



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 30 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2017

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Carl Horn, Clinton Phillips, Christine Zachary-Deom, Billy Diabo, Gina Deer, Arlene Jacobs, Bobby Patton (all present)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director) and Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor)

House Keeping

- Cheque Signers for the week: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Kenneth McComber
- Reading into the Minutes of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada Multi-Year Funding Agreement #1112-03-000003, Notice of Budget Adjustment #6
- Martin Leborgne: Housing meeting on Tuesday (with Bobby Patton); meeting in Akwesasne regarding Hunting issues (with Bobby Patton)
- Gina Deer: meeting with Loto-Quebec officials on Friday; out of office next week to attend ICE Totally Gaming exposition/trade show in London, England
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: meeting with publisher regarding book project on Tuesday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday
- Billy Diabo: Onkwatakarìh'tahtsera meeting on Thursday (with Rhonda Kirby)
- Bobby Patton: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday; attending Iroquois Caucus meeting in Ottawa next Wednesday and Thursday
- Rhonda Kirby: Community Health Plan meeting on Tuesday; meeting on Mohawk Self Insurance on Tuesday; North American Indigenous Games fundraising meeting on Wednesday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday; Training session at Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services from Friday to Sunday
- Clinton Phillips: attending Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meetings in Wendake on Tuesday to Thursday
- Kenneth McComber: will use Wellness hours on Tuesday morning and Thursday morning; meeting on potential business project (with Gina Deer) on Wednesday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Species at Risk teleconference on Monday; meeting with Quebec representatives on potential museum/theatre building on Tuesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); meeting on Thursday regarding St. Lawrence Region River Management; Mercier Bridge specific claim meeting on Friday
- Joe Norton: Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meetings in Wendake on Tuesday and Wednesday; meeting with officials from Loto-Quebec on Friday (with Gina Deer); in London, England next week to attend ICE Totally Gaming exposition/trade show



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Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Non-Entitlement to Reside Action Steps

Discussion on action plan regarding Non-Entitlement to Reside. Information to be released to community in the near future

Request for Decision: Cannabis Consultation and Investment Opportunities

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Dennis Diabo and Paul Rice.
Discussion on potential opportunities regarding legal Medical Marijuana (Cannabis). As the Canadian government has indicated that it intends to create legislation to legalize recreational marijuana, Chief & Council agree to begin a process of education/information regarding this topic. A consultation plan will be developed.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Discussions/Updates

- OCC Project Leader Lloyd Phillips provided updates on relations with the Quebec government on several files
- Update discussion on individual arrested recently on drug charges.
- Discussion on news of survey begun by private business persons over the past several days regarding proposed casino. MCK was not informed that such a survey would be taking place. No statement to be made until more information becomes available. Proponents have not yet requested a meeting with MCK on the matter.
- Gina Deer provided update on meetings regarding Tobacco.
- Discussion/update on Border Crossing (Kenneth McComber and Billy Diabo).
- Lack of universal recognition of Kahnawake Survival School diplomas and resulting problems was discussed.
- Rhonda Kirby and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided updates on *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* and the proposed Residency Law.
- Billy Diabo provided update on meeting with Mt. Kaaikop coalition member and upcoming meeting at Champlain Border.
- Arlene Jacobs reported that she has attended several routine meetings regarding Public Works.
- Rhonda Kirby updated the table about an art-related initiative between the federal "Canada 150" and Jacques Cartier & Chaplain Bridges Inc. Official announcement is forthcoming shortly. Also provided update on fundraising initiative meeting for Team Kahnawake (North American Indigenous Games).