



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 10 Enníska/February 2020**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Cody Diabo, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice and Tonya Perron

**Out:** Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby (Vacation) and Ross Montour (attending Aboriginal & Environmental Law conference from February 10-13 in Vancouver, B.C.) Mike Delisle Jr. (Wellness), Lindsay LeBorgne (Wellness), and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Bereavement)

**Also Present:** Samantha Montour-Cross (Minute Taker), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Paul Rice (Business and Economic Development Advisor) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

#### **House Keeping**

- Cheque Signers: Nitsénhaienhs Mike Delisle, Jr. & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for December 16, 2019 & January 13, 2020. Deferred
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Asbestos working group meeting; Thursday: Tobacco, and Sustainable Development meetings
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Meeting with Health Canada; Thursday: Mercier Bridge working group meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha Board of Directors, and Search & Rescue meetings; Wednesday: Asbestos working group, and substance abuse prevention meetings; Thursday: Tewatohnhi'saktha, Tobacco, and Asbestos meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Asbestos working group meeting; Thursday: meeting on Lands matter
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Search & Rescue meeting; Wednesday: Asbestos working group meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Wednesday: meeting with Health Canada; Thursday: meeting on Cannabis matter
- **Joe Norton:** Tuesday: providing welcoming/opening remarks at Canada Border Services Agency meeting

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Ad-Hoc Working Group Update**

*Presence of Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services) & Kevin Kennedy.  
Client/Attorney Privileged*

##### **Strategic Discussion: Intervener Status, Supreme Court – Desautel Case**

*Presence of Marylee Armstrong & Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services).*  
Strategic discussion regarding cross-border hunting case that took place in British Columbia. While no Mohawks are involved in the case, there may be legal precedent set that could affect Indigenous hunting rights. It was agreed to proceed with a formal request for decision at upcoming duly-convened Council Meeting for a mandate to apply for Intervener status at Supreme Court hearing.

##### **Strategic Discussion: Economic Development Opportunity Presentation**

Introductory presentation and discussion with proponents of potential business opportunity.

##### **Strategic Discussion: Kahnawà:ke Labor Office and CCQ Collaboration Agreement**

This item was postponed



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### **Meetings with Representatives of CP Rail**

*Presence of Mike Lovecchio & Alain Dallbaum (CP Rail), Dwayne Zacharie (Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers), Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services), and Lloyd Phillips.* Meeting called to discuss current situation in which the rail line has been closed to traffic by local persons supporting the Wet'suwet'en people. CP Rail representatives were enlightened regarding the reasons for the current situation. CP rail expressed safety concerns over potential damage to the track where the protest is taking place. Ratsénhaienhs Frankie McComber will take the lead in communicating with those at the protest site.

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

- None submitted

### **Chief & Council Updates**

- n/a
- Meeting was closed at **4:59pm**