



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 7 Ohiaríha/June 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Minute Acceptance: May 17 & 25, 2021
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Gina Deer requested support for Digital Campaign re: Bill C-218, Approved by Consensus
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Asbestos Working Group and ; Thursday: Aquaponics meetings, and Wellness in the afternoon; Friday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) meeting
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Wellness in the afternoon; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Frankie McComber:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting
- **Gina Deer:** Monday: meeting with Senator Brent Cotter regarding Bill C-218; Wednesday: Gaming Working Group, Community Social Affairs meetings; Thursday: Tioweró:ton Committee, and Kahnawà:ke Emergency Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Friday: ACI meeting, and Wellness in the afternoon; Vacation Days from June 23-25
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Asbestos Working Group, and Community Social Affairs meetings; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: attending ceremony to acknowledge the 215 children found on residential School site, and meeting on potential community actions; Wednesday: Vacation Day; Thursday: KERM Fund, and Language & Culture Network Mentorship meetings; Friday: language & Culture mentorship meeting, and Wellness time in the afternoon
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Meet the Candidates on K1037; Wednesday: Gaming Working Group; Thursday: KERM Fund meeting; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Wednesday: Community Social Affairs meeting; Thursday & Friday: Vacation Days
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: meeting with Senator Brent Cotter regarding Bill C-218; Wednesday: Gaming Working Group, and Consultation meetings; Thursday & Friday: Vacation Days
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Cannabis Control Board meeting; Wednesday: Consultation, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations drafting team meetings; Thursday: Daycare file presentation, Justice File Transfer Protocol, and Transport Canada meetings; Friday: Consultation meeting for REM projects, and Cannabis file meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Department of Indigenous Services Canada Release of Funds, Kanawaki Lease Interest

Presence of Erica Delisle. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request approval to release funds accumulated from interest from the Kahnawaki Lease for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The amounts are \$12,005.05 (for 2020), and \$11,703.58 (for 2021), to be deposited into the MCK general account. This is normally done on a yearly basis but, due to the pandemic, the request for 2020 was only processed this year **Passed by Consensus** (Note: Rhonda Kirby was not present for the passage of this Mohawk Council Executive Directive)



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Mohawk Council Executive Directive (X2): Membership Transfers to Kahnawa:ke

Presence of Alan John Rice. Portfolio Chief: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Request to formally approve two Membership Transfers. All due diligence was conducted by the Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Land Designation for Blue Collar Park

Presence of Jean Guimond & Martin Stacey. Portfolio Chief: Clinton Phillips. Request to designate 22.8 acres of land located within SLS-10-3 for use as a "blue collar park" (town garage facility) for use by the MCK's various Public Works, Capital Unit, Waste management Department, and School Bus Transportation operations. The area is located along the St. Lawrence Seaway across from Magic Palace. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Aquaponics

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), and Branden Morris. Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo. Request to approve application for funding to assist in the development of plans and specifications for the Aquaponic project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$500,000. Dwaine White is authorized to submit the application and sign on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Community Initiatives Fund Committee MCK Representative

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Request to rescind and replace MCED #7/2021-2022 to empower the chair of the Finance, Administration & Operations Committee (or their designate) to act as MCK representative on the Community Initiatives Fund Committee. **Passed by Consensus** (*Please note that Mike Delisle, Jr. recused himself due to conflict of interest, and that portions of the discussion were declared 'Client/Attorney Privileged'*). Upon Ratsénhaienhs Delisle's return, Rhonda Kirby was designated as the sponsor representative for the remainder of the current term.

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on Language & Culture Mentorship Program; Residency developments; internal policy development; Governance Portfolio developments (including Code of Conduct and internal Complaints Policy, staffing, and upcoming orientation plans for newly-elected Council members); funding opportunity for efforts to locate other possible Residential School mass graves, which precipitated a lengthy discussion on this matter; and Akwesasne's potential involvement in the Hydro-Québec Hertel project
- Rhonda Kirby updated on Daycare consultation process (Tonya Perron will participate in Thursday's presentation on this matter); updated on the Indian Day Schools Settlement project
- Harry Rice updated on the upcoming First Nations Education Council's 'Ancestors Challenge' event taking place this Sunday, his visit to a local school to make a brief presentation; and COVID-19 Mental Health working group activities
- Mike Delisle, Jr. and Ross Montour updated on last week's developments regarding Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis meeting with federal government officials. Canada's representatives were informed that we are disengaging with Canada's representatives for an indeterminate period, effective immediately, due to the lack of honor of the Crown on several fronts
- Ross Montour updated on meetings with Senate on Bill C-218, and meeting with James O'Reilly on various matters
- Cody Diabo provided an update (with Suzanne Jackson of MCK Legal Services) on the Asbestos remediation. This portion of the meeting was declared Client/Attorney Privileged
- Frankie McComber asked for, and received, permission from the table to contact Bell on a telecommunications issue
- Tonya Perron updated on orientation process for incoming Council; progress on Administrative Tribunal regulations; developments on revocation of Parole Supervision; Cannabis Regulations file; and Cost of Living Adjustments



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- Gina Deer updated on the effort to preserve Mt. Kaaikop from clear cutting; KERM Fund; and meetings with various Senate members re: C-218
- Meeting adjourned at **4:13pm**