

MCK Supports MIT's Initial Public Offering

The MCK announced on March 7th, that they have agreed to support a Memorandum of Understanding between Tewaohnni'saktha and Mohawk Internet Technologies (MIT) in regard to the Initial Public Offering (IPO) being contemplated by MIT. The IPO is being contemplated in order to raise funds to expand MIT's operations internationally.

The establishment of data centers in Europe and Asia would mean the development of technology-based utilities, in order to support redundant services demanded by Mohawk Internet Technologies.

The representatives of Tewaohnni'saktha, Charles Barnett, Director of the Board and John Bud Morris, CEO, are expected to make a full report to the Board of Directors upon their return, followed by an update to the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke. Information will also be given to the community.

The MCK also agreed to amend the Kahnawake Gaming Law to provide exclusivity to MIT as an Internet service provider within Kahnawake's jurisdiction.

“Basically, this is the way MIT currently operates,” said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Jr. **“By amending the law we are protecting and strengthening our position for the benefit of the collective.”**



Representatives of Tewaohnni'saktha embarked on a 10 day fact-finding mission to Europe and Asia on March 6 to reaffirm the required business structures & environment in support of expansion of data centers internationally.



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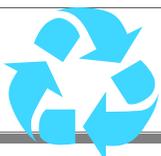
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Domestic Affairs

Removed as Chief, Myiow Institutes Legal Action



On Tuesday Enniska/February 14, 2006, the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke announced that Keith Myiow had been removed from his position as Council Chief by virtue of a vote of non-confidence by his fellow chiefs.

This decision was a result of the culmination of several incidents, including the removal of confidential documents from the Council chambers, and the misrepresentation of the MCK in a recent incident regarding the parole of a Kahnawá:ke man.

There are several violations of the “declaration in regard to duties and responsibilities” (MCR #26/2004-2005) that all chiefs signed immediately after taking office.

The MCK said, at the February 24, Winter Community Meeting at the Golden Age Club, that they will arrange for a full Public Disclosure of all documents related to the removal of Keith Myiow.

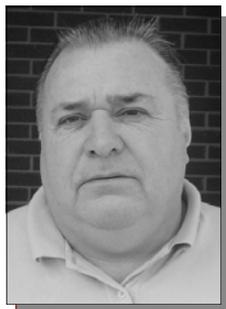
The Full Public Disclosure of the documents were put on display in the main MCK building from Monday, March 13 to Wednesday, March 21. The documents were then moved to the Services Complex and were displayed from Thursday, March 23 to March 25.

Some Community members had asked for a Public Inquiry and felt Public Disclosure was not enough. Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle Jr. said “By making these documents available, I believe Kahnawa'kehró:non will be able to gain a much better understanding of the reasoning behind Council's decision.”

The Council announced on Wednesday, March 22, that Keith Myiow instituted legal proceedings against the MCK. Mr. Myiow filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file an Application for Judicial Review, on Monday, March 27, which was granted, Mr. Myiow will then file an Application for Judicial Review, for the following purposes:

- to quash the MCK's decision on February 14, 2006
- to reinstate him as a chief of the MCK, with pay since that date;
- to declare that the MCK has no jurisdiction to remove an elected chief;
- to declare that section 14.1 of the *Regulations Governing the MCK Elections* is invalid; &
- such other relief that the Federal Court deems just and equitable.

Mr. Myiow's action means a Public Inquiry may now be looked upon as somewhat redundant and an unnecessary further burden on community resources.



Statement of Chief Leborgne

On February 15, 2006, Chief Martin Leborgne issued the following statement in regard to the MCK's press release of Feb. 14, announcing the removal of Keith Myiow as Council Chief: **“I wish to make it clear to the community that I did not support the removal of Keith as a Council Chief.”** Chief Leborgne added to this statement that he thinks Council should let the people decide Keith's fate.

Note: 8 Chiefs were in favor of removing Keith and signed for his removal. The 3 Chiefs that were not in favor and did not sign were; Martin Leborgne, Mike Bush and Tiorahkwathe Gilbert.

Domestic Affairs

Facts on Border Crossing Clarified



On Feb. 9th, Border Crossing Portfolio Chief Mike Bush clarified some recent erroneous statements regarding the border crossing issue.

It was (wrongly) stated publicly that the MCK was responsible for imposing the 50 percent blood quantum criteria for Mohawks entering the United States. In fact, **the 50 percent criteria is a U.S. law**, section 289 of the *Immigration and Nationality Act*, originally passed on April 2, 1928.

“The problems that some Kahnawakehró:non encounter when crossing into the U.S. is a continuing issue and seems to be occurring more frequently. The MCK has been working with U.S. officials on finding a solution that would help solve this problem,” said Chief Mike Bush.

