



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 23, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson am only), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (left at 10am, attended remotely until 10:34am, returned for pm) Michael Delisle Jr., Jessica Lazare, Cody Diabo, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Ross Montour, Harry Rice, Arnold Boyer, Iohahi:io Delisle, and Stephen McComber

Out: Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attending Agora conference in Montreal – 10am to 2pm)

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 Karihwatéhkwén by Stephen McComber
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Public Relations Items – Chiefs Uncut: Harry Rice - Monday May 26, 2023; K103 Talk Show – UNDRIP Action Plan – Ross Montour & Nelly Marcoux
- Council Summer Events by Chiefs – discussion on possible summer event for Ratitsénhaienhs & Office of the Council of Chiefs (OCC) Staff
- Chief Representative for Social Committee – Ryan Montour volunteered to be on the committee
- Dayforce Information Session – Information Session to be scheduled with the Dayforce Administrator
- Procedure for Council Packages – Discussion on procedures for OCC Technicians and Portfolio Chiefs – Mandatory session to be scheduled
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation National Engagement – Harry Rice to follow up with IDS Coordinator
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – Invitation to Festival TransAmerique (Montreal) - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Iohahi:io Delisle, Stephen McComber and Ross Montour to attend
- Travel Request - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer- 2023 Clean Energy Conference – Utica NY, June 1-2, 2023 – flight & accommodations to be covered – **Passed by Consensus**
- Travel Request - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – Great Lakes Alliance Conference, June 6-9, 2023 – **Passed by Consensus**
- Letter of Recommendation for the Late Joe Norton – Nomination for a Meritorious Doctorate Degree – World Indigenous Nations University – **Passed by Consensus**
- Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) – review of by-law document
- Indigenous Languages meeting in Montreal – Friday, May 26, 2023 - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, Iohahi:io Delisle, Ross Montour and Lindsay LeBorgne to attend
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Strategic Workshop on Renewable Energies (Brossard)
- **Jessica Lazare:** Thursday: Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, Grand Chief Check-in, and Justice Commission meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Iohahi:io Delisle:** Tuesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) Board meeting; Wednesday: KMHC meeting; Friday: Weekly Consultation meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services Board meeting; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Sports & Recreation Unit (SRU) Sports Complex Mural Project meeting;
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission weekly meeting; Thursday: presentation for Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies Des Cultures Project at the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Sustainable Development Institute
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: presentation on the Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center Project at the Agora Conference in Montreal; Wednesday: KMHC, and David Suzuki Foundation Board meetings; Thursday: internal prep meeting for the David Suzuki Foundation event, Tewatohnhi'saktha, Grand Chief Check-In meetings, presentation at the David Suzuki Foundation Gala event (evening)
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: Strategic Workshop on Renewable Energies (Brossard); Friday: Vacation Day



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- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Port of Montreal Roundtable meeting;
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: internal Transport, and Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meetings; Friday: Public Works weekly meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: internal Transport, and Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meetings; Friday: Public Works weekly meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, Grand Chief Check-In, Community Decision Making Process discussions and Justice Commission meetings; Friday: Vacation Day

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Commissioner to the Interim Kahnawake Gaming Commission

Presence of Dwaine White (General Manager, OCC), Marnie Lahache & Damian Whyte (KGC). Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle Jr. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the appointment of Ms. Janice A. Beauvais as a voting member of the Interim Kahnawake Gaming Commission for a term two (2) years, effective from May 24, 2023, until May 24, 2025. **Approved by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Community Representative to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission

Presence of Kevin Fleischer (Commissioner of Justice). Portfolio Chiefs: Tonya Perron & Jessica Lazare. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve appointment of Ms. Louise Mayo as a member of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission in the capacity of a community representative for a term of three (3) years, until May 23, 2026. **Approved by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Selection & Appointment of the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board

Presence of Lanny Jacobs (OCC Technician). Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve appointment of Rhonda Kirby as a member of the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board, to hold office for a term of three (3) years until May 23, 2026. **Approved by Consensus – one (1) Objection, Iohahio Delisle**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: First Nations Adult Education School Council – Additional Funds

Presence of Carina Deere (Kahnawà:ke Regional Adult Education Center), Tanu Lusignan (First Nations Adult Education School Council Executive Director), Lorna Sook (Special Consultant to Governance, Pedagogy, and Curriculum Development, FNAESC) Erica Delisle (Director of Financial Services), and Stephan Roy (Executive Financial Officer) Portfolio Chief: Harry Rice. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the direct transfer of “Adult Education” additional funds for Adult Learners, to Tewaohnhì’saktha; to direct that Tewaohnhì’saktha collaborate with the Kahnawà:ke Regional Adult Education Center for the planning of the funds for Kahnawà:ke Kanién’kehá:ka Adult Learners; direct that Tewaohnhì’saktha submit to the MCK all program and reporting requirements, quarterly statements of revenue and expenditures, as well as annual audit statements; and, should reporting requirements not be upheld, the MCK may withhold the transfer of funds. **Approved by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: First Nations Adult Education School Council – Nominal Roll Funds

Presence of Carina Deere (Kahnawà:ke Regional Adult Education Center), Tanu Lusignan (First Nations Adult Education School Council Executive Director), Lorna Sook (Special Consultant to Governance, Pedagogy, and Curriculum Development, FNAESC) Erica Delisle (Director of Financial Services), and Stephan Roy (Executive Financial Officer). Portfolio Chief: Harry Rice. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the direct transfer of “Adult Education” Nominal Roll Funding from ISC directly to the FNAESC for funds proportionate to the nominal roll of the four (4) host regional center Communities (Listiguj, Kahnawà:ke, Pessamit, and Lac Simon); that the FNAESC shall submit to ISC and MCK Finance Unit, all program and reporting requirements, along with quarterly statements of revenue and expenditures, and annual audit statements; and that failing the submission of reports, the MCK may withhold support for direct transfer of funds. **Approved by Consensus**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Four (4) Land Allotments. **Passed by Consensus - one (1) Abstention – Lindsay LeBorgne**



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Executive Director Update

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the Kahnawà:ke Community Initiative, Human Resources, MCK Legal Department, MCK Election Law Focus Groups, and the Multi-Purpose Building Project.

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Jessica Lazare updated on Quebec's consultations on their proposal for Quebec legislation to protect Indigenous Languages. Discussion ensued on coordination of advocacy and public relations efforts to ensure Kahnawà:ke's opposition to the proposed legislation and related consultations is public and on official record.
- Remaining Updates deferred due to time constraints.
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Meeting ended at **4:48pm**