, and Regulatory Boards & Commissions Portfolio/Labor meetings, and U.S. Marine Corps birthday event
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Minor Sports meeting; Thursday: Regulatory Boards & Commissions Portfolio/Labor meeting
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: visit/tour by Special Minister's Representative Deborah Corber regarding Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis and Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR); Thursday: meeting with a federal Senator to discuss a private member's legislation, Gaming Working Group, Regulatory Boards & Commissions Portfolio/Labor, and Economic Development opportunity meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: visit/tour by Special Minister's Representative Deborah Corber regarding SSSL and KCR; Thursday: travel to Albany, New York on Archaeology file matters
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Strategic Meetings scheduling; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission, and Technical Drafting Committee for Alternative Justice Regulations; Thursday: Technical Drafting Committee for Eviction Regulations, and Regulatory Boards & Commissions Portfolio/Labor meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Schools Diabetes Project funding meeting; Thursday: internal prep meeting regarding upcoming Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador concerning Canada's Bill C-92 (proposed Child Care Legislation), and Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meetings, and attending Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre open house
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Public Works, and Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Hydro-Québec/Hertel meeting; Tuesday: Strategic Meetings scheduling, attending Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Indigenous artists exhibition opening; Wednesday: visit/tour by Special Minister's Representative Deborah Corber regarding SSSL and KCR; Thursday: meeting with federal senator to discuss a private member's legislation, Gaming Working Group, and Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade funding meetings

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: *Kahnawà:ke Animal Protection Law Amendments* Presence of *Lloyd Phillips, Robyn Montour & Leslie Skye*. Lead Portfolio Chief: *Ryan Montour*. Request to approve the purpose and scope of upcoming amendments to the *Kahnawà:ke Animal Protection Law* using the Community Decision Making Process. As this law is categorized as 'Type II', the Council of Chiefs must provide the purpose and scope at a duly-convened Council meeting. **Passed by Consensus**



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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Update Safety Deposit Box Users – Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke

Presence of Stephan Roy & Nicola Mircovic. Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to update the bank signers and administrators on the Caisse Populaire Kahnawake bank account of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. The Executive positions and Council Chiefs need to be rescinded and replaced due to the hiring of the Executive Financial Officer, the retirement of the Executive Operations Officer, and the resignation of Alan John Rice as a Ratsénhaienhs (Council Chief). **Passed By Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke and BMO Bank Signers

Presence of Stephan Roy & Nicola Mircovic. Lead Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to update the bank signers and administrators on the BMO bank account of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. The Executive positions and Council Chiefs need to be rescinded and replaced due to the hiring of the Financial Executive Officer, the retirement of the Executive Operations Officer, and the resignation of Alan John Rice as a Ratsénhaienhs (Council Chief). **Passed by Consensus**

Additional Item: Mohawk Council Executive Directive – Iohahi:io Delisle Oath of Office

Presence of Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chief: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. As per usual practice, newly-elected Ratsénhaienhs Iohahi:io Delisle formally declared the Oath of Office. Ratsénhaienhs Delisle's Oath of Office was formally accepted by Council of Chiefs (see press release issued on November 7, 2022). **Passed by Consensus**

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Recap and discussion of last week's announcement of the Housing fraud investigation results
- Recap and discussion of last week's Community Engagement Kiosk
- Discussion on information sharing/communications between Council of Chiefs and Executive Director. Executive Directive will be invited to attend future meetings to provide and receive updates
- Recap of Remembrance Day ceremonies, including conversations with Indigenous-Crown Relations Minister Marc Miller and U.S. Consulate representatives
- Ross Montour updated and clarified situation regarding the McGill University archaeological dig
- Discussion on Council of Chiefs Code of Conduct concerning hospitality and gifts
- Cody Diabo updated on the progress of the proposed *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law* progress; asbestos containing materials, and Tioweró:ton matters
- Harry Rice updated on Sports & Recreation; potential fundraising idea
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on Gaming matters (including lawsuit against Ontario), and Hydro-Québec/Hertel communications
- Arnold Boyer updated on meeting with Ministère de Transports Québec regarding Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridges, Inc. report on the state of the Mercier Bridge
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on Town Garage repairs, and ideas for beautification of certain areas
- Tonya Perron updated on the call for members for the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board, and the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on meeting with Kanehsatà:ke Grand Chief Victor Bonspille concerning proposed Montreal park (which has since been referred to the Consultation Committee), Jay Treaty Border Alliance, meeting with Deloitte in regard to Indigenous Games requesting Kahnawà:ke participation on Games Committee (of which they are the main sponsor), "Donors Circle" fundraising event, and follow-up to recent "Tri-Council" meeting with Akwesasne and Kanehsatà:ke
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:30pm**