



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 19 Kenténha/October 2015

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

Out: Billy Diabo (bereavement)

Also Present: Trina Diabo Jacobs (recorder), Dwaine White (Office of the Council of Chiefs General Manager), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

House Keeping

- Minute acceptance for September 8, 2015. Passed unanimously
- Billy Diabo: out of the office on Tuesday (court), and from Wednesday through Friday (wellness)
- Martin Leborgne: Tioweró:ton meeting on Wednesday
- Kenneth McComber: Hydro-Quebec meeting on Tuesday; meeting with Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center on Wednesday; Out of the office on Friday (wellness)
- Bobby Patton: meeting with Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee on Tuesday
- Gina Deer: Tewatohnhi'sakta meeting on Tuesday (with Martin Leborgne); training on Thursday and Friday
- Clinton Phillips: out for a half day on Wednesday (wellness)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: meeting on legislative matters on Monday; Finance, Operations and Operations policy meeting on Wednesday (with Kenneth McComber and Arlene Jacobs); Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center board meeting on Wednesday; Kahnawake Youth Center board meeting and annual general Assembly on Thursday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Friday; travel request approved for October 24-26; vacation next Monday to Friday, returning to the office on November 2
- Rhonda Kirby: Kahnawake Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services board meeting on Monday; labor qualifications meeting on Tuesday; Kateri Memorial Hospital Center board meeting on Wednesday
- Arlene Jacobs: half day off on Thursday (wellness)
- Joe Norton: meeting with St. Catherine Mayor Jocelyne Bates on Tuesday; attending reception given by United States Consulate in Montreal on Thursday (see press release issued on that day)
- It was noted that the CP Holiday Train will arrive in Kahnawà:ke on Friday, November 27

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Purchase of School Buses

Presence of Robert Montour, Brendan Montour. Decision reached to support purchase of three school buses from a U.S. company. This issue is normally administrative but came to Chief & Council due to administrative (timing) circumstances. Chief & Council unanimously agreed that the purchases will be made using appropriated funds, which will be adjusted at a later date.

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Waste Management Plan

Presence of Debbie Morris, Holly McComber, Brendan Montour. Plan to improve efficiency of recycling program and to promote recycling, using funding available through Quebec government programs. Community to be informed and consulted on the plan in the near future. Passed unanimously.

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Aboriginal Initiatives Fund New Project Submission

Presence of Marissa Leblanc (Tewatohnhi'sakta) and David Lahache. Standard procedure, MCK requested to support private business venture request to access funding from the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund. Passed unanimously, with Gina Deer not participating due to conflict of interest guidelines.

Request for Decision: Submission to Canadian Revenue Agency to Confirm Public Body Tax Exemption

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice. This submission is being filed to allow for the MCK to be exempted from paying income taxes. The submission will include safeguards and a statement of principles to ensure MCK positions on tax exemption are not compromised in any way. Passed Unanimously.



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Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

- None

Discussions/Updates

- Discussion on 'green tax' being applied by fuel companies delivering propane to Kahnawà:ke. MCK will approach the companies to address this issue directly. In the meantime the MCK will be advising community members to refuse to pay the 'green tax' while the issue is dealt with politically. More information to come.
- Joe Norton updated the table on a potential partnership being proposed to open a lobbying office in Washington, D.C for e-gaming.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided updates on her court appearance last week regarding the 'Membership' lawsuit and her speaking engagement to students at Military College in St. Jean
- Rhonda Kirby provided updates on the qualifying process regarding the expansion/renovation project at the Kateri Memorial Hospital Center, as well as progress being made on the Fair Wage Agreement with local contractors doing works on the Mercier Bridge.
- Meeting closed at 11:50am