



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 25 Seskehkó:wa/September 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Chairperson), Tonya Perron, Jessica Lazare, Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, Lindsay LeBorgne, Harry Rice (attending funeral PM), and Stephen McComber

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle (Medical Leave), Ross Montour (Bereavement Leave) Cody Diabo (Vacation Day), Michael Delisle Jr. (Wellness)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), David Lahache (Public Relations), Tricia Diabo (Executive Assistant and Administrative Support Coordinator Office of the Council of Chiefs) and Assistants to the Council of Chiefs Sarah Delisle & Tyanna Kirby

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Stephen McComber
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut – Ross Montour (October 2); MCK Friday (September 28) – Harry Rice (first half) – Lindsay LeBorgne & Arnold Boyer (second half); MCK Press Scrum (September 29)
- Minute Approval – August 28 – **Approved**
- Rescheduling of Ratitsénhaienhs Community Engagement Kiosks – October 6 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- MNP – Office of the Council of Chiefs' (OCC) Review & Restructuring – Scheduling of Ratitsénhaienhs Focus Groups
- Symposium on Indigenous Courts (Ottawa) – Tonya Perron – November 21 & 22 – **Approved**
- The Power of Languages and Stories in Drafting Indigenous Laws (webinar)– Tonya Perron – November 9 – **Approved**
- Blackberry Summit 2023 – Cyber Security for First Nations Communities – Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – October 17 & 18 (NYC - all expenses paid) - **Approved**
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Executive Director/Council Relationship Framework, Chiefs Engagement session with MNP, speaking engagement at Saputo (Montreal), Heritage Project meeting and participating at the Alouette's Truth & Reconciliation Event (Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex); Thursday: Personal Time (AM only), Capital Campaign Event; Friday: speaking engagement at Kell's Academy
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Chiefs Engagement session with MNP; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Labor Office (KLO)/OCC Strategic Session follow-up; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Chiefs Engagement session with MNP, participating at the Alouette's Truth & Reconciliation Event; Friday: speaking engagement with school children from Lenardo DaVinci Academy, Nesbitt Elementary, Pierre de Coubertain Elementary School and Perspective I & II High School; Saturday: Assisting with Orange Shirt Day event at the Golden Age Club
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact Steering Committee meeting; Thursday: Ferme Cap-Saint-Jacques meeting, Kahnawà:ke Cultural & Arts Center Capital Campaign event; Friday: Harvest at Three Sisters Farm, and filming with the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussion request, Executive Director/Council Relationship Framework, Chiefs Engagement session with MNP; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Working Group, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Procurement Entity meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Executive Director/Council Relationship Framework, Chiefs Engagement session with MNP and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board of Directors meeting; Thursday: KLO/OCC Strategic Session follow-up, Transport meeting, and Public Works weekly; Saturday: Orange Shirt Day at Golden Age Club
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Executive Director/Council Relationship Framework, Chiefs Engagement session with MNP; Thursday: Transport, and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: Personal Day
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: attending the 10th Edition of Women in Governance Gala (Montreal); Wednesday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs Assembly (Montreal), attending the Alouette's Truth & Reconciliation Event (Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex); Thursday: AFNQL Chiefs Assembly, attending Cultural & Arts Center Capital Campaign event; Friday: participating in the POP Montreal panel discussion (Montreal); Saturday: attending Toronto Blue Jays Orange Shirt Day - Downie Wenjack Commemoration event (Toronto)



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Agenda Items

Record of Discussion: Lion Bus Replacements

Presence of Spencer McComber (Manager Daily Transportation Department), Martin Morris (Director Public Works). Portfolio Chiefs Arnold Boyer, Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the recommendation to move forward with the replacement of the current fleet of Lion buses, with nine (9) Blue Bird electric buses (as per Québec's 2021 mandate that only electric buses can be sold), for the sum of \$2,143,000.00 (this price is net after a grant savings of \$1,575, 000.00 is applied, if purchased before deadline) and once vetted and approved by MCK Finance. Securement of funds to purchase to begin. **Approved by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Marina Lease Renewal – Client Attorney Privilege

Presence of Eric Doucet (Legal Services) Veronica Leborgne (Director Lands Unit), Alexandre Beaupre (Executive Revenue Officer). Portfolio Chief Cody Diabo. **Passed by Consensus**

Record of Discussion: Letter of Support and Waiver of Interest – Kannabis Shop

Presence of Eric Doucet (Legal Services) Portfolio Chief Tonya Perron. Request to the Council of Chiefs to authorize letsénhaienhs Tonya Perron to sign a letter that expresses that the MCK wishes to forego any ownership interest in the Kannabis Shop, and offers support for the Kannabis Shop to submit an application for a licence with Health Canada and the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board (application for standard processing license from KCCB). **Approved by Consensus**

Record of Discussion & Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Reappointment of Commissioner to the Interim Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission

Presence Dwaine White (General Manager Office of the Council of Chiefs). Portfolio Chief Michael Delisle Jr. Request to the Council of Chiefs to reappoint Daryl Leclaire as a Commissioner of the Interim Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission for a period of two (2) years, effective September 30, 2023 until September 30, 2025. **Passed by Consensus**

Executive Office Updates:

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies/Windfarm Project, Information Management, recruitment for the External Investment Expert position, Salary Studies for Ratitsénhaienhs, pension equity issues within community organizations (Executive Directors Committee), Council/Executive Director's Office staff event, Orange Shirt Day, and First Nations Education Council's fiber optic project.

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates:

Lindsay LeBorgne provided a detailed update on the recent Finance Administration & Operations Committee meeting

Arnold Boyer provided an extensive update on the Transport Portfolio (Mercier Bridge, R-207 traffic issues, R-132 repaving project and requests for improved access to R-138), and the Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Incorporated files

Tonya Perron provided an update on the Community Decision Making and Review Process (policies & regulations) & Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee files and the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board

Stephen McComber updated on the Food Sovereignty Portfolio and recent tour of a facility in Oneida, Wisconsin

Jessica Lazare provided an update on the Tioweró:ton Committee (safety issues), Language and Cultural Portfolio, the Alouettes event to be held at the Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex (September 27) and Consultation Committee files

Ryan Montour updated on the Public Safety Portfolio (Probation file & R-207 traffic issues)

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided an update on a recent panel discussion for Climate Week in NYC, ground-breaking ceremony for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (Hertel Project) Converter Station in Queens, Astoria, Bill C-53 Rally in Ottawa, gaming file, Multi-Purpose Building Project Fundraising Cabinet, Jay Treaty Border Alliance, and the Economic Development Portfolio.

- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at 5:03 pm