



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 31 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation, returning Monday, June 14th)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Samantha Montour-Cross (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs – attended Housekeeping & Meetings portion only)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- At the start of the meeting, a Moment of Silence was observed to honour the 215 Indigenous children discovered in a mass grave on the grounds of the Kamloops Residential School
- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Minute Acceptance: May 17, 2021 was deferred
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Duty to Consult, Administrative Tribunal Regulations drafting team, and performance appraisal meetings; Thursday: Strategic Meeting Scheduling, Cannabis, Consultation & Accommodation Policy drafting, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) internal; Governance/Administrative Affairs priorities, and Duty to Consult meetings
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: COVID-19 task Force meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations (KCR) prep meeting; Friday: Asbestos Working Group, and Land Management Committee meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation, Environment, and KCR prep meetings; Friday: Asbestos Working Group meeting; Wednesday & Thursday afternoons: Wellness Time
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Thursday: CP rail meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Gaming Working Group meeting; and meeting with the federal Standing Committee on Banking Trade & Commerce regarding C-218 Gaming legislation; Thursday: Wellness Day; Friday: and Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: Covid-19 Mental Health Wellness Team meeting; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Thursday: Language & Culture Network Mentorship, Residency ad-hoc committee, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Governance/Administrative Affairs priorities, and Language & Culture Network Mentorship meetings
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Gaming Working Group; Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and performance appraisal meetings; Thursday: Wellness Day; Friday: Governance/Administrative Affairs priorities; and Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) joint meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Community Engagement meeting; Wednesday: Indian Day Schools Settlement internal meeting; Thursday: meeting with Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Executive Director Lisa Westaway; Friday: Governance/Administrative Affairs priorities meeting.
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Gaming Working group, Duty to Consult, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations drafting team meetings; Thursday: Tiohtia:ke Report, Consultation & Accommodation Policy drafting, and Taxation issue meetings; Friday: Duty to Consult, and SSSL joint meetings

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Tourism Strategic Planning

Presence of Kimberly Cross (Kahnawà:ke Tourism), and Dwaine White. Portfolio Chiefs: Gina Deer & Frankie McComber. Request to provide formal support for the development of the Tewatohnhi'saktha Marketing & Tourism Team in their pursuit of funding from the Quebec Indigenous Tourism to advance the Tourism Strategic Plan for the present and future benefit of Kahnawà:ke. **Passed by Consensus**



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Request for Decision: Asbestos Containing Materials Remediation of Priority-One Lots

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Kevin Kennedy, Dennis Diabo, Martin Stacey, Lynn Jacobs, Oliver Montour and Lance McComber. Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo, who abstained from one of the two decisions due to Conflict of Interest. Deferred from May 25th Council meeting, and tabled for decision. **This item was Client/Attorney Privileged***

Request for Decision: Removal of JFK Quarry from Remediation Plan

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services), Dennis Diabo, Oliver Montour and Lance McComber. Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo. Please note that Frankie McComber recused himself due to Conflict of Interest. **This item was Client/Attorney Privileged***

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Executive Director Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis provided update on human resource matters
- Mike Delisle, Jr. and Ross Montour provided a brief update on the Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis file
- Mike Delisle, Jr. brought forth a Client/Attorney Privileged matter (*with the presence of Mary Lee Armstrong and Eric Doucet of MCK Legal Services*) – please note that this topic was continued on Wednesday morning with Mike Delisle, Jr. recused due to conflict of interest
- Cody Diabo provided an update on the Kanawake Golf Club Lease (*with the presence of Eric Doucet of MCK Legal Services*). While this update was Client/Attorney Privileged, it was indicated that information on this matter will be released to the community
- Clinton Phillips updated on a Client/Attorney Privileged Item (*with presence of Mary Lee Armstrong, Director of MCK Legal Services*); meeting adjourned for the day at this point
- Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis asked for direction regarding the BDO Health Check project report
- Meeting adjourned at **4:32pm** on Monday; **resumed Wednesday, June 2 at 10:30am and concluded at 11:43am**