



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 6 Enníska/February 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare (am only/pm travel), Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Stephen McComber, Harry Rice, Iohahi:io Delisle, and Michael Delisle, Jr. (attended remotely)

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour (attending ICE Conference)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), David Lahache (Public Relations), and Assistants to the Council of Chiefs Sarah Delisle & Tyanna Kirby.

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Ratitsénhaienhs Schedules for March Break: Tonya Perron March 6-10, others to be confirmed
- Invitation to Grand Gathering 2023 (Economic Circle, and Indigenous People & Municipalities) in Gatineau, Quebec, March 22, 23 & 24, 2023: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend.
- Chiefs Uncut – Airing Dates February 13, 20, & 27: February 13 (Lindsay LeBorgne), February 20 (Ryan Montour), and February 27 (Harry Rice)
- K1037 “MCK Friday” February 17: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer; K1037 “MCK Friday” March 3: Iohahi:io Delisle
- Press Scrum: February 24, confirmed
- Media Relations - Joe Delaronde & David Lahache updated on coordination of relations between media and Ratitsénhaienhs
- Community Meeting Agenda Items (February 21, Winter meeting Golden Age Club): preliminary agenda items; Gaming, review period for Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, and Portfolio Review
- Community Engagement Kiosk Friday, February 10: All available Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Sustainable Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: internal Consultation Committee & Lands Unit update meetings; Friday: meeting with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) of St. Lawrence River, and Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday (pm): Travel to Toronto; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: attending and presenting at the Chiefs of Ontario First Nation Languages and Education Forum; Tuesday pm; virtual meeting with the Ecological Knowledge Advisory Circle; Friday: Personal Time (am), and Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Tuesday: Tawatohni’saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Social Supports and Development Portfolio meeting, and attending presentation at the Mohawk Trail Longhouse; Thursday: meeting at Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC), and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia’takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board training; Friday & Saturday: continuation of KSCS Board training
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Social Supports and Development Portfolio meeting, and attending presentation at the Mohawk Trail Longhouse; Thursday: Regulatory Boards & Commissions update session, and KSCS Board training; Friday & Saturday: continuation of KSCS Board training
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Social Supports and Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Lands Unit update meeting, and Dreams Take Flight meeting with Ken Bourque; Friday: meeting First Nations Regional Adult Education Center, and Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday & Thursday: Pacific Business & Law Institute Conference on Specific Claims (attending remotely); Thursday pm: Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Transport meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations meeting & Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Sustainable Development Portfolio, and Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) meetings; Thursday: KCI meeting; Friday: Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, Governance Portfolio, and Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission (KLC) Working Group, and Legislative Portfolio Team meetings; Friday: Cannabis Control Board meeting, and Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Social Supports and Development Portfolio, and KMHC Board meetings; Thursday: Public Works, and QKR Transport meetings; Friday: Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly meeting, Community Engagement Kiosk
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Social Supports and Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Public Works, and QKR Transport meetings; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly meeting, and Community Engagement Kiosk

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- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: lunch meeting with Jessica Lazare regarding Multi-Purpose Building Project; Tuesday: Tawatohni'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, interview with media regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project, and attending presentation at the Mohawk Trail Longhouse; Friday: Wellness Time; Monday/Tuesday (Feb 13 & 14): Wellness Time

Agenda Items

Discussion: Letters of Support, Harry Rice

Presence of Harry Rice.

1. Request to the Council of Chiefs for a letter of support for a bid package to host the Lacrosse Canada Founders Cup Tournament in Kahnawake, 2024. **Approved by Consensus**
2. Letter from Roiatate Horn, Director of Sports and Recreation Unit – request to Council of Chiefs for a letter of support contesting the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Vaccination Mandate for the event scheduled in Halifax (July 2023). **Approved by Consensus**
3. Letter from community member asking the Council of Chiefs to support and recognize local coaches' & volunteers' time as "work time" when coaching major sporting events such as NAIG & First Nations Education Council (FNEC) for the youth of the community. Decision: this request must be brought to the governing bodies of each of the affected organizations

Discussion: Community Member Letter – Confidential Item

Request for Decision: Disbursement of COVID Adjustment for MCK Employees

Presence of Tammy Wallace & Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Lead: Lindsay LeBorgne.

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve distribution of Government of Canada funded COVID adjustments to MCK employees for covid-related duties during fiscal years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022, which are received from the Indigenous Community Support Fund from Indigenous Services Canada and to be used specifically for COVID-related purposes. **Approved by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Request to Work in Territory

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Lloyd Phillips, Jo-Ann Stacey. Portfolio Lead: Ryan Montour. This item was Client/Attorney Privilege/Confidential

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office - Permitting Committee

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Benjamin Green-Stacey, and Patrick Ragaz. Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo. Request to the Council of Chiefs to establish a Permitting Committee to receive and evaluate permits within the *Kahnawà:ke Sanitary Conditions Law*. **Passed by Consensus**

Executive Director Update

Onerahtókha Marquis updated on the Kahnawà:ke Health and Safety & Labor Office files, Multi-Purpose Building Project, and MCK finances.

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Tonya Perron updated on the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee, Community Decision Making & Review Process, and Jesuits of Canada Settlements files
- Cody Diabo updated on the return of the Hydro Line #4 lands file, and possible renewable energy projects
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on the Gaming, and Alcoholic Beverages Control Board files
- Stephen McComber updated on his experience on the K1037 Talk show, and upcoming Seed/Food Sovereignty Conference on March 25 & 26, 2023
- Arnold Boyer updated on the Transport file, and volunteering at the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) & providing some financial support for activities for patients
- Iohahi:io Delisle updated on possible future visits by the Council of Chiefs to visit with patients at the KMHC. Due to time constraints, additional updates were to be provided by email, including working on requesting a Strategic Discussion to address need to have consistent architectural standards for community buildings, Health Portfolio matters including Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting and potential sub-file additions to portfolio, and questions received by community member regarding Health Canada criteria/coverage
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:45pm**