



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Seskéha/August 2021

Meeting held at the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle, Jr. (left meeting at 4pm for prior commitment), Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, Harry Rice, Cody Diabo (Remotely), and Lindsay LeBorgne. All present.

Also Present: Samantha Montour Cross (Executive Assistant to the Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Samantha Montour-Cross (Executive Assistant to the Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs), Tricia Diabo (Interim Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs), Onerahtókha Marquis (attended after housekeeping portion), and Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations).

Housekeeping

- Cheque signers: Lindsay Leborgne & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Minute Acceptance for July 19, 2021 – Accepted with minor amendments.
- Tawatohni'saktha Strategic Planning Session – Mike Delisle, Jr. Ryan Montour and Alan John Rice to participate in the session to be held Thursday, August 19.
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday at noon: meeting with non-local on potential business partnership.
- **Jessica Lazare:** Vacation request - Monday to Wednesday August 30 to September 1.
- **Arnold Boyer:** Vacation request – Monday to Friday, August 30 to September 3.
- **Harry Rice:** Vacation request – Thursday and Friday, September 2 and 3.
- **Lindsay Leborgne:** Vacation request – Monday to Friday, August 30 to September 3. Monday: K103 Partyline Talkshow; Thursday: Asbestos Civil Investigation (ACI) Project Team meeting.
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Thursday: Language and Culture Network meeting, Grand Chief office update session with Executive Director; Friday: ACI Project Team meeting and Public Relations discussion
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services Board meeting.
- **Ross Montour:** Vacation request – Monday to Tuesday, August 30 and 31.
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: ACI Project Team meeting, Community Watch meeting, Lot 106 Asbestos Containing Materials meeting; Friday: ACI update with Deloitte.

Agenda Items

Discussion: COVID State of Recovery

Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety). Discussion/Update on the decision to implement the COVID-19 Quebec Vaccine Passport Initiative for both locals and non-locals for high-risk, non-essential business environments within Kahnawà:ke. Several community concerns were raised and deliberated, and it was determined that further discussion was required. Additional discussion to take place Tuesday, August 17th.

Discussion: Virtual Community Meeting

Presence of Justus Polson-Lahache (Interim Director of Public Relations). Discussion/Update on the possibility of organizing the Fall Community Meeting in a virtual format. It was proposed to pursue potential options to hold the meeting in-person, while complying with COVID-19 safety measures. Additionally, a survey is to be developed to gauge community input on community meetings. Ietsénhaienhs Jessica Lazare appointed as Public Relations liaison to guide development of the meeting format and facilitate engagement with the community on this topic.



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Client Attorney Privilege Discussion (Litigation)

Presence of Stacey Douglas (MCK Legal Services). The discussion was Client Attorney Privileged.

Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Land Allotments

Six (6) land Allotments. All six land allotments were **Approved by consensus**.

Note: Cody Diabo abstained for one land allotment due to a conflict of interest.

Council Updates

- Discussion on the matter regarding a group of community members who want to remove the remains of Father Lajoie from the St-Francis Xavier mission on Sunday, August 22nd. The Council directed for a response letter outlining the position of the MCK on the request for the relocation of the remains to be drafted and delivered to the community group, and for engagement with the community on this matter to begin.
- Mike Delisle, Jr. requested for review and approval of a letter of support between the Kahnawà:ke and Shawanaga First Nation regarding Gaming Regulation & Activities.
- Meeting put on hold for approximately one hour for orientation activities. Meeting ended at **5:33pm**.