



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday & Tuesday, 27 & 28 Onerahtókha/April 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COVID-19 TASK FORCE) ALL MEETINGS REFERENCED BELOW ARE VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Dwaine White (Office of the Council of Chiefs General Manager of Operations) and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minutes Acceptance for April 14 & 21, 2020
- Note: COVID-19 Task Force Update for Chief & Council now takes place on Wednesday mornings, with additional updates as required
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Lands meeting, and meeting with Lachine City Council (tentative)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday & Friday: Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Wednesday: meeting with Lachine City Council (tentative); Friday: MCK Governance Project meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday & Friday: KERM meetings; Wednesday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations internal meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Wednesday & Friday: Economic Development 'Reopening of Kahnawà:ke' revitalization meetings (with Tawatohni'saktha, on behalf of COVID-19 Task Force); Thursday: CP Rail meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Lands meeting; Thursday/Friday visit to potential Land purchase site (to be determined)
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board meeting; Thursday: Indian Day Schools Settlement working group meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday & Friday: KERM meetings; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and Kahnawà:ke Office Complex internal meeting; Thursday: Hydro-Québec Dismantlement meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Thursday: Karihwano:ron meeting; Friday: Economic Development revitalization meeting (via COVID-19 Task Force)
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation Committee meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) prep, and Karihwano:ron meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Office Complex internal meeting; Thursday: Hydro-Québec Dismantlement meeting
- **Joe Norton:** Thursday: Karihwano:ron meeting; Friday: potential Economic Development project meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Consultation Committee meeting; Thursday: KLCC prep meeting; Friday: MCK Governance Project meeting

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Indian Day Schools Settlement

Presence of Vernon Goodleaf. Portfolio: Rhonda Kirby. Request to enter into a memorandum of Understanding with Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services for the position of Project Coordinator for Kahnawà:ke's office to assist community members with claims related to the Indian Day Schools Settlement, retroactive to February 3, 2020. Passed by consensus.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Aquaponics

Presence of Portfolio Lead Cody Diabo. Request for formal approval to request funding in the amount of \$43,000 from the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund (AIF) for the purposes of a feasibility study for the Aquaponics Farm project. Should AIF approve, the remainder of the funding for the feasibility study will be provided by the MCK. Cody Diabo authorized to act on behalf of the MCK. Passed by consensus.

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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Generic Non-Disclosure Agreement & Process

Presence of Paul Rice. Portfolio: Gina Deer. For the protection of all parties, request to approve authorization of Business & Economic Development Advisor Paul Rice and one (1) Economic Development Portfolio Chief to sign generic non-disclosure (confidentiality) agreements for the purposes of sharing information between the MCK and potential partners during the preliminary stages of discussions. Passed by consensus.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Community Initiatives Fund MCK Representative

Presence of Paul Rice. Portfolio: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to appoint Paul Rice on an interim basis to replace Alana Goodleaf-Rice as the MCK Representative on the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) Committee. A third-party review of the CIF will be conducted at a future date; once the evaluation is completed and presented, an MCK Representative will be appointed or reappointed. Passed by consensus.

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Client/Attorney Privileged

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services).

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Chief & Council Updates

- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos file meeting, Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (Unit) strategic planning, and Kanawaki file
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer reported on KERM Fund matters, community members requests/calls, and Client-Based Services staff workload
- Gina Deer updated on Tioweró:ton transit issues, Duty to Consult concerns, Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke matters, Iroquois Caucus potential Coordinator, Québec/Kahnawà:ke Relations re: various delays to file due to pandemic, and KERM Fund issues
- Frankie McComber reported on 'Reopening of Kahnawà:ke' project (with Tewatohni'saktha, as per Directive #34 from the Task Force) re: post-COVID-19 project, and CP Rail prep meeting
- Clinton Phillips reported on meetings with Lands Unit, and brought up community concerns regarding activities of certain restaurants
- Rhonda Kirby updated on Health Portfolio, Indian Day School Settlement matters, and special committee on Mercier Bridge
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, KERM Fund, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Renovation/Expansion Project, and special committee on Mercier Bridge
- Ross Montour reported on meeting regarding Accommodation file internal mandate, Cannabis Control Board matters including meeting with Health Canada, and Health Portfolio meeting
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on Hydro-Québec Dismantlement project
- Joe Norton updated on meetings re: potential economic development opportunities, and discussion with Kanesatake Grand Chief Otsi Simon regarding his community's situation regarding the pandemic
- Tonya Perron updates on Consultation file issues including suggestion to establish acceptable improved communications processes re: Archaeology files, Cannabis Control Board draft regulations and other matters including Health Canada meeting
- Meeting ended at **10:48am on April 28th**