



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 27 Enniska/February 2017

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Billy Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Christine Zachary-Deom, Arlene Jacobs, Carl Horn (left meeting at 12 noon), Martin Leborgne, Bobby Patton, Gina Deer

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Kenneth McComber (Vacation, February 27 to March 3)

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

House Keeping

- Check Signers: Arlene Jacobs and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Clarification of parking and road tolls issues regarding travel policy
- All Chiefs will be attending the Winter Community Meeting on Tuesday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations governance briefing meeting on Monday (with Arlene Jacobs and Clinton Phillips); Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday (with Bobby Patton)
- Gina Deer: presentation on issue of opioids abuse in Kahnawà:ke on Monday (with Billy Diabo); Economic Development working group meeting at Tewatohnhi'saktha on Tuesday; Vacation from March 6 to 10
- Carl Horn: Wellness Days on Thursday and Friday; Vacation March 6 to 10
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Wellness time on Tuesday morning; meeting in Montreal regarding Mohawk commemorative initiative
- Bobby Patton: Wellness time on Tuesday morning; meeting on proposed *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law* on Thursday (with Gina Deer and Martin Leborgne); Alcoholic Beverages Control Board meeting on Friday
- Clinton Phillips: meeting with Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission regarding *Kahnawà:ke Matrimonial Real Property & Family Homes Law* on Wednesday
- Billy Diabo: Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting on Thursday (with Rhonda Kirby)
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting regarding Solidarity Tax Credit on Tuesday; Action Plan meeting on Wednesday; meeting with Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission regarding proposed *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* on Thursday; meeting on Indigenous Games fundraising on Friday
- Joe Norton: Mohawk Online meeting on Wednesday (with Gina Deer) Wellness/Vacation Days on Thursday and Friday

Formal Agenda Items

Cannabis Working Group – Review of Work Plan

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services) Dennis Diabo and Ron Skye. Discussion of work plan regarding various issues regarding Cannabis. There are two separate issues: first, there are opportunities to invest or otherwise participate in the



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field of legal Medical Marijuana (which is Federally regulated). Second, the Federal government has given clear indications that it plans to decriminalize the use of marijuana for recreational use, therefore the community will have to be consulted on the ramifications this could have on Kahnawà:ke. This will be introduced at Tuesday's Winter Community Meeting. Kenitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby and Gina Deer will lead this initiative.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Land Allotment. Passed unanimously

Discussions/Updates

- Update from Executive Financial Officer Paul Rice (with Eric Doucet of MCK Legal Services) on Mohawk Council Executive Decision regarding Global Indigenous Bank.
- Paul Rice and Erica Delisle explained new processes and terminology being used by Indigenous Affairs & Northern Development Canada in regard to Multi-Year Funding Agreements (which Kahnawà:ke uses).
- Meeting ended at 1:18pm (no lunch break)