



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 22 Ohiarí:ha/June 2021

Meeting held via Video Conference

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

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), 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: March 22 and May 17, 2021
- **Clinton Phillips:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke COVID-19 Task Force luncheon, and final Task Force Facebook Live; Wednesday to Friday: Vacation Days
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Tobacco working group meeting; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group meeting; Friday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) update
- **Frankie McComber:** Tuesday: COVID-19 Task Force luncheon; Wednesday: Tobacco working group meeting; Thursday: Wellness time in the morning, ACI interview in the afternoon; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: C-218 activities/meetings; Wednesday: Gaming working group, and Tobacco working group meetings; Thursday: Finance Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee, and Assembly of First Nations 'First Nations Policing Task Force' meeting; Friday: ACI update; Next week: Vacation
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday to Friday: Vacation Days
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Community Language Immersion Programs presentation; Wednesday: Language & Culture Network meetings (X2); Thursday: FAO Committee meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Wellness in the morning, Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting; Thursday: FAO Committee meeting; Friday: ACI update
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Mercier Bridge Community Engagement prep meeting; Wednesday: Gaming working group. Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis (SSSL) internal team, KGC, and Mercier Bridge Special Committee meetings; Thursday: FAO Committee meeting
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Tuesday: Mercier Bridge Community Engagement prep meeting; Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre board, Mercier Bridge Special Committee, and FAO meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Gaming working group, and SSSL internal team meetings; Next Monday: Vacation Day
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Tobacco working group; Thursday: Internal planning, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations meeting; Friday: Cannabis Control Office meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MCK and Health Canada

Presence of Eric Doucet & Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the parties that would set out the terms and conditions for the sharing of information between the parties and create harmonized licensing and regulation of Cannabis. This MOU is a tacit recognition of the *Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Law*. Nitsénhaiens Tonya Perron and Mike Delisle, Jr. authorized to sign on the MCK's behalf. **Passed by Consensus** (Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer not present due to previously-scheduled meeting)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Administrative Redesignation of Justice of the Peace

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), and Kevin Fleischer (Director, MCK Justice Services). Portfolio Chiefs: Tonya Perron & Ross Montour. Request to formally re-designate Justice of the Peace (Justice) Sam Kirby as a Regular Presiding Justice. As he had been retired since his retirement in 2006, Mr. Kirby had been acting as a Supernumerary (part-time replacement) justice but, due to the passing of Justice of the Peace Josie Curotte, he has taken on the increased role of regular presiding justice once again. **Passed by Consensus** (Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer not present due to previously-scheduled meeting)



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Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund Extension

Presence of Neil McComber (Tewatohni'saktha), Alexis Shackleton & Erica Delisle. Portfolio Chiefs: Mike Delisle, Jr., Gina Deer & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Request to extend the KERM Fund and activities for 90 additional days during the Recovery Period, as the State of Emergency is no longer in effect and the pandemic is slowing. **Passed by Consensus** (Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer not present due to previously-scheduled meeting)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Extension of Appointment of Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) Commissioner Herbert Angus Rice

Presence of Marnie Lahache (KGC). Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to extend the term of Herbert Angus Rice as a Commissioner until September 30, 2021. His presence will assist in the orientation process for the two new commissioners during this transition period. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: KGC Full-Time Commissioner

Presence of Marnie Lahache (KGC). Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. The KGC's functionality has been impacted by the lack of a full-time chairperson. Therefore, this is a request to retain a full-time chairperson for the KGC on a personal services agreement, as the seat has been vacant since Mark Jocks resigned in 2019. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Services Complex Equity Share

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), and Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chief: Rhonda Kirby. After some discussion, this item was **deferred** until further information is provided, and further discussion takes place.

Request for Decision: Request for Authorize Signatory for Hydro-Québec Letter (Client/Attorney Privileged Item)

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Veronica Leborgne & Patrick Ragaz. Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of MCK Organizational Health Check & Risk Assessment

Presence of Karlie Onerahtókha Marquis & Richard Basque. Portfolio Chief: Mike Delisle, Jr. Request to adopt the MCK Organizational Health Check & Risk Assessment Final Report. The report was submitted by the consultant, BDO, in January 2020; however, implementation was delayed because of the pandemic. The report will allow for priority setting and operational planning for the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Council of Chiefs Updates

- Gina Deer and Ross Montour updated on progress of Canada's Bill C-218 Gaming legislation
- As per policy, Ross Montour donated a \$200 stipend he received for a meeting he attended, choosing Karihwanó:ron Immersion School
- As per policy, Tonya Perron donated \$100 she received for assisting on a matter in her role, choosing Kateri Food Basket
- Frank McComber updated on the upcoming orientation for the new Council, specifically regarding Kahnawà:ke's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on meetings with a community member; Heritage portfolio; and Residency developments
- Rhonda updated on the Mercier Bridge Community Engagement and Special Committee, including the workplan
- Ross Montour updated on meeting with the Catholic Church diocese and the bishop regarding the aftermath of the discovery of the remains of 215 residential schoolchildren; and the Hertel/Hydro-Québec Memorandum of Understanding
- Client/Attorney Privileged discussion (Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong, Director of MCK Legal Services)
- Meeting ended at **4:08pm**