



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 10 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

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

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance: April 6, 2021; April 26, 2021 is deferred.
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) meeting; Friday: ACI meeting, and Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office Tree Giveaway; Vacation time on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday afternoons
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Lands meeting; Friday: Vacation Day (vacation from May 14 to 28 inclusive)
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: Peacekeepers & Deontology meeting; Friday: Wellness time in the afternoon
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: Media interview; Tuesday: meeting with Senator David Wells re: Gaming; Wednesday: Gaming update; meeting with Senator Margaret Anderson re: Gaming, Wellness time in the afternoon; Thursday: meeting with Senator Vernon White re: Gaming, ACI, Tioweró:ton strategic planning; Friday: Vacation Days every Friday in May
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: First Nations Education Council 'Ancestor's Challenge' event; Vacation Days every Friday in May
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Canadian Human Rights Tribunal hearing, and Governance portfolio meeting; Friday: Jacques Cartier - Champlain Bridges, Inc. (JCCBI) Memorial Path meeting; Thursday & Friday: Wellness time in the afternoons
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: ACI meeting, and internal Mercier Bridge community engagement meetings; Friday: ACI meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: meeting regarding potential Hydro-Québec 'Hertel' project; Wednesday: Gaming update meeting; Thursday: Collective Impact Roundtable, and Peacekeepers meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre review committee, and internal Mercier Bridge community engagement meetings; Friday: JCCBI Memorial Path meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Governance portfolio meeting; Thursday: weekly Strategic Meeting Scheduling, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Wellness day
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: meeting with Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador re: Bill C-15 (United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples); Thursday: Highway 35 Consultation meeting; Friday: presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Bill C-15

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) Commissioner Approval

Presence of Marnie Lahache (KGC), and Dwaine White. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to approve the appointment of Daniel Montour to the position of Commissioner to the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission. This appointment is being made due to the resignation of Mark Jocks in February 2021. The



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appointment is for a one-year term from May 10, 2021 to May 10, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: KGC Commissioner Approval

Presence of Marnie Lahache (KGC), and Dwaine White. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to approve the appointment of Alan John Rice to the position of Commissioner to the Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission. The appointment is being made to prepare for the departure of current Commissioner Herb Rice, who also indicated that he would not seek reappointment at the end of his current term. Herb Rice will remain as an active Commissioner during an orientation period until September 2021. Alan John Rice's appointment is for a one-year term effective from May 10, 2021 to May 10, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Hydro-Québec

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Paul Rice & Branden Morris. Lead Portfolio Chiefs: Mike Delisle, Jr. & Ross Montour. **This item was Client/Attorney Privileged**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Two (2) land Allotments

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis updated on staffing matters (with Director of Legal Services Mary Lee Armstrong present) and response to query from Department of Indigenous Services Canada (DISC) regarding upcoming MCK Elections. DISC was informed that the 2021 election will proceed on July 3, 2021 as planned
- Brief update on matters related to City of Chateauguay residential project
- Frankie McComber updated on CP Rail's annual herbicide treatment for vegetation management, which led to a discussion on community members' complaints regarding train whistles
- Clinton Phillips updated on recent Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations meeting
- Cody Diabo updated on ACI project (with further comments from Gina Deer)
- Gina Deer updated on Canada's Bill C-218 Gaming legislation; Assembly of First Nations meeting (upcoming elections, racism, Bill C-15 on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples); potential cooperation with Oneida of the Thames on economic development ideas; Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations framework developments; Tioweró:ton Committee update & discussion
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on trees cut at St. Kateri Cemetery
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Language & Culture funding
- Harry Rice asked for information/direction regarding funding requests
- Meeting ended at **4:05pm**