



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Tuesday, 12 Kenténha/October 2021**

**Meeting held at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex**

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

**Out:** Ratitsénhaienhs Harry Rice (Vacation, returning on Wednesday), and Barton Goodleaf (Medical Leave)

**Also Present:** Kiera Beauvais (Recorder), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Winona Polson Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Executive Assistants to the Ratitsénhaienhs

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Chiefs Uncut this week: Harry Rice will record on Friday
- Kahnawà:ke Tourism Office Strategic Planning: date set for Friday, October 29th, with Grand Chief & Economic Development Portfolio Chiefs to attend
- JFK Quarry Letter of September 22, 2021: internal update meetings and Strategic Session to be scheduled before formal response is sent
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador participation for October 20 & 21 meetings at Lac Beauport: Ross Montour will attend on behalf of MCK
- Community Engagement meeting: it was agreed by consensus to hold Community Engagement events to help address the temporary discontinuation of official seasonal Community Meetings due to the pandemic. Two dates were set: Friday, October 15th from 9am to 1pm, and Wednesday, October 27th from 2 to 6pm, with both events taking place at the Green Space near the Golden Age Club (see press release dated October 12 for details)
- Wednesday: Covid-19 Update
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Language & Culture Network, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Working Group meetings; Thursday: KLCC Working Group, and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Mercier Bridge, and Heritage Portfolio meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: KLCC Working Group, and Cannabis Control Board training meeting; Thursday: KLCC Working Group, Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations, Cannabis; and Governance Portfolio meetings; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Alan John Rice:** Thursday: Consultation meeting with Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Chateauguay Sewage Plant Odor meeting; Thursday: Pandemic update meeting
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Hydro-Québec/Hertel project New York City trip prep meeting, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and retirement party for outgoing KGC Commissioner; Thursday: External Government Relations Portfolio meeting; Friday: Hydro-Québec Hertel Project meeting; October 21 & 22: Vacation Days
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Chateauguay Sewage Plant and Tioweró:ton Committee prep meeting; Thursday: External Government Relations Portfolio, Tioweró:ton Committee, and Kanawaki Consultation meetings; Friday: Aquaponics meeting, and Wellness Time in the afternoon
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Hydro-Québec/Hertel project New York City prep meeting; Thursday: External Government Relations Portfolio meeting, and meeting re: Father Lajoie
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Pandemic update, and Public Safety meetings, and meeting re: Father Lajoie; Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: Pandemic update, Public Safety Commission, and Mohawk Self Insurance meetings



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- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Hydro-Québec/Hertel project New York trip prep meeting; Thursday: External Government Relations Portfolio, Governance Project, and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund meetings, and meeting re: Father Lajoie

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Five-Year Waste Management Plan**

Presence of Holly McComber & Martin Morris. Lead Portfolio Chief: Arnold Boyer. Request to approve the Five-Year Waste Management Plan. The plan was submitted for the purpose of continuing Kahnawà:ke's participation in a Quebec program to reduce waste and promote recycling. The program provides financial contributions to qualified communities, which has benefitted Kahnawà:ke since the MCK began participating in 2010. **Passed by Consensus**

#### **Request for Decision: Asbestos Civil Investigation (Client/Attorney Privileged Item)**

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services), Onerahtókha Marquis, and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Cody Diabo, Lindsay LeBorgne, and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Client/Attorney Privileged Item

### **Council Updates**

- Onerahtókha Marquis updated on dividend information re: Mohawk Online, and amendments to the Multi-year Funding Agreements with Canada
- Lindsay LeBorgne provided brief updates on the Finance, Administration & Operations Committee; and a community member's concern regarding traffic issues near Karonhianónhna School
- Jessica Lazare updated on Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíhkwa Language & Cultural Center; and Heritage Portfolio protocol development
- Alan John Rice updated on staffing at the Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry; and Housing
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on progress of the Hydro-Québec/Hertel project; the renewal of the Quebec decree exempting Kahnawà:ke contractors from certain requirements for tendering processes under the Act respecting contracting by public bodies for the purposes of Mercier Bridge Repairs, a meeting with Ontario Ministry of Finance, a meeting with Shawanaga First Nation Chief Adam Powis regarding Gaming matters, and on the Economic Development Portfolio
- Ross Montour updated on Consultation; and the L'Axe132 'Urban Boulevard' project
- Arnold Boyer reported on changes to Corrections Canada's parole supervision program
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on the issue concerning Father Lajoie; a request from Grand Chiefs of Huron-Wendat Nation and Mashteuiatsh First Nation regarding hunting matters; a meeting on jurisdictional issues experienced by local business; and, the Thompson Casino project
- Eric Doucet joined the meeting to update the Council on a Client-Attorney Privileged Litigation matter
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer; meeting ended at **2pm**