



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 19 Onerahtókha/April 2021**

**Meeting held via Video Conference**

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

**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 March 29, 2021
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) communications, Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) prep meeting, KCR Lands & Environment meeting; Thursday: internal CP Rail, ACI, and KCR Maintable meetings; Friday: Vacation days on Friday, April 23 and Friday, May 30
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Consultation meeting with Transport Canada; Thursday: Consultation & Accommodation Policy Drafting, Strategic Discussions planning, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Consultation, and Governance & Administrative Affairs (G&AA) Portfolios joint priority meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: KCR prep, and KCR Lands & Environment meetings; Upcoming Vacation from May 14 to 28 inclusive
- **Frankie McComber:** Monday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke meeting; Tuesday: Tawatohni'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke, and COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Thursday: CP Rail internal meeting; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: Electronic Gaming Regulations meeting, and Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) update; Wednesday: Mohawk Online Kahnawà:ke, and Housing meetings; Thursday: ACI meetings; Friday: QKR Economic Development meeting; Vacation Days every Friday in May (7, 14, 21 & 28)
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio meeting; Thursday: MyKahnawake Team meeting; Vacation Days every Friday from April 23 to May 28 inclusive
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Language & Culture Mentorship Program, Oral History project Planning, and Residency meetings; Friday: Iroquois Caucus, and G&AA Portfolios joint priority meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting; Thursday: ACI meeting; Friday: G&AA Portfolios joint priority meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; Friday: G&AA Portfolios joint priority meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation & Accommodation Policy Drafting, and Transport Canada Consultation meetings; Thursday: recording of Chiefs Uncut, and two (2) Consultation meetings; Friday: Consultation meeting; Medical leave from April 26 to May 7 inclusive
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: FAO Committee, and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takéhnhas Community Services Board meetings; Thursday: Mercier Bridge Communications meeting; Friday: Iroquois Caucus, and G&AA Portfolios joint priority meetings

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Resolution: Extension of State of Emergency and Mandate of the COVID-19 Task Force**

*Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of MCK Legal Services), and Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety). Lead Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber. Request to extend the State of Emergency and Mandate of the COVID-19 Task Force for a 30-day period from April 21 to May 21, 2021. **Passed by Consensus***

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### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Rescind and Replace Member Representatives; and Request for Decision: to appoint New Directors for Kaniatarowá:nen (a not-for-profit Corporation)**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Lisa Phillips (Kanién'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center - KORLCC), and Trina C. Diabo (MCK Technician). Lead Portfolio Chief: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer.* Request to make changes to the member representation and directorship of Kaniatarowá:nen (a not-for-profit corporation) to better assist the KORLCC in obtaining external funding for its new facility currently in the planning stages. Kaniatarowá:nen was originally established by the MCK to receive funding from MTL375, an organization established by the City of Montreal to administer the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, and to conduct certain feasibility studies. It will be reactivated with updated Board membership to continue the mandate of assisting the KORLCC as indicated above. Decision to appoint the following three (3) individuals as Board members for Kaniatarowá:nen: Lisa Phillips, Anna Mae Rice, and Kawenniiotha Jacobs. **Passed by Consensus.**

The following three (3) individuals are appointed as Member Representatives: Lead Heritage Portfolio Chief (currently Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer), Executive Director (currently Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis), and Chief Political Advisor to the Council of Chiefs (currently Winona Polson-Lahache). **Passed by Consensus**

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos (with presence of Suzanne Jackson of MCK Legal Services). This item was Client/Attorney Privileged
- A discussion took place regarding community requests for certain services and the processes that need to take place to address them
- An update on the Community Initiative Fund was provided by Onerahtokha Marquis and Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). This item was Client/ Attorney Privileged and will require further discussion at a Council Strategic Session on Wednesday, April 28
- Clinton Phillips updated on Nuclear Waste Working Group meeting, at which he introduced Cody Diabo as his replacement as both a member and Co-Chair of the Working Group
- Harry Rice updated on a Language initiative; the forthcoming upkeep on the Ironworkers Memorial located on the Recreation Path; he also informed the table that he was invited to attend a clean-up effort taking place in neighboring Ste. Catherine; and Kahnawà:ke Youth Center budget requests
- Tonya Perron updated on the MCK Governance Project
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on progress of Chiefs market salary review report
- Frankie McComber updated on COVID-19 Task Force activities, most notably the 74% vaccination rate for Kahnawà:ke adults
- Gina Deer updated on Gaming matters; issues regarding the Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures (KERM) Fund; Tioweró:ton policies; and the MCK Friday talkshow (on Housing and Asbestos)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Language & Culture Mentorship Program; additional KERM Fund info; Sober activities planning meeting; KORLCC matters; and questions/discussions with community members on various topics
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on various community members' individual issues; and Asbestos meetings
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on the Hydro-Québec 'Hertel' project; progress on selection of new member for Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission; application process for funds made available from Tawatohni'saktha for businesses; Mercier Bridge matters with Quebec; Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis; and Gaming matters – to be discussed further at a later date
- Ross Montour added further comments regarding the Hydro-Québec Hertel meeting; provided updates on local fiber-optic project meeting; Specific Claims; Consultation files; and Border Crossing
- Rhonda Kirby updated on recent Mercier Bridge discussions with Quebec, with comments added by Ross Montour, Mike Delisle and Cody Diabo
- Tonya Perron reported that the Victims of Crime Coordinator has resigned
- Cody Diabo reported on complaints made about two businesses located on Highway 207 – a meeting will be scheduled to further discuss the matter; discussion on access to Lot 106
- Meeting ended at **4:20pm**