



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 27, Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2025

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo, Jeremiah Johnson, Ryan Montour (morning session only), Melanie Morrison, Iohahí:io Delisle, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

Out: Ratitsénhaienhs Paul Rice (Medical Leave), Jeffrey Diabo (attending education meeting at First Nations Regional Adult Education Centre), Ryan Montour (pm - attending Corrections Services Canada presentation)

Also Present: Meagan Ottereyes (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Lisa Lahache (Public Relations); and for Housekeeping only: Tyanna Kirby and Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistants)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron and Cody Diabo
- Annual Registrar Report **Deferred**
- Letter to Trump **Approved by majority vote**
- Letters to Trudeau **Approved**
- Invitation: Chateauguay & Valley Irish Heritage Association Parade Judge (Chateauguay – March 23) Cody Diabo **Approved**
- Private Estate Sale – David Diabo **Item Referred to the Lands Unit**
- Minute Approvals: July 31 **Approved by consensus**; August 12 **Approved by consensus**; and August 26 **Approved by consensus**
- Public Relations Items: Ratitsénhaienhs Updates (Ross Montour), Community Meeting, Press Scrum **For information purposes**
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Regulatory Boards Commission & Labor (RBCL) meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) working group and Office of the Kanien'keháka of Kahnawà:ke meetings; Friday: Press Scrum and KLS working group meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Corrections Services Canada presentation Wednesday: Community Prevention Action Group and Justice Portfolio meetings, out pm (Wellness), Community Meeting; Thursday: Investment Revenue Committee and Kateri Memorial Foundation (KMF) appreciation dinner; Friday: Press Scrum
- **Melanie Morrison:** Tuesday: Travel to Ottawa for Canadian Red Cross Ready 2025 Conference; Wednesday: Attending Canadian Red Cross Ready 2025 Conference, Community Meeting; Thursday: Human Resource (HR) Matters; Friday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Wednesday: RBCL meeting, Kahnawà:ke/Quebec Relations (KQR) Northvolt update, Community Meeting; Thursday: Lands Unit update, Economic Development Portfolio meeting, KMF appreciation dinner; Friday: Press Scrum, Homeless Shelter meeting
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Canadian Red Cross Ready 2025 Conference, Community Meeting; Thursday: Lands Unit update, Indigenous Rights & Research (IRR) Portfolio meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Community Meeting; Thursday: IRR Portfolio meeting; Friday: Press Scrum, Environment Portfolio meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: KQR Northvolt update, Community Meeting, Thursday: Nano Explorer and IRR Portfolio meetings; Friday: Press Scrum and Environment Portfolio meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: RBCL, Justice Portfolio, and Community meetings; Thursday: KLS working group meeting, HR Matters; Friday: FAO and KLS working group meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Hydro-Quebec vegetation management, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board, and Community meetings; Thursday: Tehontatró:ris presentation, pm out (Flex); Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated bi-weekly meeting, Press Scrum
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: lunchtime CDPQ prep session; Tuesday: K1037 noon hour talk show appearance for Lands Summit (SSSL); Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussions, OCC Management Team, KQR Northvolt update, Grand Chiefs Office and Community meetings; Thursday: Canadian Press interview for CDPQ partnership, Bill s-268 meeting, HR Matters; Friday: FAO and negotiations meetings



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Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Heritage Portfolio Mandate, 2024-2027

Presence of Trina C. Diabo (Project Technician) Portfolio Chief: Melanie Morrison

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the Heritage Portfolio mandate for the 2024-2027 term of office.

Passed by Consensus

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Bank of Montreal Akwesasne Signers

Presence of Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer) and Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Financial Services) Portfolio Chief: Jeffrey Diabo

Request to the Council of Chiefs to appoint Nikola Mirkovic, Director of Financial Services, as an authorized Contact on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke at the Bank of Montreal Akwesasne.

Passed by Consensus

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke Signers

Presence of Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer) and Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Financial Services) Portfolio Chief: Jeffrey Diabo

Request to the Council of Chiefs to appoint Nikola Mirkovic, Director of Financial Services, as an authorized Contact on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke at the Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke.

Passed by Consensus

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Wire Transfer Designates

Presence of Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer) and Nikola Mirkovic (Director of Financial Services) Portfolio Chief: Jeffrey Diabo

Request to the Council of Chiefs to appoint Nikola Mirkovic, Director of Financial Services, as an authorized person to conduct wire transfers subject to current purchasing procedures.

Passed by Consensus

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Two (2) Band Transfers to Kahnawà:ke

Presence of Melanie Gilbert (General Manager, Office of the KKR) Portfolio Chief Jeremiah Johnson

Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve two (2) band transfers to the Kanien'keháka of Kahnawà:ke Federal List, further to the previous addition to the KKR.

Passed by Consensus (Note: Abstention of one by David Diabo due to conflict of interest)

Executive Office Updates

Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis, Executive Director

Onerahtokha updated on EDC matters, Economic Development, Information Management,

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

Ryan Montour updated on the Peacekeeper Services Board retreat

Tonya Perron updated on Governance, Administrative Affairs, Justice, and Victims Services

Melanie Morrison updated on the Multi-Purpose Building

Jeremiah Johnson updated on Community Safety

Iohahí:io Delisle updated on Social Supports and Accessibility

Adjournment

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **4:13pm**