



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 2 Enniskó:wa/March 2009**

*The following is a synopsis of the latest Council Meeting*

### **Chiefs Attendance**

**In** – Chiefs Mike Delisle, Mike Bush, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Rhonda Kirby, Johnny Montour, Warren Lahache, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Marvin Zacharie.

**Also present:** Melanie Gilbert – Interim OCC Coordinator, Kevin Kennedy – Associate Executive Director.

**Out** – John Dee Delormier (sick), Peter Paul (vacation).

### **Housekeeping**

**Chiefs Out of Office** – Chief Mike Bush will be at a meeting Wednesday regarding the new Secure Certificates of Indian Status (status cards). Chief Warren Lahache will be attending the AFNQL General Assembly March 17-19. Chief Kenneth McComber will be off Friday afternoon (March 6).

### **Other Housekeeping -**

- Chief Rhonda Kirby gave an update on various donations from the FAO.
- Chief Kenneth McComber met with an internal working group mandated to meet with representatives from union Local 711 & Construction Committee of Quebec to see if an agreement can be made to ensure the bridge works continue and our jurisdiction is maintained.
- Chief Johnny Montour updated the table regarding a Pandemic Meeting on Friday, February 27/09 at the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre.

### **RFD, Land Allotments**

#### **The following agenda item were discussed:**

**RFD. Hydro Quebec Energy Consumption Project** – Chief and Council approved the MCED supporting Hydro Quebec's Energy Wise project. The proceeds from completing Hydro Quebec's Energy Wise Project will benefit the Skawenni:io Tsi Iewennahnotáhkwa Library. The project is expected to begin in April.

**Kahnawake Education Center Budget Shortfall** – Louie John Diabo was present to make a Request For Decision that the MCK cover a \$150,000 shortfall in Education Operating costs, which the MCK agreed to do.

**Amendment to Tripartite Agreement** – An amendment to the tripartite agreement between MCK, JCCBI and MTQ is being proposed by JCCBI. It has been changed internally. It will be shared for comment with MBC and JCCBI, and then re-tabled in two weeks.

**ABC Board** – Members of the ABC Board were present to discuss current events related to their recent decisions. The Board sought re-assurance that the Council table supports their actions and right to carry on independently, which Council does. The ABC Board reiterated that it has not been under the Council's influence regarding these decisions and would update the community about this fact via a press release.