



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 14 Ohiarí:ha/June 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

Out: Clinton Phillips (Wellness)

Also Present: Melissa Arquette-Curotte (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Onerahtókha Karlie Marquis (Executive Director), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Brandi Meloche (attended Housekeeping & Meetings portion only)

Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Cheque signers: Nitsénhaiehns Rhonda Kirby & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Minute Acceptance: May 31, 2021
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Tobacco prep, Tobacco file, and Cannabis regulations meetings; Wednesday: Daycare debriefing, and Consultation meetings, and Wellness Time in the afternoon; Thursday: Consultation meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Tobacco prep, and Tobacco file meetings; Wednesday: Aquaponics, and ATV complaints meetings; Thursday: Vacation day; Friday: ½ Vacation Day
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: Tobacco prep, and Tobacco file meetings; Wednesday: Tewaohnhí'saktha, and COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Thursday: ½ Wellness day; Friday: 1/2 Wellness Day
- **Gina Deer:** Wednesday: Gaming, and Tewaohnhí'saktha meetings; Thursday: Vacation Day; Next week: Vacation Days from Monday to Wednesday, and Vacation Day on Friday except for meeting with Indigenous Services Canada Minister Marc Miller
- **Harry Rice:** Monday: Ancestors Challenge prep meeting; Friday: attending Ancestors Challenge event
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Residency Ad-Hoc Committee, Heritage Portfolio, and Language & Culture Mentorship meeting; Thursday: Vacation Day; Friday: ½ Vacation Day
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Mercier Bridge Community Engagement working group meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) technical meeting; Wednesday: Gaming, KGC, and Tewaohnhí'saktha meetings; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotíia'takehnhas Community Services board, Youth Protection, and Daycare debriefing meetings; Wednesday: Mercier Bridge Community Engagement working group, and Indian Day School Settlement meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: SSSL technical meeting; Wednesday: Gaming, and Consultation meetings; Thursday: Consultation, and Mercier Bridge Community Consultation working group meeting; Friday: Wellness Day except for meeting with Indigenous Services Canada Minister Marc Miller

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Declaration of Recovery Phase on Pandemic

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Lloyd Phillips & Justus Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chief: Frankie McComber. In accordance with the *Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness (KEP) Law*, after a State of Emergency ends there is an automatic move into a Recovery Phase, which could last up to a period of 120 days, subject to extension should it be deemed necessary. The Declaration marks a major changing point in the pandemic and activates a transition into the recovery phase with clear lines of authority and responsibility. The State of Emergency will expire on Monday, June 21, 2021, along with mandate of the COVID-19 Task Force. The authorities granted by the KEP Law will establish the mandate to be carried out by the Commissioner of Public Safety. **Passed by Consensus**



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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre (KMHC) Expansion & Renovation Project – Long-Term Loan Agreement

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Erica Delisle & Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chiefs: Mike Delisle, Jr. & Rhonda Kirby. Due to the completion of the KMHC Expansion/Renovation Project, the financing agreement between the MCK and Financement Québec and Quebec's Minister of Health & Social Services must be converted from a short-term loan to a long-term loan. Request that the long-term agreement is approved and signed between the MCK and Financement Québec. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: NED Bank

Presence of Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis & Erica Delisle. Portfolio Chief: Gina Deer. Request to authorize Mohawk Online to retain \$500,000 to \$1 million CAD for the purpose of investing into the Global Cautious Fund. The Mohawk Online CEO and Mohawk Council appointed Shareholder Representative are directed to manage the initial investment. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Aboriginal Initiatives Fund (AIF)

Presence of Neil McComber & Tammy Delaronde (Tewatohnhi'saktha). Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request for amendment to MCED #33/2017-2018 to revise project costs of a submission to AIF III due to significant rise in construction costs resulting from the pandemic. The initial project was supported by the MCK via the above-mentioned MCED. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: General Assessment of Block Funding Requirement

Presence of Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. The MCK Executive Office is formally requesting approval to initiate the required General Assessment, Part C process as part of the Block Funding process. It is also recommending that the Council of Chiefs approve the MCK's participation in the assessment and to provide the required documents to Indigenous Services Canada by Labor Day. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Internal Complaints Policy

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of MCK Legal Services) and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chief: Not applicable. Request that the Council of Chiefs formally adopt the *Internal Complaints Policy*, and direct for the MCK Executive Director to inform the organization of the policy and its application. With minor changes included the MCED was **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Code of Conduct

Presence of Gerald Taiaiake Alfred and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Kahnsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Tonya Perron. Request to approve the Code of Conduct for Council Chiefs and direct for its application via this MCED. **Passed by Consensus**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Time constraints did not allow for Updates
- Meeting closed at **4:18pm**

NOTE: A Special continuation of the Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18th for the Community Initiatives Fund and is Client/Attorney Privileged. As the nature of the matter is confidential and Client/Attorney Privileged, no communiqué for that meeting will be issued. The meeting continuation began at 8:30am, and ended at 12:05pm