



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 23 Seskéha/August 2021

Meeting held at the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo (participated remotely), Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, and Harry Rice (All present)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations).

Housekeeping

- *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by letsénhaienhs Jessica Lazare*
- Cheque signers: Lindsay Leborgne & Mike Delisle, Jr.
- Wednesday: Public Safety/Public Health COVID-19 Update
- Request for Donation by Kateri Memorial Foundation for upcoming event to commemorate pandemic front-line workers. Donation of \$5,000.00
Supported by Consensus
- On behalf of the Asbestos Civil Investigation Team, Cody Diabo requested a one-week extension in order for the Investigator to complete their report on the Investigation. **Supported by Consensus**
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotii'a'takéhnhas Community Services Board meeting
- **Lindsay Leborgne:** Tuesday: Out at 2pm for appointment
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Out at 3pm for appointment
- **Alan John Rice:** Vacation Days approved for next Wednesday to Friday, September 1-3
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: meeting with Quebec Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs Ian Lafrenière; Thursday: Strategic Meetings scheduling session
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: at Client Based Services for Social Assistance Cheque Signing
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: MCK Investment Account Opening with Nedbank

Presence of Jean Pomainville (MCK Legal Services), and Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director). Request to authorize Mohawk Online Limited's opening of an investment account with the Nedbank, located in the Isle of Jersey. This action is considered as critical to the operation of MOL. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language & Cultural Center (KORLCC) Relocation

Presence of Trina C. Diabo (MCK Technician) and Lisa Phillips (KORLLC Executive Director). Due to the deteriorated condition of their current facility, request to approve the relocation of KORLCC to the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex. All set-up costs to be absorbed by the MCK, while KORLCC will pay for the cost of monthly utilities. **Decision Passed, with Cody Diabo objecting**

Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Council Updates

- Harry Rice updated on his attendance of the funeral for Andrew Clark in Chateaugay, on behalf of the MCK (as a photographer, Mr. Clark was well-known for his many projects with Kahnawà:ke sports teams)



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- Lindsay LeBorgne brought forth community members' concerns regarding various border crossing issues, which will be more fully addressed once portfolio assignments are completed later this week
- Alan John Rice informed the table that Client-Based Services will be addressing public information needs concerning cross-border taxation matters specific to a current program being offered to persons who have an American Social Security card
- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos remediation progress; Aquaponics; and the "No Swimming" signage at the bridge to Tekakwitha Island
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer asked for participants at next week's Tewatohnni'saktha strategic session: Barton Goodleaf, Mike Delisle, Jr. and Cody Diabo mandated to attend; informed the table that Ross Montour will attend next week's Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador meeting in her place
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer opened the discussion of events/meetings regarding the matter concerning the remains of Fr. Leon Lajoie. As a follow-up to last Friday's statement on the subject, MCK is directed to prepare for community engagement to gain community direction
- Discussion on Ratitsénhaienhs position on Public Safety/Public Health announcement on 'Vaccination Passports' being implemented by Quebec government – it was explained by several Ratitsénhaienhs that a significant number of community members are not in agreement with Public Safety/Public Health directive on this matter. At the end of the discussion, it was clarified that Director of Public Safety has the authority to make the decision, based on the current Emergency Preparedness Law and regulations. More discussion on this matter will take place during the weekly COVID-19 Update to Council, which is being reinstated this week
- Meeting ended at **12:50pm**