



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 3 Onerahtókha/April 2017

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

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

House Keeping

- Cheque signers: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Kenneth McComber
- Chateaugay mayor and city council meeting on Thursday at MCK. All Chief & Council to attend
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Childcare meeting, attending *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law Second Hearing* meeting; Wednesday: Aboriginal Initiatives Fund meeting, meeting with Kahnawà:ke Labor Office on Workforce Mobility; Friday: Cannabis presentation at McGill University
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** Wednesday: attending meeting with Minister Carolyn Bennett in Montreal (see April 4th press release for details)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Iroquois Caucus Membership/Citizenship Summit prep meeting, *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law Second Hearing* meeting; Wednesday and Thursday: attending Language & Culture Fair; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission monthly meeting; Kahnawake Youth Center board meeting on Friday
- **Bobby Patton:** Tuesday: meeting with Grand Council of the Crees Grand Chief Abel Bosum regarding hunting issues, and Education meeting; Thursday: meeting with CP Rail
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Lori Jacobs Memorial Recognition Award meeting; Wednesday: Aboriginal Initiatives Fund meeting; to attend dinner in Montreal to honor Christine Zachary-Deom on Tuesday, 10 Onerahtókha/April
- **Arlene Jacobs:** Tuesday: attending *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law Second Hearing* meeting
- **Martin Leborgne** attending *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law Second Hearing* meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Tuesday: Lands meeting; Wednesday: meeting with Minister Carolyn Bennett in Montreal
- **Billy Diabo:** Wednesday: meeting with Homeland Security (by telephone); Friday: meeting with Kanesatake Chief Victor Bonspille regarding Tioweró:ton Caretaker
- **Joe Norton:** Tuesday: meeting with U.S. Consul General in Montreal, dinner with Grand Council of the Crees Grand Chief Abel Bosum; Wednesday: attending meeting with Minister Carolyn Bennett in Montreal; Friday: K103 Partyline Talkshow

Formal Agenda Items

None submitted

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Request for Decision: Aboriginal Initiatives Fund III

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), David Lahache, Paul Nicholas and Lloyd Phillips. Gina Deer has been given the authority to sign financial agreement with Quebec on behalf of MCK. Aboriginal Initiatives Fund was created to assist Aboriginal businesses within the province of Quebec. Passed unanimously (Joe Norton and Carl Horn were not present).

Discussions/Updates

- Gina Deer provided an update on Gaming issues, with discussion following.
- Rhonda Kirby provided brief updates on the Mercier Bridge, Cannabis and a recent Sexual Assault Forum she attended.
- The topic of upcoming meeting regarding Quebec's Integrated Port Zone project was brought forth by Rhonda Kirby. After much discussion it was decided that the MCK will only attend as observers and will conduct its own study on this project.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer reminded the table of the upcoming Language & Culture Fair, and requested a volunteer with a truck to assist in transporting materials to the site. Martin Leborgne agreed to assist.
- Meeting adjourned at **11:52am**