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## MCK formalizes changes to Portfolio Assignments

### For Immediate Release

**(Kahnawake – 19, Tsothóhrha/December 2019)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to advise the community that a number of changes have been formalized regarding Portfolio Assignments.

The changes, which were formalized at this past Monday's duly-convened Council meeting, were necessitated because of the October 19, 2019 election of Cody Diabo. He replaced Carl Horn, who resigned his position as Ratsénhaiens a month earlier.

Ratsénhaiens Diabo has been assigned the Lead on the *Environment* portfolio, replacing Ratsénhaiens Clinton Phillips – who relinquishes the Lead but remains on the team. Ietsénhaiens Gina Deer has filled the vacant Lead on the *Community Social Affairs* portfolio.

Additional changes to the portfolio teams include: Ratsénhaiens Frankie McComber filling the vacancy on the *Infrastructure, Transport & Operations* portfolio; and Nitsénhaiens McComber and Cody Diabo filling the vacancy in the *Lands & Territories* portfolio.

Ratsénhaiens Ross Montour is no longer on the *Heritage* portfolio and has been added to the *External Government Relations* team. Ratsénhaiens Phillips has been added to the *Public Safety* portfolio team, with Ratsénhaiens McComber joining the *Health* team. Ietsénhaiens Rhonda Kirby has been added to the *Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor* portfolio.

Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro has joined the *Education* portfolio team as well the *Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor* team.

[Click here to view the complete list of Portfolio Assignments](#), or see next page.

## 2018-2021 CHIEF & COUNCIL PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION

### Portfolios

#### (Lead Portfolio Chief and Portfolio Chiefs)

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<p><b>1. Heritage</b>  <i>The Heritage portfolio addresses issues related to Kanien'kehá:ka identity, including the protection, preservation and commemoration of history, traditions, environment, and historic buildings of Kahnawake. This includes language and cultural programs, services and legislation.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations/Networks: Tewahará:tat Tsi Niionkwarihò:ten Language &amp; Culture Network, Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language and Cultural Center(KORLCC)</li> <li>• Language Revitalization</li> <li>• Cultural Revitalization &amp; Historical Preservation</li> <li>• New Cultural Center &amp; Museum Project</li> <li>• Commemoration &amp; Public Education</li> <li>• Archaeology</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky Deer  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice</p>
	<p>Related Legislation:          ➤ Language Law</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ N/A</p>
<p><b>2. Environment</b>  <i>The Environment portfolio addresses issues related to the stewardship and protection of the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke, including legislation, regulation and external environmental matters that may have an impact on Kahnawà:ke.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental monitoring and protection measures</li> <li>• Restoration projects</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Cody Diabo  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay Leborgne  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips</p>
	<p>Related Legislation:          ➤ N/A</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ Federal: KCR Sectoral Tables – Link to Lands Sectoral Table</p>
<p><b>3. Lands &amp; Territories</b>  <i>The Lands portfolio addresses issues related to development of a comprehensive Kahnawà:ke lands framework, management of lands and management of Land Allotments, use and management of Territories (Tioweró:ton), legislative matters and advancing stronger jurisdiction in Kahnawà:ke.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Management</li> <li>• Land Use Framework</li> <li>• Land Use Agreements (Third Party Agreements)</li> <li>• Tioweró:ton</li> <li>• Land-based Projects</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Gina Deer  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Cody Diabo  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay Leborgne</p>
	<p>Related Legislation:          ➤ N/A</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Lands</p>
<p><b>4. Indigenous Rights &amp; Research</b>  <i>The Indigenous Rights &amp; Research portfolio addresses issues related to the protection, research and application of Indigenous rights, archeological and historical artifacts, legislative matters and negotiations on specific files.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Land Grievance</li> <li>• Duty to Consult (Consultation &amp; Accommodation)</li> <li>• Indigenous Rights &amp; Title Research</li> <li>• Land Claims</li> <li>• Hunting &amp; Harvesting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle Jr.  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Tonya Perron</p>
	<p>Related Legislation:          ➤ N/A</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ Federal: SSSL Negotiations (&amp; Mandating) Table          ➤ Quebec: Consultation Sectoral Table</p>

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<p><b>5. External Government Relations</b></p> <p><i>The External Government Relations portfolio addresses issues related to the establishment, formalization, fostering and maintenance of relationship frameworks with external governments, including KCR and QKR, that advance Kahnawake’s jurisdictional and legislative integrity.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kahnawà:ke &amp; Canada Relations</li> <li>• Quebec &amp; Kahnawà:ke Relations</li> <li>• Nation-Building &amp; Networking</li> <li>• Border Crossing &amp; International Affairs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ohén:ton Í:rete ne Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwiro Norton</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Gina Deer</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ N/A</li> </ul> <p>Sectoral Tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Federal: Steering Committee, Maintable, Fiscal Relations Sectoral Table</li> <li>➤ Quebec: Central Table, Maintable, Trade &amp; Commerce Sectoral</li> </ul>
<p><b>6. Administrative Affairs (Finance, Administration &amp; Operations Committee)</b></p> <p><i>The Administrative Affairs portfolio addresses issues related to MCK Administration and Finance, including the FAO Committee and legislative linkages and matters.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Operations</li> <li>• Comprehensive Community Planning</li> <li>• Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact Initiative</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle Jr.</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay Leborgne</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ N/A</li> </ul> <p>Sectoral Tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Fiscal Relations</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. MCK Governance</b></p> <p><i>The MCK Governance portfolio addresses issues related to the governance and operational structure of the Council of Chiefs, and respective legislation.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Framework for Council Chiefs</li> <li>• Operational Policy for Council Chiefs</li> <li>• Community Engagement Framework &amp; Strategy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Tonya Perron</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Election Law</li> </ul> <p>Sectoral Tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Economic Development</b></p> <p><i>The Economic Development portfolio addresses issues related to fostering economy, business opportunities and projects that create revenue and wealth, and legislative matters. Socio-economic development is a prime focus of this portfolio.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance (Open for Business)</li> <li>• Tewatohnhí’saktha/Kahnawà:ke Economic Development Commission</li> <li>• Business Development Fund (BDF)</li> <li>• Business Coalition</li> <li>• Revenue Generation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> letsénhaienhs Gina Deer</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle Jr.</p> <p><b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tewatohnhí’saktha Economic Development Law</li> </ul> <p>Sectoral Tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Economic Development (Mandate pending)</li> <li>➤ Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Economic Development</li> </ul>

