



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 14 Seskehkó:wa/September 2015

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Clinton Phillips, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Martin Leborgne, Carl Horn, Kenneth McComber, Billy Diabo, Arlene Jacobs

Out: Ratitsénhaienhs Christine Zachary-Deom (bereavement), Bobby Patton (wellness)

Also Present: Brandi Meloche (recorder), Mike O'Brien (Chief of Staff, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Dwaine White (OCC General Manager), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

Housekeeping

- Clinton Phillips: attending funeral on Tuesday; Lands meeting on Wednesday; off on Friday (wellness)
- Kenneth McComber: Wednesday meeting with KOR
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: attending funeral on Tuesday; Membership Hearing on Tuesday; Membership action plan meeting on Wednesday
- Arlene Jacobs: out on Thursday (appointment)
- Joe Norton: will not attend this week's Niagara Falls taxation meeting; attending Iroquois Caucus at Wahta on September 22-23 (with Martin Leborgne)
- Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador Chiefs Meeting on September 30 in Kahnawà:ke.

Agenda

Request for Decision: Landfill issue

Presence of Kevin Kennedy, Ken Bourque, Tracey Snow (Landfill Authority), Lynn Jacobs, Patrick Ragaz (Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office), Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Attorney client privileged.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Request for Decision: Change of Bank Signers. Due to June election, adjustments made bank signers to reflect changes at the Council table and the Finance, Administration & Operations committee. New signers are Joe Norton (replacing Michael Delisle, Jr.) and FAO committee members Kenneth McComber and Arlene Jacobs (replacing Lloyd Phillips and Clinton Phillips). Other signers remain the same.

Request for Decision: Change of Safety Deposit Box Users. Due to June election, adjustments made to users of MCK Safety Deposit Box located at the Caisse Populaire Kahnawake. Joe Norton is added as a signer. Other signers remain the same.

Discussions/Updates

- Joe Norton: updated on the meeting with representatives of the Government of Quebec on Friday, September 11, 2015 regarding several issues. Preliminary meeting, with follow-up with Premier Philippe Couillard to be scheduled in the near future. According to Grand Chief Norton, the meeting was very positive in tone, with several potential breakthroughs. Quebec indicated a willingness to show its support of the return of the Highway 30 lands. Also, Quebec appears to be ready to open taxation table. Aboriginal Initiatives Fund to be approved at the Tawatohnhi'saktha level instead of current processes. Discussion on tourism initiatives.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: recommending improvements to FAO meetings/reporting mechanisms.
- Kenneth McComber updated the table regarding developments for the 375th Anniversary of Montreal projects coming in 2018.
- Meeting ended at 12:10pm.