



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 21 Tsothóhrha/December 2020

Meeting held at MCK Main Office & via Video Conference

In at Main Office: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Frankie McComber (arrived at 10am), **In** via video conference: Rhonda Kirby, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Mike Delisle Jr., Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice, Gina Deer & Cody Diabo

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Wellness) & Ross Montour (Vacation)

Also Present: Kiera Beauvais (Minutes), 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 and December 7, 2020
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Meeting with Quebec Indigenous Affairs Minister Ian Lafrenière tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2021 to discuss the Mercier Bridge and Relationship Framework
- Meeting to be scheduled with the Mayor of Chateauguay to address a development project contiguous to the 'Parcel E' returned lands
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Vacation from January 4 – 8, 2021
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Aquaponics meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Day; January 4 & 5: Vacation Days
- **Gina Deer:** Monday to Wednesday: working in the mornings only, using Personal Time on the afternoons; Tuesday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting; Wednesday: Quebec/ Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) update meeting; January 4 – 8, 2021: Vacation
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Peacekeeper Services Board meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Joint Tribal Border Alliance prep meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: QKR Relationship Framework review; Tuesday and Wednesday: Vacation Days; Wednesday: QKR internal Framework Agreement meeting; January 6, 2021: Cannabis meeting; January 7: Transport Canada meeting; January 8: internal QKR meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Tuesday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting; Vacation from January 4 – 15, 2021
- **Ross Montour:** Vacation from December 21, 2020 to January 8, 2021; January 6, 2021: participating in Cannabis meeting

Formal Agenda Items

No formal Agenda Items

Follow-up Discussions

- Gaming: direction given to direct MCK Legal Services, the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission and Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke to conduct analysis and proposal from Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke related to Kahnawà:ke responses to Canada's new Federal C-13 Gaming Legislation. This work is to commence immediately due to time-sensitivity, and the parties will be directed to present options to the Council in early January 2021

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- Chateauguay Snow Dump Proposal: letter to be prepared indicating that Council is not willing to consider advancing the project
- Update on Executive Director position

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Rhonda Kirby updated on the Indian Day School Settlement, Child Care/Health files, and Transport Portfolio
- Clinton Phillips updated on December 18 Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Maintable meeting, Negotiations Protocol, and Recreation Bay funding
- Gina Deer updated on C-13 Gaming Legislation, and Housing matters
- Harry Rice provided updates on recent Heritage Portfolio meeting (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer), and meeting with Parks Canada regarding historic sites
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Collective Impact Language & Culture Mentorship Program, and Membership/Community Review Board matters
- Mike Delisle, Jr. requested direction on response letter to address a Gaming permit issue, expressed concerns over lack of engagement in Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis negotiations, and updated on progress of Mohawk Self Insurance proposed legislation
- Frankie McComber encouraged the Table to view Dr. Annick Gauthier's recent video regarding upcoming COVID-19 vaccination programs
- Tonya Perron provided updates on the following: QKR draft Framework Agreement revisions, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission recent strategic mapping session, QKR Justice Sectoral Table Workplan, Kahnawà:ke Victims of Crime office, recent Community Feedback on draft Regulations for the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*, Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, Consultation files, Justice Commission and progress on draft Regulations for Administrative Tribunal
- Cody Diabo: update on recent meeting with St. Lawrence Seaway regarding Recreation Bay, Canada's proposed Aquaculture legislation, and Kahnawà:ke's Aquaponics project
- Meeting ended at **12:40pm**
- **Happy Holidays!**