



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 18 Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2016

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby (Chairperson), Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Arlene Jacobs, Christine Zachary-Deom, Bobby Patton, Clinton Phillips, Carl Horn, Gina Deer, Joe Norton

Out: Billy Diabo (Medical Leave extended to January 24, 2016), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attending Mid-Winter Festival)

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

Housekeeping

- Minute Acceptance for December 7, 2015. Passed unanimously
- Gina Deer: Meeting with representatives of Siksika Blackfoot Nation regarding tobacco on Tuesday; attending Tawatohni'sakta board meeting on Tuesday (with Martin Leborgne)
- Tioweró:ton meeting on Friday (with Clinton Phillips and Martin Leborgne)
- Bobby Patton: Alcoholic Beverages Control Board strategic meeting with Chief & Council on Wednesday; Health & Safety meeting with Public Safety Unit on Wednesday
- Clinton Phillips: preparatory session on Tuesday for Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (Lands) meeting taking place in Ottawa on Wednesday. Tentative meeting with Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna next week during Iroquois Caucus meetings in Ottawa (January 27 and 28)
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Tourism meeting on Thursday regarding Montreal 375th anniversary events (with Kenneth McComber); meeting on consultation issues with Federal representatives on Friday
- Carl Horn: Kanawaki Golf Club meeting on Monday; meeting with AMT (commuter train agency) on Wednesday regarding potential train stop at Adirondack Junction (with Joe Norton)
- Rhonda Kirby: Kateri Memorial Hospital center board training on Tuesday; attending Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women event (with Gina Deer)

Formal Agenda Items

Presentation: Land Management Committee By-Laws

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services); Debbie Morris. Presentation and discussion on proposed changes to the *Land Management Committee By-Laws*. Chief & Council updated on proposed amendments to this internal-to-MCK governing document.

Request for Decision: Business Opportunity

Presence of Jean Pommerville and Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice. Client/attorney privileged discussion regarding potential business opportunity. Chief & Council decided to look further into the opportunity.

Update: Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis

Presence of Winona Polson-Lahache and Nelly Marcoux. Chief & Council received update on several aspects of the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis file, including status of Community Consultation Report conducted early in 2015. Community will be notified within the next week regarding next steps.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Request for Decision: Kahnawà:ke's Matrimonial Real Property (Family Homes) Law – Divorce Application

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Discussion regarding difficulties in applying Kahnawà:ke law in this matter. The Court of Kahnawà:ke is not yet prepared to hear cases of this type, as the *Kahnawà:ke Justice Act* has not yet reached the level of implementation necessary to administer the law.

- Meeting was closed at 1:07pm