



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 1 Tsothóhrha/December 2014**

**In:** Chiefs Mike Delisle, Lloyd Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Clinton Phillips, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Martin Leborgne, Christine Zachary-Deom, Carl Horn, Kenneth McComber, Bobby Patton, Billy Diabo (all present)

**Also Present:** Melissa Curotte (recorder), Mike O'Brien (Chief of Staff, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

#### **House Keeping**

- Minutes acceptance for November 17, 2014 (first part)
- Proxy Vote for Assembly of First Nations National Chief election. Chief Lloyd Phillips will be attending special assembly next week. He will vote on behalf of Grand Chief Mike Delisle. Chief & Council unanimous in their support for Ghislain Picard
- Request for Decision: potential purchase of private village lot/property. Recommended action to not purchase the property was accepted unanimously. Meeting will be set up to explore other options
- Bobby Patton & Martin Leborgne: attending Iroquois Caucus on Thursday and Friday, with Wednesday set aside for travel.
- Gina Deer: will attend Iroquois Caucus on Thursday for tobacco agenda item
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Kahnawake Youth Center board meeting on Monday; Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relation Membership meeting on Thursday; out of the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for school commitments
- Rhonda Kirby: Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting on Thursday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Seigneurie community consultation on Tuesday; Kateri Memorial Hospital Center Users Committee meeting on Wednesday
- Carl Horn: press conference to announce fundraising event featuring Montreal Canadiens Alumni on Tuesday (see press release dated December 2, 2014)
- Mike Delisle: Seigneurie community consultation launch on Tuesday; K103 Talkshow on Tuesday and Friday; out Wednesday morning; Seigneurie lands meeting on Thursday; meeting with chiefs federal negotiator John Lemieux on Friday

#### **Agenda**

##### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Canada Housing & Mortgage (CMHC) On-reserve Housing Program, Section 95 2014-2015**

*Presence of Iris Jacobs.* Approximate \$683,000 submission to CMHC to build additional units in the existing 'Rent-to-own' affordable housing program (two similar applications were accepted previously). Total cost of this project will be \$972,000, with \$780,000 as the MCK equity portion and \$192,000 as a loan portion, to be recovered through the program. The project meets all requirements of CMHC Section 95 'not-for-profit' projects. Passed unanimously

#### **Updates/Discussions**

- Update on events commemorating the upcoming 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kahnawà:ke's move to current location, which is being coordinated by Kahnawà:ke Tourism and the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center. Kenneth McComber updated on initiatives to engage the borough of Lachine and the City of Montreal to work collaboratively on the project (Montreal is celebrating its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Lachine its 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017). Chief & Council support the initiative
- Lloyd Phillips initiated discussion of Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law, which is being considered for submission the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs 'for information purposes.' Legal Services will present recommendations on the matter shortly
- Christine Zachary-Deom initiated discussion on possibility of formalizing or expanding Consultation Committee due to increased requests for participation of MCK. To be discussed more fully in future