



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 4, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2015

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

Also Present: Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Mike O'Brien (OCC Chief of Staff), Trina Diabo Jacobs (Minutes)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- May 12 Community Meeting Agenda: Land allotments; Membership update; Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations update; Hydro Québec update; open discussion
- Lloyd Phillips: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations maintable meeting on Thursday (with Christine Zachary-Deom and Rhonda Kirby)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: prep meeting on Tuesday for Wednesday's Membership First Hearing; Kahnawake Youth Center policy review meeting on Wednesday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: consultation meeting on Wednesday regarding the new Champlain bridge project; participating on panel discussion regarding historical event at Concordia University on Thursday
- Martin Leborgne: out of the office on Thursday and Friday (personal days)
- Kenneth McComber: out on Friday (personal day)
- Mike Delisle: meeting on Tuesday to update Enbridge and Trans-Canada files with technicians and Legal Services; meeting on MCK pension issue on Tuesday; meeting with Robin Delaronde on Wednesday or Thursday

Official Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Community Member Michael Rice Letter/Question

Chief & Council discussed a letter/question by Michael Rice in regard to issues regarding Tewatohnhi'saktha. A formal response is being drafted and will be sent to Mr. Rice.

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Investigator

This issue is in response to a letter from Ms. Kim Norton requesting a Vote of Non-Confidence and an Act of Censure against Chiefs Gina Deer and Christine Zachary-Deom received on April 10, 2015. This is in addition to an initial complaint made against the same two Chiefs by Ms. Darlene Alfred on March 10, 2015. Since there is overlap with the complaints, and for expense and expediency, Chief & Council agreed to appoint Maître Rish Handa as Investigator for this complaint; he has already been appointed as the investigator in the initial complaint. According to the MCK's *Disciplinary Measures Regulations* the investigator must present his/her findings and recommendations within 30 days of being appointed. In this case it is expected the final determination will be completed more quickly. Passed unanimously, with Chiefs Deer and Zachary-Deom not present for the discussion and decision.

Other Requests for Decision

- Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval to release funds from Aboriginal & Northern Affairs Canada for Kanawaki Lease Interest held in trust. Annual routine process to have these funds (\$11,152.52) released by AANDC to the MCK. Passed unanimously.

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Updates and other Discussion Items

- Christine Zachary-Deom: updated on War of 1812 Commemorative event held in Hamilton, Ontario on April 25th and on May 1st in Quebec City. Follow up includes a presentation of ceremonial objects to be made to the Kahnawà:ke Legion Branch 219 in the near future.
- Billy Diabo: brought up issues regarding border crossing concerns or difficulties by persons bringing/carrying certain sacred items across the border. Discussion followed, with Chief Diabo to gather more information.
- Rhonda Kirby: Provided update to the table regarding status of the Fair Wage Agreement; updated on issue of traffic safety at gas station/Tim Hortons at Highway 132 border; Table made aware of issue regarding Mohawk Self Insurance at Tiowero:ton and the Ononto:ken Treatment Center in Kahnesatake and measures to be taken; update on Saturday's peaceful protest regarding the residency requirements of the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*.
- Christine Zachary-Deom: discussed issue of artifacts found during archaeological 'digs' conducted off the Territory. There is work underway to create an agreement to ensure artifacts that belong to Kahnawà:ke are acknowledged as such.
- Mike Delisle: provided update regarding the progress of the Final Report on the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Lands Consultation; discussed proposed reappointment of Lori Jacobs as a member of the Kahnawake Gaming Commission; update on today's (Monday morning) meeting with Stephane Billette, the Member of the National Assembly representing Huntington, regarding Kahnawake Sustainable Energies project.
- Martin Leborgne: brought issue on loose manhole cover at the junction of 207 and Apartment Complex Road. Public Works to be informed.
- Clinton Phillips: brought forth issue of complaints that lighting along Highway 132 have not been functioning. Rhonda Kirby will have this issue addressed. Chief Phillips also provided an update on the Iroquois Caucus held on April 28 and 29 in Ottawa.
- Note: meeting opened at 1:35pm and concluded at 5:05pm.