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<p><b>9. Legislation</b>  <i>The Legislation portfolio addresses issues related to the Kahnawake Legislative Coordinating Commission's (KLCC) Community Decision Making Process (CDMP), and current and impending legislative matters.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission</li> <li>Community Decision Making Process Evaluation &amp; Review</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Tonya Perron  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:                  &gt; N/A                  Sectoral Tables:                  &gt; N/A</p>
<p><b>10. Justice</b>  <i>The Justice portfolio addresses issues related to the development and implementation of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Act, legislation and activities of the Justice Commission.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kahnawà:ke Justice Act implementation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Tonya Perron  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:                  &gt; Kahnawake Justice Act                  Sectoral Tables:                  &gt; Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Justice (Mandate pending)                  &gt; Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Justice</p>
<p><b>11. Infrastructure, Transport &amp; Operations</b>  <i>The Infrastructure, Transport &amp; Operations portfolio addresses issues related to community infrastructure services for roads, water, new development areas, capital planning and development, and relevant legislation. This portfolio includes addressing matters related to Transport issues impacting Kahnawà:ke.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Infrastructure Services</li> <li>Transport</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Lindsay Leborgne  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:                  &gt; N/A                  Sectoral Tables:                  &gt; Quebec: QKR Sectoral Table on Transport Issues</p>
<p><b>12. Public Safety</b>  <i>The Public Safety portfolio addresses issues related to safety of the public,, policing services, fire prevention and response services, and legislative matters. This portfolio includes inspection and monitoring services, such as environmental health officer services.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety Commission</li> <li>Peacekeeper Services Board</li> <li>Emergency Services</li> <li>MCK Kahnawake Animal Protection</li> <li>Landfill &amp; Demolition Waste Recycling</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:                  &gt; Peacekeeper Law, Demolition Waste Recycling Law                  &gt; Upcoming Laws: Public Safety Law                  Sectoral Tables:                  &gt; Health &amp; Social Sectoral Tables (Ambulance issue)</p>
<p><b>13. Regulatory Boards/Commissions &amp; Labor</b>  <i>The Regulatory Boards/Commissions &amp; Labor portfolio addresses issues related to regulatory board and commissions in the territories of Kahnawà:ke, matters related to workers on the Territory, and related legislative matters. This portfolio includes the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board, Alcoholic Beverages Board, Tobacco Control Board, and Kahnawà:ke Athletic Commission.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kahnawake Gaming Commission</li> <li>Alcoholic Beverages Control Board</li> <li>Kahnawake Cannabis Control Board</li> <li>Tobacco Board</li> <li>Kahnawake Athletic Commission</li> <li>Labor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle Jr.  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ohén:ton Í:rete ne Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwiro Norton  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Tonya Perron</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:                  &gt; ABC Law, Tobacco Law, Kahnawake Gaming Law, Kahnawake Cannabis Control Law                  &gt; Upcoming Laws: Labor Law                  Sectoral Tables:                  &gt; Federal: KCR (Gaming{Mandate pending})                  &gt; KCR Sectoral Tables (Central Table{Alcohol, Tobacco, etc.}), Labor</p>

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<p><b>14. Health</b>  <i>The Health portfolio addresses issues related to community health, health services and programs, and legislation. This includes authorizing and monitoring of research and reports related to community health matters.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations/Networks: Onkwata'karitáhtshera One Health Agency</li> <li>• Child &amp; Family Services</li> <li>• Primary Health Care</li> <li>• Health Research</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ohén:ton Í:rete ne Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwiro Norton  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Frank McComber  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:          ➤ Health Professionals Act</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ Quebec: QKR Health &amp; Social Sectoral Table</p>
<p><b>15. Community Social Affairs</b>  <i>The Community Social Affairs portfolio addresses issues related to social needs of community members, prevention services, legislation, recreation, youth and Elders.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCK Client Based Services             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Social Assistance</li> <li>– Housing</li> <li>– Membership</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Child Care/Daycare</li> <li>• Youth Services &amp; Entities</li> <li>• Elder Services &amp; Entities</li> <li>• Skawenni:io Tsi Iewennahnotákhwa Kahnawà:ke Library</li> <li>• Connecting Horizons</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Gina Deer  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ietsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:          ➤ Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law          ➤ Residency Law</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ Federal: KCR Sectoral Table on Membership</p>
<p><b>16. Education</b>  <i>The Education portfolio addresses issues related to educational needs of community members, including educational services, life-long learning, and legislation.</i></p> <p><b>Files/Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relations/Networks: Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee (KCSC)</li> <li>• K-12 Education</li> <li>• Adult Education</li> <li>• Post-Secondary Education</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lead Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour  <b>Portfolio Chief:</b> Ohén:ton Í:rete ne Ratitsénhaienhs Joseph Tokwiro Norton</p> <hr/> <p>Related Legislation:          ➤ N/A</p> <p>Sectoral Tables:          ➤ N/A</p>