



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 27 Seskehkó:wa/September 2021

Meeting held at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne (attended remotely), Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, and Harry Rice

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Barton Goodleaf (Medical Leave)

Also Present: Kiera Beauvais (Recorder), Tricia Diabo (Interim Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

Housekeeping

- *Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén* by Cody Diabo
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Michael Delisle, Jr.
- Chiefs Uncut scheduling discussion. Recording of the weekly feature to re-start this week
- Wednesday: COVID-19 Weekly Update
- Thursday: Day to Honor Victims and Survivors of Residential Schools
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Housing meeting; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Kateri Memorial Centre Board of Directors meeting; Friday: meeting to review Mercier Bridge data, and meeting with Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takénnhas Community Services Executive Director Derek Montour
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Indigenous Services Canada presentation to Kanawaki lot holders; Thursday: meetings with two community members; Friday: JFK Quarry Working Group meeting; Saturday: Wind farm Project tour
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Consultation presentation, and MCK Justice Services presentation to Quebec Justice representatives; Thursday: meeting on project proposal; Friday: recording Chiefs Uncut, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group meeting, and Hydro-Québec Hertel project update meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: recording Orange Shirt Day presentation; Thursday: Orange Shirt Day speaking engagement; Friday: JFK Quarry Working Group meeting
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday Consultation presentation, and Specific Claims Tribunal update meeting; Friday: Hydro-Québec Hertel project update, and FAO Committee meetings
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: meeting with Quebec Special negotiator Geoff Kelley; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, Economic Development Portfolio, preparation for upcoming meeting with Ontario Minister of Finance (on Gaming matters); Friday: Hydro-Québec Hertel project update meeting; Saturday: Wind Farm project tour
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Specific Claims Tribunal update meeting, and prep session for meeting with Ontario Minister of Finance (on Gaming matters) Friday: JFK Quarry Working Group meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: MCK Justice Services team presentation to Quebec Justice representatives; Friday: Administration of Justice, KLCC working group, and FAO Committee meetings; Saturday: Wind Farm Project tour
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Meeting Requests, Grand Chief quarterly update, preparation for upcoming meeting with Ontario Minister of Finance; Thursday: participating in Dreams Take Flight fundraising event; Friday: Vacation Day; Saturday: meeting with Six Nations Grand Chief Mark Hill on Gaming matters



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Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED) : Update of Signers (Bank of Montreal)

Presence of Erica Delisle & Onerahtókha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to rescind MCED #36/2021-2022 and replace with new MCED. The MCED authorizes Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron, MCK Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis, Executive Strategic Officer Richard Basque, and Executive Operations Officer Kevin Kennedy as signatories for the MCK accounts. Further, Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis, General Manager of Accounting Carol Two-Axe and Accounts Payable Clerk Kelly Montour are authorized to negotiate, deposit and transfer funds for and on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) with the bank of Montreal (Akwesasne branch), with the provision that such actions are to credit the accounts of the MCK only. Furthermore, **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Update Signers (Caisse Populaire)

Presence of Erica Delisle & Onerahtókha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to rescind MCED #43/2021-2022 and replace with new MCED that authorizes Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Lindsay LeBorgne, Tonya Perron, and Alan John Rice, along with MCK Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis, Executive Strategic Officer Richard Basque, and Executive Operations Officer Kevin Kennedy, as signatories for the MCK accounts. Further, MCK Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis, Director of Finance Erica Delisle, General Manager of Accounting Carol Two-Axe and Accounts Payable Clerk Kelly Montour the authority to negotiate, deposit and transfer funds for and on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke with the Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke with the provision that such actions are to credit the accounts of the MCK only. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Update Safety Deposit Box Users (Caisse Populaire)

Presence of Onerahtókha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to rescind MCED #44/2021-2022 and replace with new MCED that will authorize Nitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Lindsay LeBorgne, MCK Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis, Director of Finance Erica Delisle, and General Manager of Accounting Carol Two-Axe access to the MCK's safety deposit box located at the Caisse Populaire Kahnawà:ke, as stipulated in the MCED. **Passed by Consensus**

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

Presence of Alexis Shackleton (Director of Client-Based Services). Portfolio Chiefs: Michael Delisle, Jr., Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Ross Montour. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, request to extend the mandate of the KERM Fund until the end of January 2022; and authorize the KERM Board of Directors to continue to use the Appropriate Reserves, totalling \$15 million. Please note that the KERM Board must return to a duly-convened Council meeting before the end of December 2021 to review the KERM Mandate and KERM & Business Interruption Fund. **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC), Appointment of Commissioner

Presence of Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs). Lead Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle, Jr. Request to support the Nomination of Mr. Frank Phillips for the position of Commissioner to the KGC for a one (1) year term to fill the vacant seat left by outgoing Commissioner Herbert Angus (Herb) Rice. **Passed by Consensus, with Lindsay LeBorgne abstaining due to close family relationship, and Harry Rice abstaining due to close personal friendship.**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Five (5) Land Allotments



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Council Updates

- Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis updated on status of applications for various executive-level positions within the MCK; housing matters; request by Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade to utilize a community building, with future discussions to take place on this matter; proposal submission to Indigenous Services Canada regarding effects of own-source revenues on the community; update on project to install roof over the 'town rink' near the Golden Age Club, including creation of steering committee; impacts of pandemic on internal MCK operations/finances; and private business opportunities
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer brought forth request by Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador to participate in Montreal event for Truth & Reconciliation Day on Thursday
- Jessica Lazare updated on Community Consultation/Engagement; Heritage portfolio Culture/Language projects and upcoming Portfolio meeting
- Tonya Perron updated on the upcoming Justice Sectoral Table meetings with Quebec; Cannabis Control Board activities
- Discussion on the response letter to the Community Group regarding mandatory vaccination
- Alan John Rice provided a brief Housing update
- Harry Rice updated on Education matters; various Truth and Reconciliation activities that he will be involved in
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on last week's Kateri Memorial Foundation event paying tribute to front line workers; meeting with President/Chief Executive Officer of Hydro-Québec; Gaming Working Group activities and next steps; Labor Office strategic planning; potential economic development opportunities; and September 24th K1037 'MCK Friday' appearance
- Cody Diabo updated on Tioweró:ton matters, including the September 24th fire near Indian Lake and the relationship with Kanehsatà:ke elected Council; Asbestos 'Facebook Live' updates, risk assessment and other matters
- Ross Montour updated on Archaeology team activities; Mohawk Online Board of Directors meeting; interview with lori:wase, focusing on new portfolios
- Jessica Lazare reported that approximately 75 community members took the Community Meeting survey
- Meeting ended at **4:20pm**