



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 28 Kentenhkó:wa/ November 2016

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Arlene Jacobs, Martin Leborgne, Clinton Phillips, Carl Horn, Christine Zachary-Deom, Bobby Patton, Billy Diabo, Kenneth McComber (all in attendance)

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

- Cheque signers this week: Arlene Jacobs and Kenneth McComber
- Clinton Phillips: attending Iroquois Caucus Economic Summit at Akwesasne on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Finance, Administration & Operations committee meeting on Tuesday (with Arlene Jacobs and Kenneth McComber)
- Gina Deer: attending Iroquois Caucus Economic Summit at Akwesasne on Tuesday and Wednesday; Tobacco Working Group meeting on Thursday
- Arlene Jacobs: Residency Law working group meeting on Monday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Rhonda Kirby); attending Bus Drivers meeting on Tuesday; Housing and Visioning meetings on Thursday
- Rhonda Kirby: will attend a special Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meeting in Quebec City on Tuesday regarding the issue of abuse of Indigenous women by SQ officers; Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting on Thursday; Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre board meeting on Friday; will attend Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador special assembly next Tuesday, December 6
- Martin Leborgne: speaking engagement regarding Standing Rock experiences (with Bobby Patton) at Trafalgar School on Tuesday; meeting with Akwesasne Chief Bruce Roundpoint on Thursday
- Carl Horn: attending Kanawaki meeting on Monday
- Bobby Patton: on Vacation from Thursday, December 1 to Friday, December 9.
- Joe Norton: attending Iroquois Caucus Economic Summit at Akwesasne on Tuesday and Wednesday; presenting at Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs & Northern Affairs in Ottawa on Wednesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – see press release dated November 29)

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision/Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (R-LEMP)

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Melanie Gilbert, Martin Stacey, Debbie Morris and Patrick Ragaz. Support to enter into a funding agreement with Canada for R-LEMP reserve lands and environment management program. Includes \$285,452.11 of annual funding, retroactive to April 1, 2016. Passed unanimously.



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Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Land Allotments (4). All passed unanimously.

Discussions/Updates:

- Kenneth McComber provided a brief update on the Job Training conference he attended last week in Banff, Alberta, at which he was a presenter.
- Bobby Patton reported on the meeting that he and Joe Norton attended with representatives of the group that held a protest that closed the CP Rail line for a 12-hour period on Wednesday, November 16th.
- Christine Zachary-Deom provided an update on ancient human remains found in the region.
- Clinton Phillips updated the table of the status of the *Kahnawà:ke Family Homes Law*.
- Clinton Phillips also informed the table that he has been in contact with representatives for the federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna in regard to dumping of raw sewage by two municipalities (Quebec City and Gatineau) within the past six weeks. Minister will be invited to visit Kahnawà:ke at some point in the coming weeks.
- Joe Norton suggested efforts be made to invite as many high-ranking Ministers (both federal and provincial) to Kahnawà:ke in order for them to gain a better understanding of the community.
- Martin Leborgne briefly updated Chief & Council on the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador housing conference he attended last week in Becancouer (near Trois Rivières), Quebec
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided an update on the recent meeting between the Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee and Chief & Council.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer also brought up the issue of the telecommunications tower that is being built at the Marina. It was determined that the issue should be addressed by the Lands Management committee.

Note: The meeting was adjourned at 11:51am