



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 20 Enníska/February 2023**

**Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attended morning session remotely), Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, Iohahi:io Delisle, and Stephen McComber (all present)

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

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by the Ratitsénhaienhs
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Minute Approval - November 21, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**
- Assembly of First Nations Special Chiefs Assembly on the federal Action Plan for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (April 3-6): Ross Montour, Iohahi:io Delisle, Winona Polson-Lahache and (possibly) a representative from Legal Services will attend
- Montreal Climate Summit, May 9 & 10: Stephen McComber & Cody Diabo expressed interest to attend
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador 'Council of Elected Women' meeting in Quebec City on March 30-31: Jessica Lazare confirmed to attend
- Notice to local authorities: Amended pre-licensing notice to local authorities received (Cannabis Regulations) acknowledgement letter to be sent
- Winter Community meeting (Tuesday, February 21): all Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- Meeting with Minister of Public Safety, Marco Mendicino on Bill C-21, all Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- Press Scrum this Friday: all available Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Consultation Committee update meeting; Thursday: Land Management Committee meeting; Friday: Food Sovereignty, and Environment Portfolio Team meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: Governance meeting with Gerald Alfred (lunchtime meeting); Tuesday: Multi-Purpose Building Project meeting; Wednesday: Community Review Board, and Justice Commission meetings; Thursday: Legislation Working Group, Justice Services, Heritage Portfolio and Governance Project meetings; Friday: Personal Time
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board meeting; Thursday: KSCS Strategic Alignment meeting with Paul Rice
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: KSCS Board Meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: First Nations Education Council (FNEC) Chiefs meeting; Wednesday: FNEC continuation (am only), meeting with Deloitte Canada regarding the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG); Friday: First Nations Regional Education Center Graduation Ceremony
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: internal Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) and Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR), and Gaming Commission meetings; Thursday: SSSL & KCR meeting (all day)
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Personal Time; Thursday: Food Sovereignty meetings with representatives from Hemingford (am) & Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (pm), and Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact; Friday: Environment Portfolio Team meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: internal SSSL & KCR meeting; Thursday: SSSL & KCR meeting (all day); Friday: meeting with Federal Minister of Environment & Climate Change Steven Guilbeault
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: weekly meeting with Public Works, Respite Working Group, and Justice Services meetings; Friday: Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: weekly meeting with Public Works; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, Community Review Board, and Justice Commission meetings; Thursday: Legislation Working Group, Justice Services, and Victim of Crimes Project meetings; Friday: Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, and Jesuits of Canada Settlements files meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, meeting with Rogers/Sportsnet Media regarding the Cultural Arts Center Project, and Deloitte Canada regarding NAIG; Thursday: internal meeting with Human Resources, U.S. Consulate General of Montreal Black History Month event

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### **Agenda Items**

**Discussion: Letter of Complaint:** Letter from a community member. Response letter to be sent

### **Executive Director Update**

Onerahtókha Marquis updated on potential move of two (2) MCK units to the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex, Housing file, Mohawk Online, Finance & Human Resources files, and Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Management plan.

### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

- Cody Diabo updated on the Canadian Pacific Railway file (emergency stoppages), issues with the Old Fort Wall, Sustainable Development, and Lands Portfolios, community member issues with Canada's Non-Insured Health Benefits
- Jessica Lazare updated on the Multi-Purpose Building Project, issues with the Old Fort Wall, Heritage Portfolio, the Chiefs of Ontario First Nation Language & Education forum in Toronto, and revitalizing the Land Based Political Strategy Project
- Iohahi:io Delisle updated on the Regional Engagement Session on Drinking Water (last week in Montreal)
- Ryan Montour updated on the Public Safety, Housing Portfolios, and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services file
- Harry Rice updated on the Education Portfolio regarding the First Nations Regional Adult Education Center
- Michael Delisle Jr. updated on the External Government Relations Portfolio and the Gaming file.
- Stephen McComber updated on work with the Heritage Portfolio
- Ross Montour updated on the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador, and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) meeting, Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations, Gaming files, and the recent ICE (Gaming) Show
- Arnold Boyer updated on the Infrastructure Portfolio and the Hydro file
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on the Community Social Affairs Portfolio, and the Finance, Operations & Administration (FAO) Committee
- Tonya Perron updated on FAO Committee, and the Alternative Measures Program and Justice Portfolio
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Economic-Development Portfolio
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:20pm**