



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

### **Monday, 5 Tsothóhrha/December 2016**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby, Arlene Jacobs, Martin Leborgne, Carl Horn, Christine Zachary-Deom, Billy Diabo, and Kenneth McComber

**Out:** Joe Norton, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips (all attending Assembly of First Nations meetings in Gatineau, Quebec) and Bobby Patton (Vacation)

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

#### **House Keeping**

- Reading of Aboriginal & Northern Affairs Multi-Year Funding Agreement #1112-03-000003 Notice of Budget Adjustment #5 into the Council Minutes
- Cheque signers this week: Arlene Jacobs and Kenneth McComber
- Christine Zachary-Deom: meeting regarding potential Museum Funding on Monday; Personal Day on Wednesday; Justice Commission meeting on Thursday; Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis and Kanawaki Lease meetings on Friday
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting with Quebec Transport Ministry (MTQ) representatives on Wednesday
- Billy Diabo: Policy review meeting on Thursday
- Martin Leborgne: Tewatohnhi'saktha board meeting on Tuesday
- Request for Decision regarding *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes and Matrimonial Real Interests Law. Presence of Paul Nicholas*. Request brought forth on behalf of Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips to have Chief & Council overturn the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission's decision to reject a request to extend the deadline for the law to proceed into the Information Dissemination Phase of the Community Decision Making Process. The KLCC's decision was upheld unanimously. (See KLCC press release dated December 7, 2016 for details).

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Request for Decision/Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation On-Reserve Housing Program Section 95**

*Presence of Alexis Shackleton and Paul Rice.* Request by the MCK Housing Department for support to submit an application for the Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation on-reserve non-profit housing program. Passed unanimously.

##### **Request for Decision, Approval of Compensatory Supplement**

*Presence of Veronica Leborgne, Davis Montour, Alana Goodleaf-Rice and Paul Rice.* Requested to approve the transitional cost to implement a new salary market study, with approval of a budget supplement as a one-time adjustment for compensation, with full details to be announced shortly. Passed unanimously.

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



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None submitted.

### **Discussions/Updates:**

- Carl Horn updated the table on the issue of a telecommunications tower that had been erected on the property used by the Kahnawake Marina. He reported that there were problems in regard to the consultation process and that the project has been put on hold.
- Rhonda Kirby informed the table regarding the progress of the proposed Residency Law. Surveys will take place to gauge the community's opinions on the matter in preparation for the proposed law entering the Community Decision Making Process (please note that this has not yet happened – an announcement from the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission is forthcoming in the New Year).
- Martin Leborgne provided an update on a meeting with an Akwesasne contractor regarding potential housing initiatives.
- Billy Diabo reported on the meeting with representatives of the Mohawk Trail Longhouse that he and Christine Zachary-Deom attended. Development/Improvement of protocols was discussed, in order to have better working relationships between community organizations. According to Ratsénhaienhs Diabo, it was a very productive meeting, with agreement that there is a need for improved methods of gaining community consensus in regard to situations that may demand to be addressed immediately.

**Note:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am