



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 11 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2021

Meeting held at MCK Main Office & via Video Conference

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

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation)

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 & Administrative Signer
- Minute Acceptance for December 14, 2020
- Trauma Training originally scheduled for February 10, 11: will be rescheduled, with dates to be determined
- Access User Permits, internal process update
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: Tioweró:ton meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Kanawaki Lease meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday to Friday: Quebec/ Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) internal Framework Agreement meetings; Wednesday: Governance Portfolio, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio, and Victims of Crime meetings; Friday: Consultation, and Governance/Administrative Affairs meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Nuclear Working Group meeting; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Monday, Tuesday: Mohawk Online meetings; Monday: Fuel Tax prep meeting; Wednesday: QKR update, and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: Tioweró:ton, and External Government Relations Portfolio meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Education Center update meeting, and media/public relations interview; Thursday: MyKahnawake Action Team meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: media/public relations interview, and Governance Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Language & Culture Mentorship Program meeting; Friday: Governance/Administrative Affairs, and External Government Relations Portfolio meetings
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday, Tuesday: Mohawk Online meetings; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and KERM Fund meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Relations Portfolio, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: Collective Impact Roundtable meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday, Thursday: Indian Day School Settlement meetings; Thursday: Governance Portfolio meeting, and Indian Day School Settlement interview on K1037
- **Ross Montour:** Monday, Tuesday: Mohawk Online meetings; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Education Center update, Consultation, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio meeting; Friday: Consultation, and External Governance Relations Portfolio meeting

Formal Agenda Items



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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Bell Canada Lease Renewal

Presence of Jean Guimond, Martin Stacey & Steven Diabo. Request for Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke to extend the ten (10) year lease extension with Bell Canada for two (2) network cabinets containing telephone, data and Internet networks essential for the community. The cabinets, which are approximately the size of a household refrigerator, are situated on Common land. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Contribution Agreement (Regional Impact Assessment for the St. Lawrence River)

Presence of Brittany Diabo. Request to approve Contribution Agreement with Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to support the MCK Consultation Committee participation in engagement sessions on the impacts of past, present and future development on the St. Lawrence River. Dwaine White will be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke. **Passed by Consensus**

Discussion: Essential Services

Presence of Richard Basque. Discussion on continued application of Directive #12, directing for essential-only services; and the need to establish a listing of staff for potential re-assignment to assist with pandemic-related functions. The discussion included confirming political priorities that require continuity during the MCK's operating on an essential-only services basis.

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Rhonda Kirby updated on the Indian Day Schools Settlement file
- Cody Diabo indicated that he would participate on the Covid-19 Task Force 'Facebook Live' Update on Tuesday
- Tonya Perron updated on meetings with Health Canada regarding Cannabis regulations, upcoming cultural-inclusion initiative being brought forth by the Montreal Impact soccer team as part of the 're-branding' of their franchise, the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission, update on calls from a representative from a provincial political movement/group, and participation for future Iroquois Caucus meetings
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Collective Impact matters/ initiatives (including upcoming survey to be developed), Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training workshops, and Border Crossing
- Frankie McComber updated on conversation with Roussillon Police regarding the Quebec lockdown, tentative press conference reiterating support for Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force
- Harry Rice updated on Education file and informed the Table of his planned attendance at the upcoming Chiefs meeting on Education on January 28th
- Gina Deer asked for direction regarding an issue regarding Cannabis, and updated on federal C-13 Gaming legislation
- Client/Attorney Privileged discussion (presence of Eric Doucet of MCK Legal Services)
- Meeting ended at **4:37pm**