



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 8 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2017**

**In:** Ratitsénhahienhs Joe Norton, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Kenneth McComber, Gina Deer, Christine Zachary-Deom, Arlene Jacobs, Billy Diabo, Carl Horn, Martin Leborgne, Bobby Patton and Clinton Phillips

**Out:** Rhonda Kirby (Vacation)

**Also Present:** Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director) and Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor)

#### **House Keeping**

- **Cheque Signers for the week:** Arlene Jacobs and Kenneth McComber
- **Community Meeting** will take place on Tuesday. All will be in attendance except Christine Zachary-Deom, who is attending an event on behalf of the MCK.
- **Collective Impact** conference will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Joe Norton, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Carl Horn attending, with Christine Zachary attending only on Wednesday
- **A30 Court Case:** Clinton Phillips, Martin Leborgne, Arlene Jacobs, Bobby Patton, Billy Diabo and Kenneth McComber attending from Monday to Wednesday. Joe Norton and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer attending on Monday only
- **Minute Acceptance** for April 3, 10 and 18, 2017. Passed unanimously.
- **Arlene Jacobs:** Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis briefing on Thursday (with Christine Zachary-Deom); Lands meeting (with Clinton Phillips and Martin Leborgne); Tioweró:ton Community Meeting on Saturday in Tioweró:ton (with Billy Diabo)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center board meeting on Thursday (tentative); Kahnawà:ke Membership Law drafting team meeting on Friday (with Arlene Jacobs)
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** World Health Summit meeting in Montreal on Monday afternoon; Montreal Flag Committee meeting on Tuesday in Montreal; attending Vernissage for Indigenous Artists in Montreal on Tuesday
- **Kenneth McComber:** meeting with Canadian Pacific Railway on Thursday
- **Summer Schedule:** The final scheduled Council Meeting before the summer recess (from official Council meetings) will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. The regular schedule will resume after Labor Day. Please note that Council Meetings can be convened at any time should it be deemed necessary

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Legal Cannabis Working Group**

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Ron Skye and Paul Rice.* Discussion on information, community consultation and public relations took place in regard to legal medical cannabis and the impending legalization of recreational cannabis and its potential social and economic impacts in Kahnawake. No Executive Directive was necessary; community consultation will remain the priority and will begin shortly.

##### **Request for Decision: Revised Constitution of the Justice Commission**

*Presence of Kevin Fleischer.* The revised Constitution emphasizes the role of the Justice Commission in safeguarding judicial independence from any interference. This updating also consolidates the Constitution into one document. Approved in Principle, passed unanimously.

##### **Request for Decision: Tawatohni'saktha Request for Financial Support**

*Presence of Paul Rice.* Request by Tawatohni'saktha for funds to cover certain shortfalls in the total amount of \$381,559 in order to balance the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Passed unanimously.

#### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Decisions**

##### **Land Allotments (2)**

##### **Discussions/Updates**

Kenneth McComber initiated a discussion regarding a request by Scouts Canada to hold an event in Kahnawake. A meeting will be scheduled with Scouts Canada to discuss the request.

Joe Norton will be sending a letter to request funding support for the Hunting, Fishing & Harvesters Working Group by all Iroquois Caucus member communities.

Meeting was closed at approximately 12:20pm