



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

---

### **Monday, 28 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2018**

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

**Also Present:** Samantha Montour-Cross (Recorder), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs Operations), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

#### **House Keeping**

- Cheque signers: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Kenneth McComber
- Minute Acceptance for May 14, 2018
- Travel Request by Joe Norton to attend International Intertribal Trade Mission & Conference in Norman, Oklahoma from June 2-6. Back in the office next Thursday. Approved
- Travel Request by Gina Deer to attend Gaming and Cannabis Conference in Toronto from June 16 to 19. Approved
- Request by Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project regarding an upcoming Research Study being conducted on 'Resource Dependency.' Kahnawà:ke is one of seven Indigenous communities in Quebec being approached in this matter. A meeting will be scheduled with the proponents to discuss the proposal in further detail
- **Kenneth McComber:** Friday: Key Leadership meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: meeting on Gaming issues; Thursday: meeting with New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement representatives
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** Wednesday to Saturday: attending Governor General's Heraldry symposium in Ottawa
- **Billy Diabo:** Wednesday: prep session for Saturday's Tioweró:ton Special Meeting; Saturday: Tioweró:ton Special Meeting
- **Arlene Jacobs:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (K/CR) prep session; Wednesday: K/CR Membership meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Residency Law working group; Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board of Directors meeting, Collective Impact meeting; Thursday: Cannabis meeting; Friday: Key Leadership meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Tuesday: K/CR prep session; Wednesday: K/CR meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: K/CR prep session; Wednesday: K/CR Membership meeting; Friday: Key Leadership meeting, Kahnawake Youth Center Vegas planning meeting
- **Joe Norton:** Wednesday: meeting with Stats Canada regarding potential project funding; Saturday: Travel to Norman, Oklahoma to attend International Intertribal Trade Mission & Conference

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Cannabis**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice, Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis, Dennis Diabo & Lloyd Phillips. Client Attorney privileged*

##### **Request for Decision, Discussion: Miller v. Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

*Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong & Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Chief & Council also unanimously agreed not to appeal the Quebec Superior Court decision brought forth by Waneek Horn-Miller et al. The decision to pay the damages awarded by the Court was passed by a vote of 9 to 3, with Carl Horn, Billy Diabo and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer objecting (Press Release forthcoming).*

#### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives**

None submitted

#### **Discussions/Updates**

- Meeting adjourned at **4:18pm**