



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 6 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2024**

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

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Iohahí:io Delisle, Ryan Montour, Harry Rice, Stephen McComber, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

**Out:** Nitsénhaienhs Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation), Ross Montour (Vacation)

**Also Present:** Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Lisa Lahache (Public Relations), Tricia Diabo (Administrative Support Coordinator), Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator – attended virtually), Tyanna Kirby (Executive Assistant), Taiawentetie Hemlock (Assistant to the Council of Chiefs)

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare
- Chiefs Vacations in May: Tonya Perron (May 24), Cody Diabo (May 24), Jessica Lazare (May 24), Ryan Montour (May 15-17), Arnold Boyer (May 27-31), Stephen McComber (May 17), Kahsennenhawe (May 17)
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: Election dates have been chosen and to be announced later in the week (Nominations, Meet the Candidates, Election Dates); Chiefs Uncut – Tonya Perron (May 6), Ross Montour (May 13), MCK Friday – Chiefs To Be Determined (May 17); Community Meeting (May 8), Community Engagement Kiosk (May 17)
- Minute Approvals: March 11 and March 18 **Passed by Consensus**
- Chiefs Attendance at Blackfoot Confederacy visit (May 28): Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Iohahí:io: Ryan, Tonya Perron, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer **Approved**
- Invitation: 2024 Annual Gathering of the Grand Economic Circle of Indigenous Peoples and Quebec – Lindsay LeBorgne and Alexandre Beaupre to attend (Montreal, June 3) **For future discussion**
- Incoming letter from Community Member **Response will be drafted and circulated for review**
- Incoming letter from Native Women's Shelter: request for letter of support for grant application **Approved**
- Call for sponsors: Kateri Memorial Foundation 10th Annual Golf Tournament **Deferred to the Finance, Administration, and Operations Committee for approval**
- Invitation: 2nd Indigenous Laws Gathering, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 2SLGBTQQIA+ Representatives (expenses paid by AFN) Tonya Perron and Winona Polson-Lahache (Wendake – June 11-12) **Approved**
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Providing traditional opening at Climate Summit; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) weekly, and Land Management meetings, Community meeting; Thursday: Lands and Territories Portfolio, Consultation Committee, and Industrial Spill Crisis Response Team (CRT) meetings; Friday: out (Wellness)
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Regional Committee on First Nations Languages meeting and Community meeting; Thursday: Multi-Purpose Building, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission (KLC) monthly meetings; Friday: out am (Wellness), Governance Portfolio meeting
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Wednesday: Community Meeting; Thursday: Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis meeting; Friday: Specific Claims meeting



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- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Community meeting; Thursday: Community Prevention Action group and Industrial Spill CRT meetings; Friday: Transport internal meeting, Canadian Pacific/Kansas City (CPKC) Rail working group meeting; Saturday: Canada-East Wrestling Event
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Sports and Recreation focus groups; Thursday: Lands Portfolio and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) meetings; Saturday: Canada-East Wrestling Event
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Community meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of strategic discussions, Community Meeting; Thursday: KLC monthly meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services working group meeting, Governance Portfolio meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Community Meeting; Thursday: out (Wellness); Friday: Transport meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group and Tewatohnni'saktha Board meetings, and One Young World event preparatory session; Wednesday: meeting with potential funders for Multi-Purpose Building and Community meeting; Thursday: virtual Preparatory session for Electricity Camp presentation, meeting with Boralex; Friday: out am (Wellness), Governance Portfolio meeting

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry (OKKR) Registrar**

*Presence of Melanie Gilbert (General Manger, OKKR), Michael Delisle Jr. (Registrar), and Tahatie Diabo (Executive Assistant), Portfolio Chief Harry Rice*

Request to officially appoint Michael Delisle as the Registrar for the *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law* and the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*. **Passed by consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Community Wellness Plan 2024-2032**

*Presence of Derek Montour (KSCS Executive Director), Vernon Goodleaf (OCC Project Leader), Kahonwentha Stacey (OCC Project Leader) Portfolio Chief Iohahí:io Delisle*

Request to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Kahnawà:ke Community Wellness Plan 2024-2032. **Passed by Consensus**

#### **Record of Decision: Recreation Master Plan and Recreation Center Feasibility Study**

*Presence of Kyle Zacharie (Kahnawà:ke Youth Center Director of Operations) Alan-John Rice (Executive Operations Officer), Roiahtate Horn (Director of Sports and Recreation Unit), Kahonwentha Stacey (OCC Project Leader) Portfolio Chief Harry Rice*

Request to the Council of Chiefs to allow Sports and Recreation Unit to access Community Mobilization dollars for the Recreation Master Plan and Recreation Center Feasibility Study. Next step will be a Mohawk Council Executive Directive to appoint the signer for approval. **Approved by Consensus**

#### **Record of Decision: Approval of Chiefs Vacation Payouts Item deferred**

### **Chiefs Updates**

**Harry Rice** updated on the Canada-East Wrestling Event and the ISC

**Stephen McComber** updated on lands issue

**Iohahí:io Delisle** updated on Environment

**Arnold Boyer** updated on Public Works

**Tonya Perron** updated tax exemption inquiries and the Administrative Affairs portfolio



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**Jessica Lazare** updated on the Multipurpose building budget and capital campaign

**Cody Diabo** updated on the returning land designation, Lands Unit

**Ryan Montour** updated on Public Safety and CPKC Rail

**Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer** updated on the meetings with federal Senators in Ottawa, Investment Revenue Committee, Economic Development Portfolio meeting, and the Multipurpose Building Cabinet

### **Executive Director's Updates**

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on Public Works seasonal work, Housing, Asset Management, and the Industrial Fuel Spill CRT

Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:20pm**