



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Monday, 31 Seskéha/August 2020**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TODAY'S MEETING WAS HELD AT THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Frankie McComber, Clinton Phillips, Rhonda Kirby, Mike Delisle, Jr. (*on Vacation this week but participated in the Council of Chiefs Internal Discussion agenda item*), Harry Rice, Ross Montour and Lindsay LeBorgne

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

### **House Keeping**

- Cheque Signers: Rhonda Kirby and Lindsay LeBorgne
- Response Letter: Cody Diabo requested direction regarding a letter to Council of Chiefs regarding Asbestos. The Asbestos Working group will be directed to draft initial response on their behalf
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force update via teleconference
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: meeting on Peacekeepers jurisdiction; Wednesday: internal CP Rail meeting, and COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Friday: Iroquois Caucus Harvesting Working Group meeting; Vacation from September 8 to 18
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Thursday: Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting; Vacation from September 8 to 18 (to be confirmed)
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Karihwanó:ron meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) meeting; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Search & rescue meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Karihwanó:ron meeting; and ½ Wellness Day; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Clinton Phillips:** Thursday & Friday: Wellness Days
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: KERM Fund meeting; Wednesday to Friday: Bereavement Days; Vacation from September 8 to 11, returning on Monday, September 14
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday to Friday: Vacation Days
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting on Terms of Reference; Thursday: Cannabis Control Board budget review, and KLCC meetings

### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directives (X3): Reappointment of Peacekeeper Services Board Members**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips. Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber.* Request to support and endorse the re-appointment of three members of the Peacekeeper Services Board. Leanda Johnson, Helen Moses and Elizabeth Montour to be appointed for a one-year term effective August 31, 2020 to August 31, 2021. Each candidate to be officially reappointed via individual Mohawk Council Executive Directive. All three (3) Executive Directives were **Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amendment to the Public Safety Commission**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips. Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber.* Request to make changes to the composition of the Public Safety Commission to better serve the purpose of the Commission moving forward, particularly with respect to public health emergencies. The recommendation is to replace the Director of Public Works as a voting member with the Executive Director of the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre. **Passed by Consensus**



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### **Request for Decision: Housing Item**

*Presence of Stacey Douglas & Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services) and Davis Montour. Lead Portfolio Chief: Gina Deer. **This item Client/Attorney Privileged***

### **Discussion: Council of Chiefs Internal Discussion**

After a lengthy discussion it was decided by consensus that no Interim Grand Chief would be designated for the remainder of the term. Tonya Perron will continue to act as chairperson for the weekly Council meetings, as she has since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. For Strategic Discussions, the Lead Portfolio Chief will act as the chairperson for his/her item and act as the lead spokesperson for his/her individual portfolio(s). Further information and discussion with community members will be forthcoming. *(For more detailed information please see the Press Release issued on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>)*

- Meeting concluded at **4:27pm**