



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 22 Enniska/February 2021

Meeting held at MCK and via Video Conference

In: At MCK: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo & Frankie McComber. **Via video conference:** Lindsay LeBorgne, 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 Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for January 18 and February 8, 2021
- Tuesday: meeting with Mayor of Chateauguy
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and Asbestos Working Group meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) meeting; ; Friday: Internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) update meeting; Wellness Day next Tuesday (March 2)
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Consultation, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Strategic Meetings planning, Justice Portfolio, and Indigenous Rights & Research (IRR) Portfolio Chiefs meetings; Friday: Internal QKR update meeting; Vacation from March 1-5
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, and COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Wellness time in the afternoon
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, weekly QKR update, and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund; Thursday: ACI meeting, and internal MCK Fuel Tax meetings; Friday: Iroquois Caucus, and internal QKR update and internal Gaming Table meetings. Vacation Days next Tuesday and Wednesday
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: 'MyKahnawake' meeting; Thursday: recording Chiefs Uncut, and Asbestos Working Group meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training (X2), and KERM Fund meeting; Thursday: Collective Impact Language & Culture Mentorship project, Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp. Indigenous Housing, and Youth Engagement meetings; Friday: Iroquois Caucus meeting; Saturday: volunteering at fundraising event; Monday: Vacation Day
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (tentative), and KERM Fund meetings; Thursday: IRR Portfolio Chiefs meeting; Friday: internal QKR update and internal Gaming Table meeting; Vacation March 8 to 12
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: ACI meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: internal QKR file update meeting; Friday: internal QKR update, and Indian Day Schools Settlement meetings. Vacation days from March 2 (afternoon) to Thursday, March 4
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén training, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Consultation, First Nations Education Council, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Justice Portfolio, and IRR Portfolio Chiefs meeting; Friday: Iroquois Caucus, internal QKR update and internal Gaming Table meetings; Vacation Days from Monday to Wednesday (March 1 to 3)
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tawatohnhi'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: IRR Portfolio Chiefs, and Iroquois Caucus Harvesting working group meetings; Friday: Iroquois Caucus meeting; Vacation Days on March 2, 4 & 5

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Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Cultural Infrastructure Development Assistance Program Funding

Presence of Lisa Phillips (Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center) and Trina C. Diabo. Lead Portfolio Chief: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Request to adopt MCED to effectively approve the submission of the Funding Application to Quebec's Ministry of Culture & Communications' Cultural Infrastructure Development Assistance Program for \$20 million for the Multi-Purpose Building Project; the designation of Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Kevin Kennedy to sign all agreements and documentation related to the application; and to confirm commitment of \$5 million to be allocated for the project from the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Cody Diabo provided an update on progress on the 'Recreation Bay' project and other Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office matters
- Frankie McComber updated on harvesting (hunting) matters, with ensuing discussion; requested and received approval to attend meeting re: Sépaq – Nationals for St. Bruno and Isle Boucherville; updated on recent COVID-19 Task Force matters
- Tonya Perron informed the Table that a non-local is challenging the *Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness Law*; updated on Victims of Crime local initiatives; challenges regarding the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law's* Community Review Board and reviews of decision of the Registrar awaiting addressal (meetings to be scheduled with Portfolio Chief to discuss potential remedial measures); updated on various staffing changes in relation to her portfolios; updates on Quebec's Bill-65, which may have impacts on local recycling programs; and matters related to the Cannabis file, including meetings with Health Canada concerning cultivation
- Clinton Phillips updated on the Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations proposed meeting with Indigenous-Crown Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett
- Harry Rice updated on the repairs taking place at the Sports Complex, outdoor activities currently underway at the facility, and potential future activities that could be initiated during the pandemic; and on Heritage and potential changes to placenames in Lasalle
- Gina Deer updated on internal MCK Fuel Tax discussions; Aboriginal Initiatives Fund projects; Economic Development Portfolio; meeting with Mayor of Chateauguay; Executive Director transition; and, Gaming jurisdictional issues
 - this began a lengthy discussion that encompassed several specific topics on this issue. As a result, the composition of the Gaming Table will be formalized via a Request for Decision
- Ross Montour updated on cannabis cultivation meetings; Contrecoeur project (Consultation file); Justice matters; meeting with Chateauguay Mayor; and AFNQL Working Group on pending federal legislation concerning the UNDRIP
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer asked for direction on the Governance project (with discussion ensuing); updated on the following: Executive Director transition; Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa matters; Heritage Portfolio; meeting with Lachine Mayor; Collective Impact Language & Culture Mentoring project; and increases in complaints re: residency issues.
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on community member concerns on the following: land, fiber-optics, and snow plowing issues; Also updated on continuing progress of Hydro Dismantlement project and expected request from Capital to meet on upcoming projects
- Mike Delisle, Jr.: updated on contact with Ontario regarding Gaming matters; update on potential candidates for vacant position for Commissioner on the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, including media requests; and potential project with Hydro-Québec
- Rhonda Kirby updated on meeting with Quebec concerning daycare funding ; and possible re-visitation of the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre's 1984 funding agreement.
- Meeting ended at **4:04pm**