



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

**Monday, 15 and Wednesday, 17\* Enniska/February 2021**

### **Meeting held at MCK and via Video Conference**

**In:** At MCK: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson) & Frankie McComber. Via video conference: Lindsay LeBorgne, Cody Diabo, Rhonda Kirby, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Mike Delisle Jr., Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice, Ross Montour & Gina Deer (all in attendance)

**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 January 18, 2021 - deferred
- Letter of Support for Language Nest proposal for funding application to Indigenous Languages Component, with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer authorized to sign on MCK's behalf. **Agreed to support by Consensus**
- Iroquois Caucus: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer and Ross Montour will participate in the entire meeting, while Rhonda Kirby (Indian Day School Settlement), and Frankie McComber (Harvesting Working group) will participate in select agenda items, as indicated
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research (IRR) Chiefs, Economic Development Portfolio, and Vaccination strategy meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Cannabis Control Board (tentative); Thursday: IRR Chiefs meeting, and meetings with Health Canada regarding Cannabis matters; Friday: Justice Portfolio, Governance & Administrative Affairs (GAA) joint priority, and Bill-65 meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and Asbestos update meetings; Thursday: Asbestos, and Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office update meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: Mohawk Online meeting; Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations update meeting; Thursday: Asbestos, internal Fuel Tax, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Friday: meeting with Mayor of Chateaugay, and Economic Development discussion
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio meeting; Friday: Sports & Recreation meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center board meeting; Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, Land Code, and Heritage Portfolio meetings, and media interview regarding Peel Street project; Thursday: Collective Impact project team; Friday: GAA joint priority meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: IRR Chiefs meeting, and Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: GAA joint priority meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Thursday: meeting with Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Executive Director; Friday: Transport, and GAA joint priority meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Asbestos meeting; Friday: Transport, GAA joint priority, and internal meeting on Quebec Bill-65
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and Cannabis Control Board (tentative) meetings; Thursday: meeting with Health Canada on Cannabis matters; Friday: meeting with Mayor of Chateaugay, Justice Portfolio, and internal meeting on Quebec's Bill-65

### **Formal Agenda Items**

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### **Mohawk Council Resolution: Renewal of State of Emergency**

*Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services) and Lloyd Phillips. Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber.* Request to approve extension of State of Emergency and extend the Mandate of the Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force by an additional 30 days, from February 21 to March 21, 2021. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Request for Decision: Client/Attorney Privileged Item (Asbestos)**

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Winona Polson-Lahache and Heather Jacobs-Whyte.* Client/Attorney Privileged

### **\*Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amendment to Contribution Agreement for Peacekeepers Funding (this item tabled on Wednesday, February 17, 2021)**

*Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services), Dwayne Zacharie (Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers) and Lloyd Phillips. Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber.* Request to approve an Amendment to the Contribution Agreement for Peacekeepers Funding in the amount of \$255,000. This amount is distinct from and in addition to the Contribution Agreement. It is to cover non-recurring costs/expenses incurred by the Peacekeepers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding has been made available by Public Safety Canada for the benefit of Indigenous policing organizations. Ratsénhaienhs Frankie McComber authorized to sign on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on potential Hydro-Québec project; and federal Gaming legislation issues and engagement with Ontario; he informed the Table that Mark Jocks has resigned as a member of the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) – Council has directed measures to address the vacancy on an emergency interim basis until a permanent replacement is appointed.
- Cody Diabo provided an update on the Kanawaki Golf Club lease negotiations and sought direction from Council on next steps. Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Branden Morris & Veronica Leborgne also participated. A strategic session will be scheduled on Tuesday (February 16) to further discuss the matter.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer briefly updated on next steps regarding the Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priorities. A strategic session will be scheduled for the next opening on this matter.
- Ross Montour updated on meetings on Canada's draft Bill C-15 legislation (the implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples); and the Jay Treaty Border Alliance meeting (with added input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer)
- Meeting concluded Monday at **2:58pm**. Reconvened Wednesday at 2:30pm, and ended at **2:57pm**.