



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 5 Enniska/February 2018

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

Absent: Nitsénhaiehns Joe Norton (Travel), and Gina Deer (Medical Leave, returning to office on Monday, 12 Enniskó:wa/March 2018)

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

House Keeping

- Cheque Signers: Arlene Jacobs & Kenneth McComber
- Agenda set for upcoming Winter Community Meeting on 13, Enniska/February. See press release dated 6, Enniska/February 2018 for details
- **Clinton Phillips:** Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Lands meeting in Gatineau (Ottawa) on Tuesday; attending Assembly of First Nations Quebec & Labrador in Gatineau from February 13 to 15
- **Billy Diabo:** Tioweró:ton meeting on Monday afternoon; Border Crossing meeting on Tuesday; meeting in Tioweró:ton on Thursday
- **Bobby Patton:** attending Iroquois Caucus Harvesting working group meetings in Six Nations and Tyendinaga from Tuesday to Thursday
- **Kenneth McComber:** Medical appointment on Wednesday afternoon; Hydro Quebec working group meeting on Thursday
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** meeting with Community member on Monday afternoon; Marriage Leave Days on Wednesday and Thursday
- **Martin Leborgne:** Medical appointment in the morning; Tewatohnhi'saktha board meeting on Tuesday; Housing meeting on Wednesday; Medical appointment on Thursday morning
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** Consultation meeting on Monday afternoon; presenting opening remarks at meeting of Quebec English-speaking chiefs meeting in Montreal, and Université de Montreal Archaeology Training meeting on Tuesday; Media interview on Wednesday regarding Land Claims
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Key Leadership planning meeting on Monday afternoon; Labor meeting on Tuesday; Collective Impact meeting on Wednesday; presentation to Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission on Thursday

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Trois-Rivières Port Facility Expansion Project Federal Funding Contribution Agreement

Presence of Paul Nicholas. This request is for MCK to enter a Contribution Agreement with the Canadian Environment Assessment Agency for the purposes on participating in the Environmental Impact Statement Summary and Draft Environmental Assessment Report and potential conditions for the Trois-Rivières Port facility Expansion Project. In order to proceed, MCK must enter into this Contribution Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions for the payment of funds and the parties' respective obligations. The Kahnawà:ke Environmental Protection Office participates in such consultation matters on behalf of the MCK and supports this request. Passed unanimously.

Request for Decision: Castaloo SLS7 Land Lease Project

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services) and David Lahache. MCK had been approached by Castaloo to inquire whether there was a possibility of leasing land to use as a storage facility, to be used for their shipping operations at Ste. Catherine docks. The proposal was not accepted.

Update on Bell Tower Lease

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services) and Lois Williams. Information provided to Chief & Council regarding changes to telecommunications tower leases held by Bell, which will be transferred to Telus. This is expected to have little or no impact on the lease arrangements.

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Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Discussions/Updates

- Billy Diabo informed the table on complaints that he has received by Border Agents regarding the lack of 'magnetic information strips' on Indian Status Cards issued by Canada.
- Billy Diabo reported that the Tioweró:ton Lands Conference held on Saturday, 3 Enníska/February was attended by over fifty persons from both Kahnawà:ke and Kanesatake.
- Arlene Jacobs informed the table of complaints/concerns regarding private snow removal operators pushing snow either onto streets or sidewalks, which is causing problems for the Public Works. This issue was discussed at some length. Efforts will be made to rectify the situation.
- Arlene Jacobs advised that there will be adjustments coming to the hours of operation of the Transfer Depot to address community needs. Announcements on increased hours on a trial basis will be made shortly.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 10:54am**