



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 4 Enniskó:wa/March 2024**

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

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attended remotely from 11:11 to noon), Jessica Lazare (Chairperson from 11:11 to noon), Ryan Montour, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Arnold Boyer and Lindsay LeBorgne

**Out:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Vacation), Cody Diabo (Vacation), Iohahí:io Delisle (Vacation), Harry Rice (Leave of Absence)

**Also Present:** Vernon Goodleaf (Office of the Council of Chiefs Project Leader, Chief Political Advisor replacement), David Lahache (Public Relations replacement), Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Tyanna Kirby & Taiawentetie Hemlock (Assistants to the Council of Chiefs)

#### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Arnold Boyer
- Upcoming Vacations (March 2024): Ross Montour (March 7-12), Jessica Lazare (March 8, 27-28), Lindsay LeBorgne (March 11-19), Arnold Boyer (March 14-15, 25-29)
- Cheque Signers: Lindsay LeBorgne and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations: MCK Friday on K1037 – March 8, 2024 (Ryan Montour)
- Minute Approvals: December 11, 2023, and January 8 & 15, 2024 – Deferred
- (2) Travel Requests – Jessica Lazare - Iroquois Caucus Harvesting Working Group, Tyendinaga – March 14, 2024, and Indigenous Rights and First Nations Language Experts Committee, St. Sauveur March 21-22 – Approved
- **Jessica Lazare:** Friday: Vacation Day
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Crisis Response Team update, Peacekeeper Service Board meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** No Scheduled meetings; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Consultation Committee meeting, personal day (pm); Friday: Wellness Day
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Riverside Musical Park Project demonstration at the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center; Friday: Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-weekly and quarry site visit/meeting in Mascouche
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Economic Development Portfolio Team meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Monday:** Speaking engagement at Concordia University on the Canadian Indian Act; Wednesday: Prep meeting for Reconnecting Cities Initiative Annual Conference & Binnaagami Shared Circle Event; Thursday: Crisis Response Team (CRT) update, Jay Treaty Border Alliance Executive Committee meetings; Friday & Saturday: Participating at the Indigenous Women's Leadership Conference in Montreal

#### **Agenda Item**

##### **Update on Industrial Spill**

*Presence of Stacey Douglas (MCK Legal), Benjamin Green-Stacy (Director of Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office [KEPO]), Chris Stacey (Executive Infrastructure Officer) Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – Update on current status of industrial spill in Châteauguay, recent implementation of the Crisis Response Team (formally known as the Fuel Response Working Group). KEPO will be working on developing a hydrological study, best cleanup practices for the spill, along with the creation of a night shift for around-the-clock cleanup and monitoring. Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on last week's meeting with Premier Legault and Ian Lafrenière in Châteauguay.*

##### **Executive Director Update**

Onerahtókha Marquis provided an update on employee safety & security issues at some MCK offices, the Collective Impact file, and the Quarry file.

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### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

**Jessica Lazare** updated on a possible funding opportunity for a Heritage, Language, or Cultural project, Indigenous Rights and First Nations Language Experts Committee, and the Multi-Purpose Building Project

**Ryan Montour** updated on Ikea overstock items for the Kateri Food Basket and the Peacekeeper's execution of a search warrant on Friday, March 1, 2024

**Stephen McComber** updated on the Kateri Food Basket as part of the Sustainable Development Portfolio and possible distribution of seeds to local schools with the assistance of Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact

**Ross Montour** updated on last week's meeting with the Odanak and Wolinak councils regarding the Northvolt project

**Arnold Boyer** updated on Community Meetings and possibly having a moderator present to ensure the meetings are respectful.

**Lindsay LeBorgne** updated on the Finance, Operations, and Administrations file

**Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer** updated on the events of the Industrial spill of last week, meeting with Mr. Bronfman regarding possible funding for the Multi-Purpose Building, last week's meeting with Premier Legault in Châteauguay regarding the industrial spill, along with other outstanding issues with Kahnawà:ke.

Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **3:50pm**.