



Monday, 30 Seskéha/August 2021

Meeting held by Videoconference

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron (chaired today's meeting), 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: Kiera Beauvais (Minutes), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde & Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations).

Housekeeping

- *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Ratsénhaienhs Cody Diabo*
- Cheque signers: Lindsay Leborgne & Mike Delisle, Jr.

Agenda Item

Discussion: COVID-19 Pandemic and Upcoming Directives

Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), and Lisa Westaway (Executive Director, Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre). After a brief review of the current objectives and mandate of Public Safety & Public Health in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lloyd Phillips and Lisa Westaway presented a report on current statistics/data in Kahnawà:ke. The statistics presented indicated that the 'Fourth Wave' now has nearly half the number of confirmed cases as the first three (3) waves *combined*, with Kahnawà:ke's vaccination rates falling under the Quebec average for the first time. A discussion took place regarding the plan to use the Proof of Vaccination in Kahnawà:ke as a means of protecting the community. It was acknowledged that some community members were resistant/opposed to such measures, and that Public Safety & Public Health are seeking support from the Ratitsénhaienhs (Council of Chiefs) for the decision to proceed with the plan. Nine (9) Ratitsénhaienhs expressed their support for full implementation, while three (3) Ratitsénhaienhs (Cody Diabo, Lindsay LeBorgne and Jessica Lazare) chose to withhold their support as they expressed their position that the Proof of Vaccination should apply only to non-locals. It was confirmed by the Council of Chiefs that their formal position is to support the decision taken by the Commissioner of Public Safety to proceed, as the decision is taken in the sole interests of health, safety and protection of all community members.

Council Updates

- No Updates occurred at the meeting
- Meeting ended at **12:25pm**