



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Enniskó:wa/March 2020

In: *In person:* Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Rhonda Kirby, Harry Rice, Ross Montour, and Lindsay LeBorgne. *Via teleconference:* Joe Norton, Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, and Mike Delisle, Jr.

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Clinton Phillips (Vacation Day)

Also Present: Tricia Diabo (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Dwaine White (Operations Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Declaration by Chief & Council to allow for the physical presence requirements for quorum to be temporarily modified to allow for participation via teleconference due to the current situation regarding COVID-19. Agreed by consensus
- Check Signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- COVID-19 Update. *Presence of Lloyd Phillips, Atiesa Foote & Robyn Montour.* Extensive update provided regarding recent activities and actions taken. (Note: see also “Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives” below)

Formal Agenda Items

Annual Budget Review (Deferred from March 10, 2020)

Presence of Erica Delisle. At the request of Chief & Council, discussion/clarification of the following External Secondary Requests regarding the 2020/2021 Annual Budget:

- Public Safety Division, Secondary Requests. *Presence of Lloyd Phillips*
- Kahnawà:ke Youth Center. *Presence of Kyle Zacharie*
- Skaweniio Tsi Iewennahnotakhwa Kahnawà:ke Library. Cancelled

No decisions were required regarding the above items.

Request for Decision: Budget Presentation

Presence of Erica Delisle. Request for Decision to approve the 2020-2021 MCK Annual Operating Budget Forecast of \$57.4 million. Certain Secondary Requests are deferred at this time. Detailed information will be forthcoming. Passed by consensus.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Official Activation of Emergency Operations Center

Presence of Lloyd Phillips, Atiesa Foote & Robyn Montour. Request for passage of Mohawk Council Executive Directive to officially activate Emergency Operations Center, designated as the “COVID-19 Task Force.” Passed by consensus (See Press Release dated March 16th for details)

Chief & Council Updates

- Cody Diabo gave a brief update regarding Asbestos testing/removal
- Discussion/clarification regarding MCK staffing matters in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic
- Meeting ended at **4:19pm**