



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

# Monday, 13 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2020

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle Jr., Harry Rice (arrived at 9:30am), Ross Montour, Tonya Perron and Lindsay LeBorgne (all present)

**Also Present:** Samantha Montour-Cross (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

### House Keeping

- Cheque Signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Minute Acceptance for November 18, November 25 and December 2, 2019
- Travel Request by Joe Norton & Gina Deer to attend ICE eGaming Conference in London, England, and Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke meeting in Isle of Jersey from February 1 to 7. Approved by Consensus
- Travel Request by Ross Montour to attend Aboriginal Law Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on February 11 & 12. Approved by Consensus
- Travel Request by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend Crown – Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Canada S-3 meeting on January 23. Approved by Consensus (Please note that meeting has since been rescheduled to February 14)
- Reading into the Record of Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) Multi-Year Funding Agreement, Amendment #49
- Reading into the Record of DISC Multi-Year Funding Agreement Notice of Budget Adjustment #15
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: S-3 prep meeting, and Collective Impact; Thursday: Language & Culture Network, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center, and 'sober' activity/event
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Tewaohnhi'saktha ('Tewa') Board meeting; Thursday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke meeting; Vacation, March 2-6
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tewa Board meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Asbestos Working Group meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Thursday: Asbestos Working Group
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Indian Day School Settlement meeting; Thursday: Health Portfolio meeting; Friday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee (tentative); Vacation, February 4-10
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Collective Impact; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research; Friday: FAO Committee (tentative); Vacation, January 22-29
- **Harry Rice:** Vacation, January 20-28
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Health Portfolio meetings; Consultation Portfolio meeting regarding Autoroute 35 extension towards U.S. Interstate 89
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Consultation Portfolio meeting regarding Autoroute 35 extension towards U.S. Interstate 89; February 11 & 12: Consultation meetings in Wendake regarding Effects of Marine Vessels; Vacation, March 2-6
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Hydro Dismantlement, and FAO Committee (tentative) meetings; Tuesday to Thursday: Vacation Days
- **Joe Norton:** Thursday: meeting with Mayor of Chateaugay

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### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision: Land Acquisition**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) & Martin Stacey.* Request for decision to determine if approximately 108 acres of land being offered for sale in Ste. Lucie des Laurentides should be purchased by the MCK. The land in question is near, but not contiguous to, Tioweró:ton. Council will conduct due diligence before the matter is re-tabled for decision. Nitsénhaienhs Gina Deer & Clinton Phillips have been tasked with gauging community interest/concerns in regard to land purchases on a more general basis. A Kiosk will be set up from 12:30pm to 4pm on January 24 and 31 at the Services Complex.

### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives**

- Land Allotment (1)

### **Chief & Council Updates**

- Discussion on agenda items for upcoming Iroquois Caucus meetings on January 23 & 24 in Tyendinaga. Agenda will be published via Press Release next week
- Cody Diabo updated on environmental/sustainability projects
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer reported on Language Mentoring project, Kahnawà:ke Residency Law, Governance Portfolio (noting that Taiaiake Alfred is currently conducting Community Engagement on Governance Project), and sober activities
- Gina Deer provided report on Cannabis conference, Economic Development/Aboriginal Initiatives Fund, Housing, and Gaming jurisdiction
- Frankie McComber updated on Asbestos file, donation by local restaurant, and response to community member letter
- Clinton Phillips updated on availability of certain Crown lands in the region, and potential economic development project with Alliance of Ontario First Nations
- Rhonda Kirby spoke on launch of the Indian Day Schools Settlement application process, acknowledgement of 100-year-old community member, and upcoming Mercier Bridge Art project
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex project, Mercier Bridge repair contract, potential economic development project, and status of application to Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) to extend hours and change maximum betting amounts for Electronic Gaming Devices and other KGC matters
- Harry Rice presented information on Sports & Recreation, Animal Protection, maintenance issues, Education funding matters, Collective Impact, potential Parks Canada initiative to commemorate Battle of Chateauguay
- Ross Montour updated on Archaeological and Consultation files, White/Montour litigation, and Cannabis Control Board
- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis Health & Safety Committee, Legislation Portfolio, and changes to certain processes regarding Kahnawà:ke files at Longueuil Court
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on infrastructure matters at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex, need for maintenance at Quebec Bridge Monument, and Hydro-Québec Dismantlement project
- Joe Norton brought forth Human Resources concerns, with ensuing discussion
- Meeting was closed at **4:51pm**