



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 14 Tsothóhrha/December 2020**

### **Meeting held at MCK Main Office & via Video Conference**

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

**Out:** Harry Rice (Wellness)

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

### **House Keeping and Upcoming Meetings**

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Minute Acceptance for November 30, 2020 – Deferred
- Tuesday: meeting with mayor of Chateauguay
- Wednesday: weekly COVID-19 Task Force update to Council
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Aquaculture meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office meetings; Friday: Tobacco, and Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) Maintable meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting Friday: Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) and KCR Maintable meetings
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Peacekeepers meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: internal Tobacco meeting, and Chiefs Uncut recording
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Media interview; Wednesday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations internal update; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Media interview; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Planning session, and Heritage Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Language & Culture (Collective Impact) meeting, and Language & Culture Network meeting (tentative); Friday: KCR Maintable meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Finance, Operations & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio meeting; Friday: SSSL - Federal meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Indian Day School Settlement interview on K1037; Wednesday: FAO Committee, and internal Indian Day School Settlement meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: KLCC Planning session, QKR Framework workplan, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & research Portfolio, and Consultation file meetings; Friday: Cannabis, SSSL-Federal, KCR Maintable, and Justice Commission meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: QKR Framework workplan. Cannabis Control Board, KLCC Strategy session, internal QKR Justice Sectoral Table, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: QKR Framework workplan, Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Cannabis, Tobacco (internal), and Justice Commission meetings

### **Formal Agenda Items**

**Mohawk Council Resolution: Renewal, COVID-19 Task Force State of Emergency:** Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services) and 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 from December 21, 2020 to January 21, 2021. **Passed by Consensus**

**Mohawk Council Executive Directives (X4): Client/Attorney Privileged Items** Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Client/Attorney Privileged

**Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Funding Agreement with First Nations of Quebec & Labrador Health & Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC) for the Comprehensive Community Planning and Collective Impact Projects** Presence of Tricia Delormier, Richard Basque & Linda Delormier. Lead Portfolio Chief: Rhonda Kirby. Item Deferred



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### **Request for Decision: Access to Return Lands Negotiation Mandate Modifications**

*Presence of Paul Rice. Lead Portfolio Chiefs: Rhonda Kirby & Frankie McComber.*

Request to authorize letsénhaienhs Tonya Perron, Ratsénhaienhs Frankie McComber and Paul Rice to negotiate with Kahnawà:ke business owner regarding Agreement for Intent to Exchange Land. The above-named replace letsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby and Kevin Kennedy as negotiators on behalf of the MCK. **Approved by Consensus**

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Indigenous Speakers Series presentation on S-3 (with Alan-John Rice), Youth Engagement meeting, Governance Report, and Joint Tribal Border Alliance planning meeting, reported on invitation to act as Advisor on Housing survey and donated \$1000 stipend to two community organizations, and various community member complaints (to be addressed by relevant Portfolio Chiefs)
- Mike Delisle, Jr. reminded the Table to review documents regarding Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission
- Gina Deer asked for approval of letter being sent to Prime Minister Trudeau. Updated on Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund, meeting between Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) with Federal Ministers David Lametti & Carolyn Bennett, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Annual General Assembly meetings, Federal Gaming legislation (C-13) matters, and discussion with Quebec Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Ian Lafrenière regarding Mercier Bridge, Policing and various potential projects
- Ross Montour updated on AFNQL & AFN meetings, and Consultation files
- Cody Diabo updated on Housing plans, and Asbestos
- Frankie McComber brought forth a request from a community member regarding requirements of their business, to be further addressed at a later scheduled time
- In preparation for Friday's Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations meeting, Clinton Phillips brought forth concerns over wording in the draft KCR negotiations protocol, with approval to table the draft to the Federal KCR team
- Meeting ended at **4:05pm**