



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 30 Enniskó:wa/March 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COVID-19 TASK FORCE MEETINGS BEING HELD ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY) ALL MEETINGS REFERENCED BELOW ARE VIA TELECONFERENCE

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber (out for meeting in the afternoon), Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby (out for meeting in the afternoon), Mike Delisle, Jr., Harry Rice (out for meeting in the afternoon), Ross Montour (out for meetings in afternoon), Lindsay LeBorgne and Joe Norton (All Present)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law* meeting (tentative); Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke, and KERM Fund meetings, call with Iroquois Caucus technician; Thursday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations internal meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Tuesday: Tobacco meeting; Wednesday: Asbestos meeting (tentative); Friday: CP Rail (tentative)
- **Clinton Phillips:** meeting with Indigenous Northern & Affairs Canada (date/time tentative)
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations internal Transportation meeting, Indian Day School Settlement meeting (times/dates tentative)
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Income Security, and KERM Fund meetings; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Monday: COVID-19 Task Force teleconference update; Monday to Friday: COVID-19 Task Force
- **Ross Montour:** Monday & Friday: AFNQL COVID-19 update; Monday: Tiohtià:ke Research Project meeting (time permitting); Thursday: Cannabis Health & Safety Committee meeting (tentative)
- **Joe Norton:** Tuesday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law* meeting (tentative); Thursday: Cannabis Health & Safety Committee meeting (tentative)
- **COVID-19 Task Force update.** *Presence of Lloyd Phillips, Nelva Diabo, Erica Delisle and Melissa Morris*

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: CHRC

Presence of Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services). Client/Attorney Privileged

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Step by Step Funding

Presence of Trina C. Diabo. Request by Step by Step Child & Family Center for a Mohawk Council Executive Directive to support funding renewal proposal for the Childcare Initiatives Program for 2020-2021. This is an annual request for renewal that allows Step by Step to receive funding from this specific Program. This year's proposal is in the amount of \$359,863.00. Passed by consensus.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission Reappointment

Request to reappoint Mark Jocks as Commissioner/Chairperson of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commissioner on a month-to-month basis until such time as the situation with COVID-19 has alleviated. Please note that his two-year term was set to expire on March 31, 2020. Passed by consensus.

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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Recreation Bay Remediation Project
Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Lynn Jacobs & Patrick Ragaz. Request to approve the awarding of the contract for the Recreation Bay Remediation Project, and to authorize Kevin Kennedy as the signatory to the contract on behalf of the MCK. A bidding process was used to secure bids on the contract. Of the three bids, the contract was awarded to Rice Mohawk Landscaping (RML), a local consortium consisting of RML and MJ Excavation; with subcontractors identified for dredging, environmental management and vegetation procurement. The contract is worth \$2,980,944.00, with a 10% contingency identified for a **total of \$3,279,038.00**. Funding has been secured from Economic Development Canada (\$791,961.00) and the Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec (\$902,000.00). The funding for the remaining costs awaits formal approval. It was noted that the timelines may be adjusted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Passed by consensus, with Gina Deer and Lindsay LeBorgne abstaining due to Conflict of Interest (family relationships). (See Press Release on this topic dated April 2, 2002)

Update: Kahnawà:ke/Kanesatake

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Client/Attorney privileged

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None

Chief & Council Updates

- Gina Deer provided brief update regarding potential Gaming sponsorship
- Kahsennenhawe updated on progress of Economic Relief Fund, with discussion following, and monitoring COVID-19 related measures in other Indigenous communities
- Harry Rice updated on Client-Based Services' Social Assistance
- Ross Montour reported on AFNQL COVID-19 updates last week, specifically aid to Indigenous communities
- Cody Diabo gave update on environmentally-friendly initiatives already underway
- Gina Deer further updated on progress of the Economic Relief Fund
- Clinton Phillips updated on upcoming Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Process meetings
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on progress of the Income Security Group, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission matters, and Mohawk Self-Insurance inquiries
- Lindsay LeBorgne reported on Social Assistance, upcoming Hydro Dismantlement file meeting
- Joe Norton reported on upcoming meeting with Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke, conversation with Indigenous Services Canada Minister Marc Miller regarding COVID-19 emergency funding, and a potential proposal to produce hand-sanitizing products locally
- Tonya Perron updated on the draft *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law*, draft *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law Regulations*
- Meeting ended at **2:42pm**