Chief Mike Bush attends Aboriginal Justice Forum

Justice Portfolio Chief Mike Bush attended an Aboriginal Justice Forum held in Vancouver, British Columbia, which ran from February 22-24, 2006. Also attending was Alwyn Morris, the Associate Director of the Office of Council Chiefs and Ron Skye, the Director of Justice.

At the conference on Policing, Kahnawake suggested to the participants that they form an e-mail network to establish an on-going dialogue on Aboriginal policing issues. This will prove valuable should the government participants agree to participate.



Important Letter to the Community

The removal of a chief is a serious decision that can only be made by a thorough examination of the facts. Mr. Myiow is someone whom I have worked with for the past several years. While it is no secret we may not exactly share the same political motivations, **I have taken no joy in his removal.**

One thing needs to be very clear to the people of Kahnawá:ke: all eleven of his fellow Council Chiefs agreed that Mr. Myiow misrepresented the MCK in the recent incident involving Corrections Canada. All eleven agreed that he was in the wrong. Mr. Myiow admitted on K103 and the Eastern Door that he was the author of the document that is at the heart of the issue.

The dispute stems from the severity of the measures taken against him: while eight Council Chiefs agreed that he should be removed, the other three felt that these measures were inappropriate – which is their right. From my point of view, the main reason for imposing such strong measures is that, as Council Chiefs, we need to hold ourselves to the highest standard of accountability to both the community and to ourselves. I believe he failed on both accounts.

The various organizations have been made aware that he no longer holds the right to participate on boards and committees as a representative of the MCK.

Nia:wen,

Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr.

More Domestic Affairs



Tewatohnni'saktha & MCK Approve Quarry Purchase

The MCK recently approved the purchase of Beauvais Quarry in partnership with Tewatohnni'saktha. A purchase arrangement was proposed between Tewatohnni'saktha and the MCK that provides for an equal share of the revenue. The Quarry, situated on 79.3 acres of land, is estimated to have a life expectancy of 50 years and will raise approximately \$30.3 million. There is also the restoration process of the Quarry, which should bring more income for many years. In addition, the purchase of the quarry not only guarantees local employment and revenue but returns private lands to the Community. The Tewatohnni'saktha Board of Directors met on Monday, March 20, and made their final decision to go ahead and proceed with the quarry purchase.

Iroquois Caucus Meet in Kanesatake

A meeting of the Iroquois Caucus was held in Kanesatake on March 1 & 2, 2006. This is the first time that Kanesatake hosted the Caucus. The Iroquois Caucus consists of elected representatives from **Kahnawá:ke, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Six Nations, Wahta, Kanesatake and Oneida of the Thames (Ontario)**. Coincidentally, this means that all participating communities have hosted the event at least once. The first meeting was held in Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2005. Agenda items included: Language & Culture/Traditional People, Hunting & Fishing Jurisdiction, the tobacco industry and its risks, the relationship with the Assembly of First Nations and Border crossing I.D. cards. The MCK was represented by Chiefs Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne and Tiorahkwathe Gilbert.

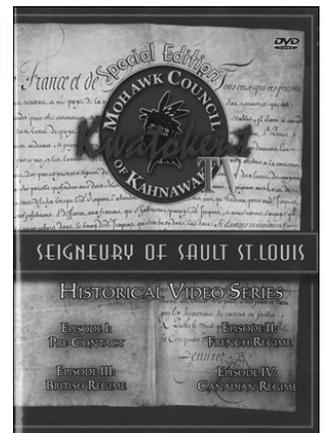
Chiefs attend Border Crossing Conference

Several MCK chiefs attended the International Indigenous Cross Border Security Summit being hosted by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and the St. Regis Tribal Council from March 17-19, 2006. Chiefs Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne, Peggy Mayo and Grand Chief Michael Ahrhron Delisle Jr. attended. Other participants included the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Canada Border Services Agency, Assembly of First Nations, U.S. Immigration, Foreign Affairs Canada and various policing agencies. Chief Mike Bush spoke on Friday morning (March 17) on the Border Crossing I.D. Card System, a subject that will be presented at the next Iroquois Caucus meeting (in April) and then brought back to Council's table.

History of the SEIGNEURY on DVD



The History of the Seigneury that aired last year as a 4 part special on KTV, is now available on DVD. The Seigneury Communications Team is making the DVD available to local schools and organizations, in an effort to help Kahnawakehró:non better understand the history behind our outstanding land grievance. If you know of an organization or school that would be interested, please have them contact Seigneury Communications Assistant, Loanna Zacharie at 632-7500.



Even More Affairs

MCK Signs 5 Agreements with CPR

The MCK signed a series of five agreements with the Canadian Pacific Railway on February 21. The agreements include:

1. Crossing Warning System
2. Road Crossing Agreement
3. Flagman Contribution Agreement
4. Memorandum of Understanding
5. Mutual Confidentiality Agreement

The agreements address several safety issues and will facilitate the widening of the "Texas" crossing for the new residential development at Lot 106. Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle Jr. signed the agreements on behalf of Chief and Council. The MCK had announced the tentative agreement in December 2005.



