



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 15 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Michael Delisle Jr. (Attended Remotely), Jessica Lazare, Cody Diabo, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Ross Montour, Arnold Boyer, Iohahi:io Delisle, and Stephen McComber

Out: Harry Rice (Vacation)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Michael Delisle Jr.
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Minute Approval – February 13, 2023 – **Approved by Consensus**
- Public Relations Items – Chiefs Uncut: Harry Rice – Monday May 23, 2023 - updates and information for Joint Press Conference
- Spring Community Meeting – May 16, 2023 - Agenda Items Land Allotments, SSSL/Old Mill Site, Quebec's Proposed Indigenous Language Act, Sustainable Development Portfolio update, UNDRIP Action Plan Update open discussion - All Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- Special Community Meeting Housing – June 22, 2023 – Chief Ryan Montour
- (3) Travel Request for Approval – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron and Jessica Lazare, to attend Iroquois Caucus – May-30-31, 2023. **Passed by Consensus**
- Invitation: World Refugee Day – June 14, 2023- Ross Montour to attend
- Invitation and Travel Request: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador – Chiefs Assembly – June 14-16 2023 - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend
- Invitation: First Nations First Responders Gathering – Ottawa May 17-19, 2023 – **Deferred**
- Construction Industry Access Program for First Nations and Inuit (CAPFNI) – June 12, 2023 - Ryan Montour to attend
- Envisioning the Future of Kahnawà:ke's Food System Focus Group May 17th, 2023 - Cody Diabo
- Request for financial assistance Kahnawake United Church – Donation to be considered and issued by the FAO Committee
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: External Government Relations (EGR) communications meeting; Wednesday: participating in Webinar – Federal Environment Laws on Reserve Lands, Wellness (pm); Thursday: EGR (Ville-Sainte-Catherine), Lands Chiefs update meetings, Wellness (pm); Friday: weekly Consultation, and MCK and Tewatohnhi'saktha Focus Group meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: Port of Montreal event; Tuesday: Joint Kahnawake Cultural Arts Center (KCAC) Funding Press Conference; Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio, and Agora Metropolitan meetings; Thursday: Review of amendments for the *Kahnawà:ke Justice Act*, Lands Chiefs update, Kahnawake Collective Impact Working Group meetings; Friday: Legislative Portfolio Team meeting
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Monday: Port of Montreal event; Wednesday: participating in Webinar – Federal Environment Laws on Reserve Lands, Kahnawake Funding Association, and Health Portfolio meetings; Thursday: participating in 'May Kahnawake Stop' initiative; Friday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting, and MCK and Tewatohnhi'saktha Focus Group meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Public Safety, and Economic Development (Akwasasne) meetings; Thursday: participating in 'May Kahnawake Stop' initiative; Friday: MCK and Tewatohnhi'saktha Focus Group meeting
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Monday: EGR communications meeting; Wednesday: Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: EGR (Ville-Sainte-Catherine), and Gaming Working Group meetings



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- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Board meeting; Wednesday: Sports & Recreation Unit (SRU) Sports Complex Mural Project meeting; Thursday: Lands Chiefs update, and SRU (Cricket discussions) meetings; Friday: SRU, MCK and Tawatohni'saktha Focus Group meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Food Sovereignty meeting; Thursday: Wellness Day; Friday: attending ceremony for the Three Sisters Garden
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: participating in Webinar – Federal Environment Laws on Reserve Lands; Thursday: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Focus Group, and Gaming Working Group meetings; Friday: weekly Consultation, Economic Portfolio, and MCK and Tawatohni'saktha Focus Group meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: review of Strategic Discussion requests, Cannabis Health & Safety orientation, Finance, Operations & Administration (FAO) monthly meetings; Thursday: Review of amendments for the *Kahnawà:ke Justice Act*, Minister of Health & Social Services Quebec meetings; Friday: MCK and Tawatohni'saktha Focus Group, and Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) review & restructuring meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: FAO monthly meeting; Thursday: MCK and Tawatohni'saktha Focus Group planning session, and Transport meetings; Friday: bi-monthly meeting with Jacques-Cartier & Champlain Bridges inc (JCCBI), and Public Works launch meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO monthly meeting; Thursday: Transport, and Public Works meetings; Friday: bi-monthly JCCBI, and MCK and Tawatohni'saktha Focus Group meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: EGR communications meeting; Tuesday: Joint KCAC Funding Press Conference, Wellness (pm) attended opening at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (evening); Wednesday: review of Strategic Discussion requests, Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, and Economic Development (Akwesasne) meetings; Thursday: EGR (Ville-Sainte-Catherine), Economic Development (McGill), Gaming Working Group, Chiefs Check-in, TDI/Champlain Hudson Power Express (labor force), and Jay Treaty Border Crossing monthly meetings; Friday: Economic Development Portfolio team, OCC review & restructuring, and Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company meetings

Agenda Items

Discussion: Quebec Potential Indigenous Language Law – Deferred

Record of Decision: Secondary Budget Request (Confidential Item)

Presence of Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Stepan Roy (Executive Financial Officer), Erica Delisle (Director of Financial Services). Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle Jr. Passed by Consensus

Executive Director Update - Deferred

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Cody Diabo updated on the Land Management Committee regarding use of common lands for events
- Iohahi:io Delisle updated on the Health Portfolio
- Ryan Montour updated on the upcoming (May 17, 9am to 3pm) railway work and temporary closing of the level crossing near Indian Way School
- Michael Delisle Jr. provided an update on the Gaming file and the Investment & Revenue Committee, and the External Governance Relations Portfolio
- Ross Montour updated on the External Government Relations Portfolio
- Jessica Lazare updated on a proposed Youth Council Project, Old Fort Wall, and Quebec's proposed Indigenous Language Law and Tioweró:ton files
- Arnold Boyer updated on the JCCBI file
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on the Infrastructure Portfolio and the Public Works file



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- Tonya Perron updated on the Cannabis file and participation at the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club event, the Kahnawake Legislative Coordinator Committee
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on a possible partnership for engagement strategies, the Concordia MBA session at the 207 Longhouse, the business forum in Halifax, IRTT Public Policy group, meeting with Agora, press conference for Red Dress Day (May 5), and courses at Harvard Business School
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:03pm**