



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, Tuesday 8-9 Enniskó:wa/March 2021

Meeting conducted via Video Conference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Lindsay LeBorgne, Rhonda Kirby (Monday only, Wellness Day on Tuesday), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice, Frankie McComber, Gina Deer, Cody Diabo & Ross Montour

Out: Mike Delisle Jr. (Vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations, Monday only), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations, Tuesday only), and, for Housekeeping & Upcoming Meetings only, Brandi Meloche (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for February 17 & 22, 2021. Minute Acceptance for November 2, 2020, and February 15, 2021 deferred
- Trauma Training scheduled for April 8 & 9 will only be rescheduled once in-person meetings are permitted
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Asbestos Working Group, Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI), recording Chiefs Uncut, and Aquaponics (X2) meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force, and Iroquois Caucus Harvesting Working Group meetings; Thursday: Indigenous Rights & Research (IRR) Portfolio meeting; Friday: meeting with Corrections Canada
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Asbestos Working Group, and Parc Jean Drapeau potential projects meetings; Friday: Karihwanó:ron meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Language & Culture Network, and Governance Portfolio meeting; Thursday: AFNQL Elected Women's Council, Membership/Registration (tentative), and Governance & Administrative Affairs(GAA) joint priorities meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Bell permits, ACI, GAA joint priorities meetings; Friday: Infrastructure Canada, and Transport User Fees meetings
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Health Plan update, and Memorial Path meeting with Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridges, Inc.; Friday: Infrastructure Canada, and Transport User Fees meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Governance Portfolio, and Cannabis Control Board (tentative) meetings; Thursday: Strategic Sessions planning, IRR Portfolio, GAA joint priorities, Cannabis file, and Highway 30 Consultation meetings; Friday: Infrastructure Canada, Health Canada (Cannabis), and Corrections Canada meetings
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador 'Quebec Relations' meeting; Wednesday: Housing meeting; Thursday: AFNQL Elected Women's Council, ACI, and internal Fuel Tax meetings; Friday: Vacation Day; next Tuesday & Wednesday: Vacation Days
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: AFNQL 'Quebec Relations' meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Day; Thursday: IRR Portfolio, internal Hwy 35 Consultation, and Cannabis file meetings; Friday: Infrastructure Canada, and Karihwanó:ron meetings

Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Addition of Signatory, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Short-Term Loan

Presence of Erica Delisle. Lead Portfolio Chief: Rhonda Kirby. Request to add Finance, Administration & Operations Committee Chairperson Mike Delisle Jr. as a signatory for the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre short-term loan (in regard to the KMHC expansion/renovation project). The short-term portion of the loan is expected to close in June 2021. **Passed by Consensus**

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Council of Chiefs Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on meeting with Mayor of Lachine regarding funding for potential cultural exchanges between the two communities (with input from Harry Rice); Language & Culture Network matters, brought forth a question regarding posting on information from *Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry*; and Housing matters
- Cody Diabo & Clinton Phillips updated on client/attorney privileged files (with Eric Doucet, MCK Legal Services)
- Ross Montour updated on gathering of community members on March 7th regarding drug issues and spiritual/mental health, with ensuing discussion
- Tuesday: Frank McComber update on last night's (Monday) meeting with community members regarding recent issue on illicit drugs in the community (Ross Montour also attended). Peacekeeper Chief Dwayne Zacharie participated in the ensuing discussion; also updated on upcoming State of Emergency renewal and the hard work taking place at the Vaccination Center
- Ross Montour reported on upcoming meeting with Quebec premier Francois Legault; complications with outside courts; issue with potential withholding of support by the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador for Canada's proposed Bill C-15 legislation (regarding *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*)
- Due to time limitations and scheduling issues, not all Chiefs were able to provide updates
- Meeting adjourned Monday at 12:15pm, resumed Tuesday at 1:30pm and concluded at **4:18pm**