



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 18 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

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 & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for November 16, 2020
- Request for Discussion/Feedback on Millis, Massachusetts 'Mohawk Mascot' matter. Action: a letter of response will be drafted indicating the position that the MCK does not support the use of the name 'Mohawk' for sports team mascots but supports the development of Indigenous content in curriculum.
- First Nations Regional Health Survey. Action: MCK will respond via letter indicating its request to delay the survey due to the high priority taken to address the COVID-19 pandemic
- Request from Playground Poker for certain amendments to current Agreement. Action: MCK will respond via letter indicating limitations during essential-only operations, that further internal discussion is required, and that the request will be addressed upon return to usual business.
- Discussion on proposed agenda items for upcoming (virtual) Iroquois Caucus meeting tentatively scheduled for late January or February. In accordance with agenda items, MCK participation will include Frankie McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Ross Montour and Rhonda Kirby.
- Mike Delisle, Jr. will resume his role as the Chairperson of the Finance, Operations & Administration Committee and in all political discussions. He will not participate in the decision regarding the selection of the new Executive Director.
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Friday: Administrative Affairs & Governance (AAG) Portfolio Joint Priorities meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) debriefing meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday & Friday: Asbestos meetings; Thursday: KCR debriefing meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tawatohni'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Personal Time (morning only)
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Asbestos, and Finance, Operations & Administration (FAO) Committee meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday & Thursday: First Nations Regional Adult Education Center (FNRAEC) meetings; Friday: Personal Time (afternoon only)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: Language & Culture Network, Youth Engagement Strategy, and AAG Portfolio prep meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) internal Transport Workplan, and AAG Portfolio prep meetings
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Labor Working Group, and Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meetings; Thursday: KCR Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis debrief meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services Board meeting; Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: QKR internal Transport Workplan, and AAG Portfolio prep meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Asbestos, FNRAEC, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting team meetings; Thursday: Consultation meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting team meeting; Thursday: Consultation, Victims of Crime, and AAG Portfolio prep meetings

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Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Resolution: Extension of State of Emergency

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 January 21, 2021 to February 21, 2021. **Passed by Consensus**

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

- One (1) Land Allotment

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Frank McComber updated on COVID-19 situation.
- Clinton Phillips provided an update on Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Steering Committee and political appointment/representation matters. It was noted that the KCR Team is advising to send a letter to the Minister of Crown Relations Bennett to address matters concerning composition of the Steering Committee. Also, Canada suggests the appointment of a Minister's Special Representative as a means to have a contact with more political linkages to Minister Bennett and counterparts. A letter will be sent to address both matters.
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund matters, with discussion ensuing. The MCK will issue notification to the community that persons who violate Task Force Directives will forfeit their right to receive KERM Fund benefits.
- Client/Attorney Privileged update (with Eric Doucet of MCK Legal in attendance)
- Cody Diabo brought forth a brief Asbestos update (with input from Gina Deer).
- Ross Montour updated on Consultation files, including REM rail transit project
- Tonya Perron updated on Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations Relationship Framework drafting in preparation for upcoming meeting with Quebec's Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs. Also updated on staffing reassignments and prioritizing of political agenda due to COVID-19.
- Discussion on community concerns regarding Recreation Paths/four wheelers and cellphone service.
- Tonya Perron reported on the Cannabis Regulations Feedback Report; and the Victims of Crime project.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on the Governance Portfolio, specifically on consideration of the recommendations that came from the community in the MCK Governance Project report; and Language & Culture initiatives, including 'Connecting Our Elders' project.
- Harry Rice updated on cable TV interview (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); and Education matters (with input from Ross Montour).
- Gina Deer updated on Canada's C-13 Gaming legislation; KERM matters; updated Economic Development Portfolio, specifically on local Internet services; Tioweró:ton issue with non-Indigenous contractor; and the External Government Relations Portfolio meeting and structure.
- Discussion on last week's \$3 million dividend allocation from Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke to the KERM Fund.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed the Table that Alana Goodleaf-Rice has been named as Interim Coordinator for Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact
- Discussion took place regarding needs of the Kateri Food Basket
- Meeting ended at **3:52pm**