



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 26 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., Harry Rice, and Gina Deer

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation, returning on Monday, May 3), Clinton Phillips (Wellness Day), and Ross Montour (Wellness, returning on Monday, May 10)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations) and, for Housekeeping only, Brandi Meloche (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance for April 6, 2021, deferred
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: recording Chiefs Uncut; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group, and Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) meetings; Friday: Vacation day on Friday, April 30
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: Tioweró:ton Committee meeting, ½ day of Vacation in the afternoon. Vacation next week (May 3 to May 7, inclusive)
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Community Social Affairs Portfolio meeting; Thursday: ACI, internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Framework, and Economic Development Portfolio, and Policy review meetings; Friday: Tioweró:ton Committee, and internal QKR monthly update meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Community Social Affairs Portfolio, and MyKahnawake Team meetings; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group, and COVID-19 Mental Health meetings; Friday: Regional Education information session, and ½ day of Vacation. Note: upcoming Vacation Days every Friday from April 30 to May 28 inclusive
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center board meeting; Wednesday: Community Social Affairs Portfolio meeting; Thursday: SoberAF event planning, Policy Review, and Youth Engagement Network meetings; Friday: Residency information video recording
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Wellness Time in the afternoon; Thursday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Friday: internal QKR monthly update meeting. Wellness Day on Friday, May 14
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre board, and Community Social Affairs Portfolio meetings; Thursday: MCK Equity – Kahnawà:ke Shakotíia'takéhnhas Community Services Building meeting, and Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridge, Inc. presentation; Friday: internal QKR monthly update
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Thursday: Weekly Scheduling Review, internal QKR Framework, and Finance Canada (Cannabis) meetings; Friday: internal QKR monthly update; and Health Canada (Cannabis) meetings. Vacation next week (May 3 to 7, inclusive)

Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Regulation Concerning Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Request for a Mandate to draft additional oversight and information sharing into the *Regulation Concerning Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes*, as contained in the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*. The reason for this request is to protect the health and safety of the community with respect to medical cannabis cultivation. MCK will work with the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board (KCCB) and other stakeholders to find measures that will effectively enhance health and safety while respecting individual rights. Three options were provided, with the Council of Chiefs agreeing that the option of Health Canada registration with KCCB oversight best meets the needs of the community. **Approved by Consensus**

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Request for Decision: Revisions to the Mandatory Community Contribution (Cannabis)

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Request to revise the Mandatory Community Contributions under the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law* (“the Law”), as approved by the Council of Chiefs on July 7, 2020, for discretion to forego ownership interest in a license holder. Notwithstanding section 16.4 of the Law, it is recommended that the Council of Chiefs review on a case-by-case basis in regard to this interest. Additionally, it is recommended that all non-exempt license holders, regardless of category or corporate structure, be required to pay mandatory community contributions payable annually, beginning with 0.5% of gross revenue in Year 1. This will be increase by 0.5% annually through Year 5. **Approved by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) Committee

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), and Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to replace Paul Rice as the MCK representative on the CIF Committee with the Chairperson of the Finance, Operations & Operations Committee (currently Mike Delisle, Jr.) and the Executive Director (Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis) or their designate. Additionally, the new representatives will direct the CIF co-sponsor, Tawatohnhi’saktha, and the CIF Committee to temporarily cease operations while the MCK conducts a review of the CIF Administrative Text Plan and the administration of the CIF before initiating the fourth round of funding. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Memorandum of Understanding between Karihwanó:ron and the MCK

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Harry Rice & Ross Montour. Request to formally approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing the relationship between the MCK and Karihwanó:ron. This Mohawk Council Executive Directive will formally recognize Karihwanó:ron as an independent Kanien’kehá:ka education, language, and cultural services immersion program, and endorse the MOU. Ratsénhahienhs Harry Rice is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Funding Transfer Agreement between the MCK and Karihwanó:ron

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Erica Delisle, and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Harry Rice & Ross Montour. Request to formally approve the Funding Transfer Agreement between the MCK and Karihwanó:ron, allowing the MCK to transfer federal funding received on Karihwanó:ron’s behalf. Ratsénhahienhs Harry Rice and Director of Financial Services Erica Delisle are authorized to sign on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision: 2021-2022 Secondary Budget Requests

Presence of Erica Delisle, Paul Rice, Karlie Onerahtokha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to approve the Internal/External Secondary requests as follows:

- Internal (MCK) requests totaling \$1,153,512
- External Request totaling \$99,717, including the list below:
- Library: \$15,000
- Kahnawà:ke Youth Center: \$18,590 for three years of retroactive Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA), and \$6,000 for training
- Kanien’kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center (KORLCC): \$30,127 for three years of retroactive COLA
- \$25,000 to \$30,000 to conduct salary review study for Kahnawà:ke Youth Center and KORLCC

At this point, the External Requests have been **Approved by Consensus**. The Internal Requests are deferred to a future date. Erica Delisle, Director of Financial Services, will modify the MCK budget as per Council of Chiefs approval of External requests from today’s meeting: **Approved by Consensus**. The Council of Chiefs direct for the development of the appropriated fund policy exercise in order to strategically allocate funds to the community. **Approved by Consensus**

Request for Decision/Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) Project Funding Request/ACI Project

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong & Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Heather Jacobs-Whyte, Erica Delisle & Winona Polson-Lahache. Lead Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo. **This item was deferred**



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Discussion: Gaming

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Gina Deer & Mike Delisle, Jr. Lengthy discussion/debate on the political direction to address the issue of Canada's impending C-218 legislation to legalize 'single event' sports betting in Canada, which would have an impact on Kahnawà:ke's sports betting operations. Direction given to declare this a priority matter and for the Gaming Working Group to act accordingly.

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives (MCED)

Two (2) Land Allotment/Estate MCED's **Passed by Consensus**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Frankie McComber updated on the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Kahnawà:ke (with added input from Harry Rice and Tonya Perron)
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on the progress of two (2) potential Commissioners for the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, which currently has a vacancy following the resignation of Mark Jocks (announced on February 23rd)
- Meeting ended at **4:54pm**