



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Tuesday & Wednesday, 8-9 Seskehkó:wa/ September 2020**

### **THIS MEETING WAS HELD AT THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Mike Delisle, Jr., Harry Rice, Ross Montour, Gina Deer, Lindsay LeBorgne and Rhonda Kirby (Monday morning session only)

**Out:** Frankie McComber (Vacation)

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

### **House Keeping**

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for June 29 & 30, July 8 & 27, and August 3, 10 & 16 - DEFERRED
- September 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador meeting to discuss the Action Plan on Racism and Discrimination. Gina Deer will participate and carry the proxy on behalf of the MCK, with Harry Rice participating as an observer (should this be permitted)
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update CANCELLED
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) and Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) joint internal meeting, and Asbestos Working Group meetings; Friday: meeting with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office re: Tekakwitha Island & Recreation Bay Project, and Natural Resources Canada meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday to Friday: Vacation Days
- **Clinton Phillips:** Thursday: KCR and SSSL joint internal meeting, and Asbestos Working Group meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: KCR SSSL joint internal meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Friday: Vacation Day
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Participating in 9/11 Commemoration event
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Monday afternoon to Friday: Bereavement Leave
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: meetings on two separate Consultation files; Thursday: KCR and SSSL joint internal meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group meeting; Friday: Quebec Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) internal Justice workplan, and Administrative Tribunal Technical Drafting Committee meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: meetings on two separate Consultation files, and Cannabis Control Board meeting; Thursday: QKR internal Consultation workplan, and KLCC working group meetings; Friday: QKR internal Justice workplan, and Administrative Tribunal Technical Drafting Committee meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Priority-Setting, and Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures Fund meetings; Thursday: KCR and SSSL joint internal meeting, and Peel Street Project meeting; Friday: Vacation Day

### **Formal Agenda Items**

**Request for Decision: Communal Request for Land Allotment Applicants**  
*Presence of Jean Guimond & Cole McComber. Lead Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo.*  
Request for direction regarding potential temporary changes to the process for requesting Communal Land Allotments during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed by consensus that portions of the Policy be suspended, and alternative processes be applied during the pandemic to allow for the process of Communal Land Allotments to proceed. In order to meet the requirement that applicants must present themselves to the community, the alternate process that will apply will be video recordings of the presentations/requests presented to the community via various media platforms. Details forthcoming. The interim changes to the policy need to be formalized via a Mohawk Council Executive Directive to be brought forth a future duly-convened meeting

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### **Mohawk Council Executive Decision: Appointment of Commissioner to the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (1)**

*Presence of Dwaine White. Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr.* Request to reappoint Daryl Leclair to the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission for a two-year term effective September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Commissioner to the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (2)**

*Presence of Dwaine White. Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr.* Request to appoint Blair Thomas Armstrong as a new Commissioner to replace Mark Jocks, who announced that he is stepping down. The request **did not pass**. As a result, names will be submitted to the lead Portfolio Chief as potential candidates.

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Finance, Administration & Operations Terms (FAO) of Reference**

*Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr.* Request to approve proposed amendments to the FAO Terms of Reference and to replace Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) #79/2015-2016 with this proposed MCED. The request was brought forth to temporarily address the issue in which, with the departure of the Executive Director, certain employees are currently without an immediate supervisor. The amendments put in place temporary measures for the oversight of employees. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Discussion: Grand Chief's Office**

*Presence of Winona Polson-Lahache & Samantha Montour-Cross.* Discussion on status of various initiatives, portfolios, projects and responsibilities of the Grand Chief's Office, and plans to address and prioritize the matters that need attending to.

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

Four (4) land Allotments: Peter Two-Axe, Sharyn Diabo, Shauna Goodleaf, and Daniel Kirby & Melanie Phillips

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on her meeting with the Mayor of Lachine regarding their marina project and upcoming event on this matter scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Gina Deer update on an upcoming meeting with Federal Minister of Justice David Lametti on gaming matters, and reported that she received a complaint letter, which has been directed to MCK Legal Services
- Ross Montour updated on the status of the Transition Committee for the transition of the Executive Director, with Council of Chiefs directing support for advancing to an open posting for the position of Executive Director and associated work
- Tonya Perron updated on meeting with community member to discuss an issue that person is experiencing
- Meeting was convened Tuesday morning at 9:20am and broke for the day at 4:15pm. Reconvened Wednesday morning at 8:33am on Tuesday and concluded at **9:05am**