



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 17 Onerahtókha/April 2023 **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Michael Delisle Jr., Jessica Lazare, Cody Diabo, Ross Montour, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, and Stephen McComber

Out: Tonya Perron (attending Iroquois Caucus), Iohahi:io Delisle (attending Iroquois Caucus)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Chiefs Uncut: April 24: Ryan Montour; May 1: Stephen McComber
- Travel Request: Ross Montour - Association of Quebec Archaeologists Conference - April 28-30 in Mont Tremblant. **Approved by Consensus**
- Travel Request: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – East Coast Business Forum in Halifax– May 1, 2023. **Approved by Consensus**
- Ratitsénhaienhs (Chiefs Kiosk) Friday 1pm to 4pm: All available Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday; speaking engagement at McGill (on environmental issues); Thursday: Consultation, and communications strategy meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Consultation Project discussion; Thursday: Legislative Portfolio Working Group meeting; Friday: Personal Day (am)
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services Board meeting; Thursday: Regulatory Boards, Commissions & Labour meeting, Press Conference prep meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Strategic Planning Workshop; Thursday: Consultation, Heritage file meetings
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Gaming meeting; Thursday: Gaming Working Group monthly, and Quebec Kahnawà:ke Relations meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Gardening workshop at the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC); Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) Working Group meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday & Wednesday: attending Cumulative Effects Assessment and Environmental Management (virtual conference); Thursday: Gaming Working Group monthly, weekly Consultation committee meetings; Friday: Indigenous Rights and Research Portfolio working group meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) monthly meeting; Thursday: Health Portfolio, Respite Project, and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges, Inc. (JCCBI) bi-weekly meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO monthly meeting; Thursday: Health Portfolio, and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Travel to Quebec City (pm); Tuesday & Wednesday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs General Assembly; Thursday: AFNQL Chiefs General Assembly (am), press conference prep meeting, Multi-Purpose Building Capital Campaign meeting (will attend remotely); Friday: Kahnawà:ke Education Center & First Nations Education Council Planning, and KCI Strategic Planning meetings



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- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Monday & Tuesday: Iroquois Caucus meeting in Ottawa; Wednesday: KMHC Board meeting; Thursday: Health Portfolio, and Consultation meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday & Tuesday: Iroquois Caucus meeting in Ottawa; Wednesday: Justice Commission and FAO monthly meetings; Thursday: Community Decision Making and Review Process, and Legislative Portfolio Working Group meetings

Agenda Items

Request of Discussion: Social Assistance Inflation Fund Usage

Presence of Alexis Shackleton (Director of Client-Based Services), Joanne Sky, (General Manager of Social Assistance) Portfolio Chiefs: Harry Rice, Lindsay Leborgne, Jessica Lazare, Ryan Montour. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve funding (\$183,782) for ten (10) positions for adults (aged 31 to 58) for a 26-week work program similar to the Youth Employment Strategy program; and to approve the use of Social Assistance Inflation Fund Usage (\$375,000) to be allocated toward Inflation Benefits distributed directly to Social Assistance clients. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Recreation Bay Aquatic Plant Management Options (Confidential)

Presence of Patrick Ragaz. Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour, Cody Diabo. **Approved by Consensus with one (1) Abstention from Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay LeBorgne**

Discussion: Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis Communications: Presentation and Discussion

Presence of Rose-Ann Morris, Justus Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle Jr. Presentation to the Council of Chiefs on the presentation and upcoming public communications strategy for the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis file

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Two (2) Land Allotments. **Passed by Consensus with one (1) abstention from letsénhaienhs Jessica Lazare**

Executive Director Update

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the technological issues as a result of the recent power outages, the Old Fort Wall, safety standards & building codes, repair costs for the Golden Age Club, summer student employment programs, and the Telecommunications Working Group.

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on a meeting with Concordia University, Office of the Council of Chiefs restructuring, milestone anniversaries for organizations in the community, and upcoming travel to Halifax to participate as a speaker at the East Coast Business Forum
- Harry Rice updated on the Parc Jean-Drapeau Working Group and upcoming projects
- Cody Diabo updated on the Lands Portfolio and Transport Canada meeting
- Jessica Lazare updated on the Iroquois Caucus and the Multi-Purpose Building Project
- Ryan Montour updated on the Housing, Labor and Public Safety Portfolios, building codes/safety standards, the recent First Nations Fire Association General Assembly in Quebec City, and recent grass fire.



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- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on the Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis file, potential economic development project, and Quebec Relations
- Arnold Boyer updated on the Public Works, JCCBI & Mercier Bridge files.
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:03pm**