The "Texas" crossing slated for widening

MCK, Canada and Quebec meet on Tobacco

Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle Jr., Chief Peter Paul and others met on Thursday, March 2, 2006, in Kahnawake, with representatives of both Canada and Quebec to discuss the tobacco industry. Significantly, this was the first time that all three parties met together.

The meeting was the result of the MCK's refusal to allow Canada Revenue Agency's request for unrestricted access to Kahnawá:ke to perform inspections at facilities licensed by Canada.

The MCK is hopeful that this will be the first step in the process of resolving the complex issues that revolve around the tobacco industry.

Term of Office now 3 years

The MCK has signed a Mohawk Council Resolution changing the term of office for the Council Chiefs to three (3) years from the current two (2) year term. The change will take effect for the MCK election in July 2006.

MCK Employee News



The MCK would like to welcome **Karen Barnaby** who is now the Records Administrator for the Department of Archives.

The MCK would also like to welcome **Travis Jacobs** as the new Researcher & Policy Analyst with the Lands Unit.



The MCK is pleased to announce that **Denis Basque** is working as a Database Administrator with the Information Systems Department on a 6 month professional services contract.

Electoral Officer Elections

**Saturday, April 29, 2006
@ 10:00 am at the Golden Age Club**

The nomination period for the position of Electoral Officer ended March 29 with two official candidates in the running. Pending criteria and security checks, both Darlene Alfred and Angus L. Montour have been nominated and accepted to run for the position.



What do the following items have in common?

- The two steel crosses at either end of town
- The steel arch at Catholic cemetery
- The steel cross also at the cemetery

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More News for the Community

Childcare Facilities Increased



On Friday, March 24, Tonia Williams, Coordinator of the Kahnawake Childcare Authority, together with the MCK, announced the conclusion of an Agreement with Quebec that will provide additional childcare/daycare places to the community, at the subsidized rate of \$7.00 per day.

Together with the Step-By-Step Child & Family Center, the Authority will implement these services to the community by May 2006.

The Agreement also commits the MCK and Quebec to begin negotiations in April, for the purposes of implementing a law on Kahnawá:ke Childcare to oversee additional childcare facilities and subsidized placements for the community.

The Agreement also provides funding for a research project that will accurately determine how many childcare placements will sustain the needs of the community over the next five years. Loanna Zacharie has been contracted to conduct the research.

MCK Rejects Chateauguay's Request to Control Mosquitoes

The MCK decided against accepting the proposal for the application of the mosquito control agent BTI (bacillus thuringiensis israelensis).

The City of Chateauguay had approached the MCK for permission to apply BTI in the outlying areas of the community to help control the mosquito population in Chateauguay. The application had taken place last year. The Council Chiefs based their decision on presentations by the Kahnawá:ke Environment Office, the Kahnawá:ke Environmental Health Office and a group of local environmentalists.

The Spring Community Meeting
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Tuesday, May 30
@ 7:00 pm
at the
Golden Age Club

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**The Quebec Bridge Disaster
1907**



**1907 Quebec Bridge
Commemorative Stamp**

It was decided, the best place to build the bridge is “where the river narrows”. The Algonquin word “Quebec” means “where the river narrows”.

The construction of the bridge started in the year 1900 and, in 1907, as the bridge was nearing completion, disaster struck.

It was at the end of another working day. At approximately 5:30 pm on August 29, 1907, the bridge collapsed, taking the lives of 75 men, 33 of those killed were Mohawks of Kahnawake.



Just a few days before the disaster, members of the Caughnawaga lacrosse team, all ironworkers on the bridge, posed for this team photograph after a practice game, with the bridge as a backdrop. Eight of these fifteen men were killed in the accident, while one was injured.

Photo courtesy of Kanien'kéha Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center.

1907-2007 Quebec Bridge 100th Anniversary A Community Action Project

“Remembering” will be the theme of the Project that will educate, commemorate and celebrate these men, their families and the community. Participation is wanted. If you know anyone involved in any way with the bridge disaster or if you have any related stories about it, please contact the Project Coordinators:
Connie Meloche or Valerie Delisle at 632-5646.

Families who are direct descendents of the 33 men who died at Quebec will be identified through research, interviewed and then invited to participate in the project activities.



The 3 crosses & arch are all made from the steel that was salvaged from the 1907 Quebec Bridge Disaster

MCK Holiday Closures

MCK Operations will be closed on Friday, April 14 & Monday, April 17 for Easter Week-end. All operations will resume work on Tuesday, April 18th. As always, essential services will remain operational.

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