



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 29 Enniskó:wa/March 2021

Meeting at MCK and via Video Conference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson) and Frankie McComber (at MCK), and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Rhonda Kirby, Cody Diabo, Mike Delisle Jr., Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice, Gina Deer & Lindsay LeBorgne (via Video Conference)

Out: Ross Montour (Bereavement)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations) 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 1, 2021. *December 21, 2020, deferred*
- End of Term Council Meeting and Strategic Discussion dates: final Strategic Session will be scheduled for June 9, 2021, final Council meeting scheduled for June 22, 2021
- Special Council Meeting: Audit Presentation to take place on June 30
- Iroquois Caucus Upcoming Meeting: Agenda Items. *Deferred*
- Request from Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center (KORLCC) for Support Letter to Heritage Canada
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Wellness Time in the afternoon only; Wednesday: Recording of Land Allotment Requests and potential Food Projects meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation X2 (ACI), and U.S. Consul General introduction meeting (to be confirmed)
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Vacation Days from Tuesday to Friday, April 6 to 9
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: ACI meetings(X2), and U.S. Consul General introductory meeting (to be confirmed)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Budget press conference, and Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priorities; Vacation Days: Thursday, April 1 and Tuesday, April 5
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Budget press conference, and Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priorities meeting; Thursday: meeting with an individual on Gaming, and internal Mercier Bridge prep meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Thursday: internal Indian Day Schools Settlement, and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services Board meeting,
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Roles & Responsibilities meeting; Wednesday: QKR Framework review, Budget press conference, potential Gaming project, and QKR Central Table prep meetings; Thursday: ACI meetings (X2), meeting with an individual on Gaming, QKR Central Table meeting
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: QKR Framework review meeting, Budget press conference, Governance & Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priorities, and Cannabis Control Board meetings; Thursday: Strategic Discussions planning, Traditional Land Use, and QKR Framework

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directives (Housekeeping): Land Allotments

Four (4) Land Allotments were finalized and formally passed by consensus

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Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Renewal of Organized Crime Initiative

Presence of Dwayne Zacharie (Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers), Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services), and Lloyd Phillips. Lead Port Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to renew existing Organized Crime Initiative Agreement with Public Safety Canada. The Initiative has been undertaken to increase the operational, investigative, and intelligence capacity of the Peacekeepers, with officers dedicated to gathering intel on organized crime and criminal activity on the Territory. The Agreement is for five (5) years at \$760,000 per year. Frankie McComber is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Electronic Gaming Devices Project

Presence of Herb Rice & Marnie Lahache (Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission), Murray Marshall & Ashley Stacey (Legal Counsel representing KGC), Neil McComber (Tewatohnhi'saktha), Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice and Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chiefs: Gina Deer, Mike Delisle, Jr. & Frankie McComber. Client/Attorney Privileged item. (Please note that a press release will be issued on this matter, dated Wednesday, March 31, 2021)

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Cody Diabo provided an update on Asbestos (with the presence of Mary Lee Armstrong, Director of MCK Legal Services). Client/Attorney Privileged. After this update (which concluded at 12:20pm), he left the meeting
- Frankie McComber asked for direction regarding the Iroquois Caucus Harvesting Working Group; later updated on All-Terrain Vehicles
- Gina Deer (with input from Mike Delisle, Jr.) updated on Bill C-218
- Clinton Phillips provided an update on the following meetings: Lands/Environment; Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations; and Land Management
- Gina Deer updated on the presentation at the Standing Committee on Bill C-218 and follow-up; Housing; QKR Relationship Framework and other QKR matters; ACI team; Economic Development; and Status Card issues in Chateauguay (meeting with Mayor)
- Harry Rice updated on the MyKahnawà:ke Action team Survey, which is scheduled to end in mid-April; Education; Asbestos Working Group; Sports & Recreation's potential participation in the 'Ancestral Challenge' obstacle course competition; invitation to attend Earth Day event at the Riverside School Board in Delson; and comments from community members regarding Recreation Path
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Governance Project; Language & Culture Mentorship Program pilot project; Collective Impact; Kahnawà:ke Residency Law regulations and other matters; Governance and Administrative Affairs Portfolios; and meeting with Executive Director
- Mike Delisle, Jr. reported on his appearance on Kahnawake911; Economic Development meeting; potential KORLCC funding opportunities; and appearance on K1037's 40th-anniversary programming; upcoming Chiefs Salary Review document
- Tonya Perron reported on Ross Montour's request MCK puts forward its own position in regard to Bill C-15 to Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador; QKR; Governance and Administrative Affairs Portfolios joint priorities; upcoming discussions on *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law Regulations*
- Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis updated on Executive staffing matters
- Meeting ended at **4:10pm**