



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Monday, 3 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2021**

### **Meeting held via Video Conference**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Mike Delisle, Jr. (Chairperson), Rhonda Kirby, Lindsay LeBorgne, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Cody Diabo, Clinton Phillips, and Gina Deer. Harry Rice participated in the meeting until 9:20am, attended funeral afterward

**Out:** Tonya Perron (Vacation), Frankie McComber (Vacation), 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) and, for Housekeeping only, Brandi Meloche (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs)

### **Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings**

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance: April 6, 2021, is Deferred; April 19, 2021, is Approved
- Community Meetings: Strategic Discussion to be scheduled
- Iroquois Caucus annual Grand Chiefs Meeting proposal: position is meeting should be deferred until after Council elections
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) 'Chiefs Assembly' (May 5<sup>th</sup>): Gina Deer to attend
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Request to meet with Legal Counsel for MOL; request deferred to be resolved by Council Chiefs via email
- **Harry Rice:** Monday: attending a funeral in the afternoon; Tuesday: FNEC Chiefs Assembly on Education; Thursday: recording Chiefs Uncut, and COVID-19 Mental Wellness action team meeting; Friday Wellness
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) Lands discussion
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: Gaming update meeting; Wednesday: AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI), internal Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Framework, and Gaming meetings; Friday: Vacation Days every Friday until May 28, inclusive
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Language & Culture Network meeting; Thursday: Residency ad hoc working group, and Language & Culture Network mentorship programs meetings; Friday: Governance & Administrative Affairs (G&AA) working group on joint priority, and Wellness time in the afternoon
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: ACI meeting; Vacation time on Thursday afternoon and the entire day Friday
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Monday: attending a funeral in the afternoon; Thursday: ACI meeting; Friday: Mercier Bridge Community Engagement planning; and G&AA working group on joint priority meetings
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Thursday: attending AFNQL Chiefs Assembly on Bill C-92 meeting; Friday: Vacation day
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Gaming update meeting; Thursday; scheduling for Strategic meetings; Friday: G&AA working group on joint priority meeting

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Asbestos Civil Investigation Project (ACI) Project Funding**

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Heather Jacobs-Whyte, and Winona Polson-Lahache. Lead Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo. This item was Client/Attorney Privileged*

#### **Request for Decision: Asbestos Civil Investigation Appointment of Investigator**

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Heather Jacobs-Whyte, and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Cody Diabo, Gina Deer & Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to formally appoint Deloitte Forensic, Inc. as the independent investigator for the Asbestos Civil Investigation. Doug Lahache confirmed as the Community Observer. The formal investigation will begin as soon as the contract is signed and is scheduled to end on September 13, 2021. **Approved by Consensus.** (See Press Release issued on May 5, 2021, for details)*

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### **Discussion: Relationship between Council of Chiefs and Executive Director**

*Presence of Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis.* Discussion to assist in clarifying protocols, processes, and procedures between the Council of Chiefs and the Executive Director's Office.

### **Council of Chiefs Updates**

- Harry Rice updated on the COVID-19 Mental Wellness action team
- Lindsay LeBorgne was on vacation but updated on community member complaint last week – instructed the person about the complaints process
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center matters; and *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* policies
- Gina Deer updated on Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women; Economic Development portfolio, including Aboriginal Initiatives Fund; Social Affairs portfolio, including Food Security & Sovereignty; Gaming (specifically Canada's C-218 legislation); and a Residency matter
- Clinton Phillips updated on Asbestos; Fiber Optics; and Policy Review
- Rhonda Kirby updated on Social Affairs portfolio; Mercier Bridge file; and *Kahnawà:ke Shakotíia'takehnhas* Community Services
- Cody Diabo updated on the Kanawaki Golf Club file (Client/Attorney Privileged); and Asbestos Working Group activities
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on Finance, Operations & Operations Committee funding matters; the Hydro-Québec 'Hertel' project; Labor discussions; and C-218 Gaming issues
- Meeting ended at **12:06pm**