



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 23 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), and Joe Delaronde & Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations)

House Keeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for November 9, 2020 - Deferred
- Westmount Rotary Club speaker request: Mike Delisle, Jr. agreed to speak at the events on the topic of reconciliation, which are scheduled for February & March 2021
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) meeting to create Quebec/AFNQL working group. Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (voting proxy) and Ross Montour to participate
- Asbestos Strategic Planning scheduling finalized for December 8, 2020
- Letter of Condolences to Huron-Wendat Nation regarding former Grand Chief Max Gros-Louis to be finalized
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Cannabis meeting; Wednesday: Governance/Administrative Affairs, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Thursday: Consultation meetings; Friday: Justice Portfolio Team meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: meeting with AFNQL Regional Chief Ghislain Picard (to be confirmed), and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting; Thursday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Relationship Framework, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: External Government Relations workplan meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: internal CP Rail Working Group meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Lands Management meeting; Friday: External Government Relations meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Karihwanó:ron meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Vision Group meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Governance/Administrative Affairs, and KERM Fund meetings; Thursday or Friday: Collective Impact meeting (to be confirmed); Friday: External Government Relations meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Governance/Administrative Affairs meeting; Thursday: Mercier Bridge communications meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, KERM Fund, and internal Labor prep meetings; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: MCK Social Committee, Governance/Administrative Affairs meetings; Thursday: Mercier Bridge communications, 'My Kahnawà:ke,' and Snow Removal meetings, and Traditional Teachings presentation
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Thursday: Consultation, Kahnawà:ke Vision Group meeting; Friday: External Government Relations meeting

Formal Agenda Items

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Client/Attorney Privileged Item

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

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Hydro-Québec Line 2 Specific Claims Submission

Presence of Eric Doucet & Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), and Rose-Ann Morris. Lead Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour. Request for approval of the redrafted claim for submission to the Federal Specific Claims Process. The claim seeks compensation for the illegal expropriation of lands for Line 2, and for the loss of use of affected lands for the duration of the expropriation. Please note that a similar claim was made previously but was withdrawn for further research and redraft to meet new standards for the Specific Claims Process. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Peacekeeper Ethics Committee Members

Presence of Robyn Montour (MCK Public Safety Division) and Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to appoint four members to the Peacekeeper Ethics Committee, and to reactivate this five-member committee. The following four community members are hereby appointed: Arnold Lazare, Arnold Boyer, Susie Diabo and Terry Diabo, Sr. The appointments are for four-year terms effective once the Mohawk Council Executive Directive is signed. A posting for one other member of the Peacekeeper Ethics Committee will follow. **Passed by Consensus**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Harry Rice opened discussion on potential Christmas Lights project
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided a brief update on the Governance Portfolio
- Ross Montour asked for approval on letter to be sent to Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Perry Bellegarde concerning the closed and confidential work occurring between the AFN and the Government of Canada regarding the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Due to scheduling circumstances, other updates will be sent internally via email
- Meeting ended at **4:34pm**