



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday & Tuesday, 14-15 Seskehkó:wa/ September 2020**

MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE KATERI HALL

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

**Out:** Frankie McComber (Vacation, returning September 21<sup>st</sup>), and Clinton Phillips (Bereavement Leave)

**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, 20 & 27, and August 3, 10, 16 & 31, 2020
- Discussion on upcoming Iroquois Caucus meetings
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Note: Clinton Phillips is on Bereavement Leave on September 14, 15, 16 & 18
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Health & Social Services Annual General Assembly; Thursday: Finance, Operations & Administration (FAO) Committee meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* follow-up; Thursday: Heritage portfolio, FAO Committee, and AFNQL Action Plan on Racism & Discrimination meetings; Friday: Heritage portfolio Hiring Committee
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Heritage portfolio, and AFNQL Action Plan on Racism & Discrimination meetings (replacing proxy voting privilege originally approved for Gina Deer, who cannot attend)
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission; Thursday: FAO Committee, Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations & Cannabis internal meeting, and Kahnawà:ke/Canada Gaming Table meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Tuesday: Hydro-Québec meeting; Wednesday: internal committee meetings; Thursday: FAO Committee meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Economic Development meeting; Wednesday: internal committee, QKR Quebec Economic Development meetings; Thursday: Tioweró:ton Committee, FAO Committee, QKR & Cannabis internal meeting; and Kahnawà:ke Canada Gaming Table meeting; Friday: Essential Service, and Trade & Commerce meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: internal committee meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) Environment meeting; Friday: Kanawaki meeting; Saturday: attending ceremonial event in Lachine
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Meeting with O'Reilly & Associates; Wednesday: Justice Commission Regulations Process Consultation, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Regulations meeting, and Justice Commission Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Thursday: QKR Consultation Accommodation workplan, QKR & Cannabis internal meeting, Kahnawà:ke/Canada Gaming Table meetings; Friday: Consultation meeting (re: Parc Jean Drapeau); attending ceremonial event in Lachine
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Consultation file (Trois Rivières), Justice Commission Regulations Process Consultation, KLCC Regulations, Justice Commission Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Thursday: QKR Consultation Accommodation workplan meeting, and QKR & Cannabis internal meeting, Consultation meeting (with Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada); Friday: Victims of Crime Advisory Committee, and Consultation meeting (re: Parc Jean Drapeau)

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### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged items (X2)**

*Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) & Winona Polson-Lahache. Lead Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo & Chairperson Tonya Perron. These items are Client/Attorney Privileged*

#### **Request for Decision: Request for Motion to Intervene at Supreme Court of Canada Southwind Case**

*Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services). Lead Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour. Request to provide MCK Legal Services with a formal mandate to file a Motion to Intervene in the Southwind case that will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada. In this case, the Lac Seul First Nation is appealing a decision of the Federal Court of Appeal on the issue of how compensation for lands that were illegally flooded was determined. It has been determined that the case may have an impact on the rights of the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke in future "specific claims" files and settlements including, potentially, the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis land grievance. **Passed by Consensus***

#### **Update/Discussion: Trademark Dispute with Woodbine Entertainment**

*Presence of Murray Marshall & Dean Montour. Lead Portfolio Chief: Gina Deer. Update and discussion regarding trademark dispute with Woodbine Entertainment regarding use of the work "Mohawk." It was reported that the issue was resolved between the parties.*

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Rhonda Kirby updated on Indian Day Schools Settlement issues
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund matters, potential business opportunity, Peel Street Project (cultural initiative, with input from Harry Rice), progress regarding *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*, recent KCR Lands/Seigneurie Sault St. Louis meeting
- Harry Rice provided updates on Karihwanó:ron building options, school reopening inspections & plans, Kahnawà:ke Youth Center strategic planning, COVID-19 Task Force, and Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex repair project
- Mike Delisle, Jr. added to update re: Kahnawà:ke Sports Complex repairs project, plus updates on Hiring/Human Resources matters, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission strategic planning, KERM Fund matters, Labor Portfolio matters, MCK fuel tax returns issue (which will be brought to the QKR table), Kahnawà:ke Office Complex (with additional input from Ross Montour), and joint KCR Lands/Seigneurie meeting on mandate and potential surplus lands
- Lindsay LeBorgne provided updates on meetings with St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and Hydro-Québec, and his participation in the Reading of the Names for First Responders who have died since the events of 9/11
- Gina Deer updated on Housing issues, Cannabis business opportunities, invitation to speak at McGill University, Tioweró:ton matters, Library funding initiatives, and historical projects
- Cody Diabo updated on delays to the Tekakwitha Island Recreation Bay restoration project, recent sewage issue, Kanawaki Lease file, Land Allotment changes due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Ross Montour updated on the Southwind court case, Cannabis Control Board meeting, KLCC working group meetings, Consultation Unit funding opportunities, Bill-61 (Quebec infrastructure economic stimulus legislation)
- Tonya Perron updated on various Cannabis Control Board matters (progress on draft Regulations, Medical cannabis issues, license applications), KLCC and technical Drafting Team meetings, heads up on upcoming Council of Chiefs priority setting session
- Monday portion of meeting ended at 3pm and reconvened Tuesday at 8:33am. Meeting concluded at **9:03am**