



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 12 Onerahtókha/April 2021

Meeting via Video Conference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Gina Deer, Mike Delisle, Jr., Cody Diabo, Rhonda Kirby, Lindsay LeBorgne (out for short period for appointment), Frankie McComber (out for short period for funeral), Ross Montour, Clinton Phillips, Harry Rice and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (out for short period for funeral).

Out: None

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Karlie Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations) and Brandi Meloche (for Housekeeping portion only).

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby and Lindsay LeBorgne
- Chiefs Uncut: Gina Deer scheduled for this week. Ross Montour to film next week.
- Gina Deer and Cody Diabo to be on K1037 Tetewatharen Talk Show for Friday, April 16th.
- Community member request for assistance with Consumer Protection for a business.
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: KTV Interview for Asbestos, Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) Land issues meeting with Lands; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group (AWG), Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI), Nuclear Working Group; Friday: External Government Relations US Consulate General meeting.
- **Frank McComber:** Wednesday: Task Force update, Weekly Task Force meeting; Thursday and Friday: Wellness; Upcoming vacation May 3-7.
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relationship (QKR) Framework; Thursday: Weekly review of Strategic Discussions, l'Acadie Bridge consultation meeting, Victims of Crime Advisory meeting, Governance Portfolio Team; Friday: Governance and Administrative Affairs Joint Strategy Session, Community member meeting with Mike D and Oliver. Upcoming vacation May 3-7.
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Review of QKR Relationship Framework; Thursday: ACI, Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meeting; Friday: External Government Relations, Minister Ian Lafrenière meeting, Gaming discussion follow up with U.S. Tribes.
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Strategics, Wellness in PM; Thursday: AWG, Nuclear Working Group; Friday: External Government Relations. Upcoming vacation May 14-31.
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio meeting, Parc Jean Drapeau Masterplan unveiling; Thursday, AWG; Friday: US Consulate General meeting.
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: External meeting with Trans Canada Energy; Wednesday: Task Force update; Thursday: KERM, Mercier Bridge Internal Discussion; Friday: Governance and Administrative Affairs Joint Strategy Session, Wellness for appointment (portion of PM).
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Transport User Fee meeting, ACI, Mercier Bridge Internal Discussion; Friday: Drafting Session for Transport User Fees, Governance and Administrative Affairs Joint Strategy Session.
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Food Security Planning; Thursday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated Bike Path meeting, Mercier Bridge Internal Discussion; Friday: Drafting Session for Transport User Fees, Governance and Administrative Affairs Joint Strategy Session
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Fibre Optic Project; Thursday: Consultation meeting on Bridge Over l'Acadie River, Mercier Bridge Internal Discussion, Consultation Committee followup meeting, Meeting with Ghislain Picard of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) and Abel Bosum of the Grand Council of the Crees; Friday: US Consulate General, External Government Relations, External Government Relations.
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Language and Culture Mentorship Program meeting; Thursday: KERM Fund meeting, Governance Portfolio Meeting; Friday: Court Mediation (Humans Rights Tribunal), External Government Relations, External Government Relations.

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Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Amended Finance, Administration and Operations (FAO) Terms of Reference

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) and Roseanne Norton (Director Human Resources). Lead Port Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to amend the Terms of Reference for the FAO Committee. Removal of immediate supervisory responsibilities of FAO Chairperson for Executive Officers, due to new Executive Director resuming these duties. Addition of Executive Director to FAO as ex-officio member due to vacancies of Grand Chief and Executive Financial Officer. **Passed by Consensus.**

Request For Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Funding Proposal for First Nations and Inuit Child Care Initiative 2021-2022

Presence of Trina C. Diabo (Technician, Office of the Council of Chiefs). Lead Port Chief: Rhonda Kirby. Request to approve annual funding proposal for Step by Step Child and Family Center for 2021-2022. MCK to sign contribution agreement between Kahnawà:ke and the AFNQL through the Regional First Nations Health and Social Services Commission. **Passed by Consensus.**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Housing Discussion with Richard Basque (Executive Strategic Officer), Kara Paul (General Manager of Housing), Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Client Attorney Privileged.
- Harry Rice updated on meeting with Mackenzie Whyte of Sports and Recreation about the First Nations Education Council Ancestral Challenge coming to Kahnawà:ke.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Language and Culture Network virtual culture awareness month; Residency Ad-Hoc Group meeting to put together communications plan; Oral history planning meeting (invite to Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center).
- Gina Deer updated on Housing issues; Upcoming meeting with Minister Ian Lafreniere; Discussion on need for appointment of new Mohawk Online shareholder representatives.
- Cody Diabo updated on Kanawaki Lease negotiations (Client Attorney Privileged) and ACM matters, including: community to be updated on recent ACM works and factsheet; Walkthroughs for ACM on 106 lots; Staffing issues for inspectors; and selection process for Investigator and Community representatives for ACI oversight positions.
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Workforce Protection issue with community member; Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting on Span re-Construction project; Hydro-Quebec/Trans Canada Energy Hertel file; Applicants for the vacant Commissioner of Kahnawake Gaming Commission position; Bromelin report completed on Chief and Council salary review.
- Rhonda Kirby updated on Consultation Funding Agreement for the Mercier Bridge; Special Committee for the Mercier Bridge; and drafting of a new Transport User Fees Agreement for roadways in the territory.
- Clinton Phillips updated on community member with issue on their private lot.
- Frankie McComber updated on COVID-19 issues that affect Kahnawà:ke; Vaccination Campaign; New masking procedures, State of Emergency renewal, CP Rail incidents blocking the roadway; CP Rail Vegetation Management; CP Planting trees at Route 132 rail crossing.
- Ross Montour updated on discussion with AFNQL re: Presentation to Standing Committee on Bill C-15; Mercier Bridge Special Committee; Consultation issues re: housing development on Île Perot and Delson Industrial Port Project; Traditional Land Use Coordinator position; Hwy 35 Expansion discussion with Environment Quebec; Health Canada update re: Cannabis; Repair of Quebec Bridge Memorial Monument; Finalization of formal relationship with Karihwanoron Immersion School.
- Tonya Perron updated on Drafting of Consultation and Accommodation Policy; Consultation proposal and updates re: Hwy 35 Extension Project; Consultation meeting on l'Acadie Bridge; Letter to Ministère du Transports du Québec; Sken'nen A'onsonton Restorative Justice structure; Cannabis Working Group meeting; Health Canada discussion on Memorandum of Understanding and Regulations.
- Meeting ended at **3:43pm**