



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday & Tuesday, 27 & 28 Seskéha/August 2018

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwiro Norton, Tonya Perron, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Michael Delisle, Jr., Gina Deer (out from 1:30pm to 3:55pm Monday for appointment), Lloyd Phillips, Clinton Phillips, Carl Horn, Harry Rice, Lindsay LeBorgne, Rhonda Kirby, and Ross Montour (all in attendance)

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

Housekeeping/Travel

- Meeting convened at 8:35am Monday morning
- Reading into the Minutes of Department of Indigenous Services Canada (Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada) Multi- Year Funding Agreement #1112-03-000003 Amendment #43
- **Clinton Phillips:** Travel Request to attend Nuclear Waste working group meeting in Toronto on October 4th. Approved. Also requested a \$500 honorarium for Traditional Singers to appear at upcoming Social at Tioweró:ton in September. Approved. Vacation Thursday and Friday
- Cheque Signers: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Rhonda Kirby
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** informed the table that he has been invited to a World Trade Center commemorative event on December 13th
- **Gina Deer:** out on Monday afternoon (Wellness); information session on proposed *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* on Tuesday evening; attending meeting with Roussillon representatives to discuss Policing issues on Wednesday
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takéhnhas Community Services board meeting on Monday; proposed *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* information session on Tuesday evening
- **Harry Rice:** attending a meeting with Parks Canada re: Artifacts on Wednesday
- **Agenda set for September 11th Community Meeting:** 1) Land Allotments; 2) Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations matters; 3) Proposed Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law; 4) Portfolio Allocations; Open Discussion. (Please note that this was addressed at the Tuesday, August 28 portion of the meeting.)

Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Decision: Release of Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Member for Transfer to Mohawks of Akwesasne

Presence of Shari Lahache & Alan John Rice. Request by community member to officially transfer to Akwesasne, where she has lived her entire life. Approved unanimously

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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Alternate Death Document Project

Presence of Shari Lahache & Alan John Rice. Project created by MCK Membership Department to address the issue of persons who have passed away without providing a Death Certificate to either the Membership Department or, in other cases, the Federal government. The proper research was conducted over a period of Five years to ensure that the list of deceased persons is accurately depicted. In these instances persons have been removed from 'active' status to Presumed Deceased on the *Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry*. The project should prove useful on a number of levels – for example, some of these persons may hold interests in Lands. Indigenous & Northern Affairs Canada has agreed to the same actions (moved to 'Presumed Deceased') following the passage of this Mohawk Council Executive Directive. Passed unanimously

Update: Hurricane Fuel

Presence of Kevin Kennedy & Melissa Morris. Discussion on proposed agreement with private citizen to gain access to Highway 30 lands in the area of the 207 intersection.

Presentation: Kahnawake Mohawk Entertainment Resort (KMER)

Presence of KMER Working Group representatives Karrie Lacroix, Debbie Delisle & Arlene Hamelin-Diabo and Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Presentation and discussion of proposed project, including request for MCK involvement.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies Project (KSE) Relocation Confirmation

Presence of Bud Morris (KSE), David Lahache, Lynn Jacobs & Paul Rice. Request for formal confirmation of the KSE project location from St. Cyprien-de-Napierville to St. Remi and St. Michel. New wind energy project includes new partnership with Kruger Energy. Project to proceed pending completion of regulatory processes. Passed unanimously

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relation Memorandum of Understanding

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Winona Polson-Lahache, Lynn Jacobs & David Lahache. Draft document outlining the renewal of political relationship with Quebec, which includes Statement of Understanding and Mutual Respect. Upon signing by both parties, this will replace/update the previous Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2009. Passed unanimously

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Mercier Bridge Memorandum of Understanding

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Winona Polson Lahache, Lynn Jacobs & David Lahache. Mohawk Executive requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for a Special Committee for Kahnawà:ke and Quebec on the Mercier Bridge Project, and a mandate for a sub-committee on technical studies. Passed unanimously

Note: Monday portion of meeting adjourned at **3:55pm** and resumed at **8:45am** on Tuesday, August 28 (portion below)

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Update: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services) & David Lahache. Discussion on various issues related to Quebec/ Canada Relations files. Grand Chief Norton indicated that he will be meeting with Quebec Native Affairs Minister Geoffrey Kelley on Wednesday to discuss several concerns.

Discussion: Legal Matter

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Service). Attorney/Client Privileged

Internal Debriefing re: Kahnawake Mohawk Entertainment Resort (KMER) Working Group

Client/Attorney Privileged

Meeting ended at **2:35pm**