



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday & Tuesday, 16 & 17 Kentenhkó:wa/ November 2020

MEETING HELD AT MCK MAIN OFFICE & VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Frankie McComber, Cody Diabo, Gina Deer (at Main Office), Rhonda Kirby, Harry Rice, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Mike Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Clinton Phillips, & Ross Montour (via video conference).

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

House Keeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for October 26, 2020
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) update, and First Nations Communications Planning meeting; Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) COVID-19 meeting, QKR Relationship Framework, and Trade & Commerce meetings; Friday: QKR Relationship Framework meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Social Assistance Working Group, and Asbestos Working Group meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: internal Cannabis discussion; Wednesday: Justice-related matters, Governance/Administrative Affairs, Governance Portfolio, and Cannabis Control Board (tentative) meetings; Thursday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Cannabis Regulations & Feedback Report meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting; Thursday: Wellness time in the afternoon
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Personal Time in the afternoon; Thursday: meeting with Parks Canada (to be confirmed); Friday: Heritage Portfolio meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Governance/Administrative Affairs, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Thursday: AFNQL Covid-19 meeting; Friday: Heritage Portfolio meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Governance/Administrative Affairs meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services Board meeting; Wednesday: Executive Directors Relations meeting; Thursday: Sexual Assault Working Group meeting, and Chiefs Uncut recording; Friday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre elections
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Research Director & Report meetings; Thursday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, and Consultation meetings; Friday: internal QKR update

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Tawatohni'saktha Five-Year Funding

Presence of Neil McComber (Tawatohni'saktha), Erica Delisle & Paul Rice. Lead Portfolio Chief: Gina Deer. Due to the removal of revenue-generation in the mandate, Tawatohni'saktha no longer generates its own sources of revenue. To address this, it is requested that the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke enter into a five-year Agreement with Tawatohni'saktha to allocate the first five years of Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies revenues (projected at \$1 million per year) to Tawatohni'saktha to be transferred on an annual basis. Additionally, the MCK will allocate the last five years of the C8 loan payments (approximately \$500,000 per year) to fund Tawatohni'saktha operational deficits – funds to be released upon approval of the deficit through the annual audit process. This five-year Agreement will be in force for the period beginning April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2025. **Agreed by Consensus**



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Mohawk Council Resolution: State of Emergency Mandate Renewal

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) & Lloyd Phillips.

Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to extend the current State of Emergency and Mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force by an additional 30 days, effective November 21 to December 21, 2020. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services)

Request for Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Jean Pommainville (MCK Legal Services)

Request for Decision: Indigenous Community Business Fund

Presence of John Bud Morris & Neil McComber (Tewatohnhi'saktha) and Erica Delisle & Paul Rice. Lead Portfolio Chiefs: Gina Deer & Mike Delisle, Jr. Request for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke to support Tewatohnhi'saktha proposal to access/utilize the phase one portion of the new federally-administered Indigenous Community Business Fund created to help support operating costs for Indigenous communities whose economies have been affected by the pandemic. The portion of the fund accessed seeks to provide support for community-owned businesses that do not qualify for other Government of Canada COVID-19 relief measures.

Tewatohnhi'saktha will utilize the funding to support work to identify impacts of the pandemic on local businesses, and plan for supports for recovery. *(For further details see press release issued by Tewatohnhi'saktha on Tuesday, November 17th).*

Agreed by Consensus

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Discussions concerning a potential conflict of interest
- Letter to be sent to Minister of Justice/Attorney General of Canada David Lametti was finalized and approved
- Discussion on Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission matter
- Meeting ended at **4pm** on Monday, reconvened on Tuesday at **8:30am** and **concluded at 10:44am**