



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Tuesday, 19 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2020**

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

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

**Out:** Gina Deer (Bereavement)

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

### **House Keeping**

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- It was decided that, during the summer months, Duly-Convened Council Meetings and Strategic Sessions will continue during the State of Emergency
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force update with Lloyd Phillips
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Ad-hoc Transition Committee
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) working group meeting; Friday: Ad-hoc Transition Committee
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday & Friday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures Fund (pending scheduling)
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre, and Kahnawake Shakotiia'takéhnhas Community Services board meeting; Thursday: Indian Day School Settlement internal meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (K/CR) Lands prep, and MCK/Tewatohnhi'saktha meetings; Friday: Lands meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: Tobacco meeting; Wednesday & Friday: COVID-19 Task Force meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center board meeting; Thursday: Governance Portfolio, and MCK/Tewatohnhi'saktha meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Kanawaki meetings, K/CR Lands prep meeting
- **Joe Norton:** Tuesday: meeting with Quebec government representative; Wednesday: Hydro-Québec meeting; Thursday: Media interview, and MCK/Tewatohnhi'saktha meeting; Friday: Ad-hoc Transition Committee
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Thursday: Cannabis Control Board budget, Governance Portfolio, and KLCC working group meetings

### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Resolution: Extension of Declaration of State of Emergency and Mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force**

*Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services) & Lloyd Phillips. Portfolio Lead: Harry Rice.* Request to extend the Mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force to mitigate all impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for an additional thirty (30) days. The original Mandate was passed on March 16, 2020 and was extended on April 14, 2020. The original Declaration of State of Emergency was passed on April 21, 2020 and is hereby extended. These directives are in effect until June 21, 2020 and subject to further extensions on a monthly basis, as deemed necessary. Passed by consensus

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Land Designation**

*Presence of Jean Guimond, Martin Stacey & Frank Deere. Portfolio Lead: Clinton Phillips.* Request to set aside a 660-square foot portion of Lot 52-1, Block "A" for the construction of a sewage pumping station in order to provide water & sewer services on Bell's Point/War Eagle Road. Once completed this will allow for the decommissioning of septic systems on private property in this area. Passed by consensus

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### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Update of Bank Signers**

*Presence of Erica Delisle. Portfolio Lead: Mike Delisle, Jr.* Because of recent changes to the Executive Director's Office structure, there is a need to update the bank signers and administrators on the MCK's Caisse Populaire Kahnawake bank accounts. Paul Rice and Kelly Montour will be appointed as signers until such time as the Executive Director and/or Executive Finance & Administrative Officer positions are filled. Passed by consensus

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Update Bank Signers for Court of Kahnawà:ke**

*Presence of Erica Delisle. Portfolio Lead: Mike Delisle, Jr.* Because of the recent changes to the Executive Director's Office structure, there is a need to update the bank signers and administrators on the Court of Kahnawà:ke's Caisse Populaire Kahnawake bank account. Paul Rice will be appointed as a signer until such time as the Executive Director and/or Executive Finance & Administration Officer positions are filled. Passed by consensus

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

None submitted

### **Updates**

- Lindsay LeBorgne briefly updated on the Ad-hoc Transition Team activities
- Ross Montour updated on Tiohtià:ke project, K/CR Lands & Seigneurie meetings, Consultation & Accommodation Quebec relations issues
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Gaming matters, budget/finance matters, subject of community income security, Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund, and community member's concerns regarding underground tobacco sales during pandemic
- Rhonda Kirby's update focused on ongoing Indian Day School Settlement file, and Step-By-Step's concerns regarding Quebec's directives during pandemic (with ensuing discussion)
- Clinton Phillips updated on K/CR Lands & Seigneurie meetings, Nuclear Working Group
- Frankie McComber updated on various Tobacco matters, Business Coalition discussion, and brought forth Mohawk Self Insurance issue (additional input from Lindsay LeBorgne & Mike Delisle, Jr.)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Collective Impact Steering Committee, Human Rights matter (to be brought to upcoming Council Strategic session), *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*, KERM matters, and Language funding
- Cody Diabo provided updates on Aquaponics project, and Asbestos file
- Joe Norton reported on KERM matters, and last Friday's K1037 radio appearance
- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis Control Board job descriptions, Cannabis "Expression of Interest" file, meeting on Deconstruction of Champlain Bridge, KLCC Working Group discussions on Feedback & Surveys, *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* Regulations, and Consultation & Accommodation policy/protocol issues
- Discussion on issues regarding Quebec's "Duty to Consult," with participation of Nelly Marcoux from the Office of the Council of Chiefs.
- Meeting ended at **12:50pm**