



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 19 Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2015

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), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

House Keeping

- Land allotment
- Minutes accepted for November 17, December 8 and December 15, 2014
- Dates set for 2015 Community Meetings: March 10, May 12, August 11 and November 10
- Letter of condolence to be sent to the people of Mashteuiatsh on the passing of the Honorable Aurélien Gill, the Innu leader and former senator who passed away this past weekend
- Gina Deer: will attend meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday re: C-10 'anti-contraband tobacco' legislation (with Bobby Patton, Martin Leborgne)
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting with Kateri memorial Hospital Review Committee on Tuesday; Tobacco Cessation Strategies health meeting on Friday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: meeting on Monday re: 'Laurentian Iroquois'; Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis consultations with community members on Thursday and Friday
- Clinton Phillips: Lands presentation on Tuesday; Community Prevention Taskforce meeting on Wednesday
- Lloyd Phillips: Next week's meetings include Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations on January 27, Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador on January 28 & 29
- Kenneth McComber: meeting on tourism initiatives on Wednesday
- Mike Delisle: meeting with Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada Deputy Minister and other officials on Wednesday (with Lloyd Phillips and Mike O'Brien); two Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis community consultation sessions on Thursday

Agenda

Request for Decision, Letter(s) from Kahentinetha Horn re: Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis

Letter(s) will be prepared to address claims brought forth by Kahentinetha Horn on behalf of 'War Chief at Mohawk Nation at Kanekota' (based in Shelburne, Ontario) and the 'Kahtinhon'tia:kwenio.' Ms. Horn sent letter to the City of Chateauguay demanding payment of rents. The Mayor of Chateauguay forwarded copies of the letter to Grand Chief Mike Delisle, Quebec Native Affairs Minister Geoff Kelley; Municipal Affairs Minister Pierre Moreau and the mayors of the Roussillon (surrounding communities).

Discussions/Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Request for letter of support regarding a potential art display to be held in Europe for/by a local artist. Agreed.
- Clinton Phillips updated Chief & Council on a decision to provide bussing services for students of Mary Gardner elementary school in Chateauguay. Some concerns regarding setting of precedent in this regard. Issue will need further discussion and clarification. In the meantime, the service will continue for the remainder of this school year.
- Christine Zachary-Deom informed the table on initiatives to repair/restore historic paintings located at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
- Rhonda Kirby informed the table on the upcoming Tobacco Cessation Strategies meeting, explaining that it is, basically, a health improvement initiative and not an 'anti-tobacco industry' initiative
- Rhonda Kirby also informed the table of the need to conclude the Fair Wage Agreement. A deadline will be set to conclude the agreement and the participants will be informed
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed Chief & Council that the Finance, Administration and Operations Committee rejected a request to pay for ice rentals at the upcoming broomball tournament that is part of the annual Kahnawake Youth Center Winter Carnival. The decision was not unexpected, as the issue had been previously discussed last year. The Youth Center management will be informed immediately.
- Mike Delisle updated the table on his December 2014 meeting with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard (and others). Topics of the meeting included taxation issues, the recently-passed *Justice Act*, fiscal support for Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations, health and social services issues, the Highway 30 land transfer decree, labor issues and policing (with a specific mention of the incident in late 2014 that saw a Sûreté du Québec officer draw his weapon after stopping a Kahnawà:ke man on the Territory)
- The meeting concluded at 12:04pm.