

Monday, 8 Kentenhkó: wa/November 2021

Meeting held at the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (participated virtually), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne (participated virtually), Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf (out for the afternoon Council Update session), Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice (all present)

Also Present: Kiera Beauvais (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Sarah Delisle (Executive Assistant to the Ratitsénhaienhs – morning session only)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by all 12 Ratitsénhaienhs
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Chiefs Assembly, November 16: Ryan Montour holding proxy vote, Ross Montour observing
- Tuesday & Saturday: community engagement session re: Fr. Lajoie
- Wednesday: Public Safety/Public Health COVID-19 Update
- Thursday: Remembrance Day observed – offices closed
- Chiefs Uncut this week: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services Board of Directors meeting; Thursday: attending Remembrance Day ceremony; Friday: Housing meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Friday: Mercier Bridge meeting; Vacation from November 15-22, returning on Tuesday, November 23
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Mohawk OnLine, Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Friday: External Government Relations portfolio, and Mercier Bridge meetings
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Health Portfolio meeting (to be confirmed)
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Consultation meeting; Friday: Community Review Board, and Housing meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: meeting with Resource Canada on potential 'green' project; Friday: Aquaponics meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) briefing, and meeting with provincial negotiator Geoff Kelley; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, KERM Fund; Friday: External Government Relations portfolio, Aquaponics and QKR (to be confirmed) meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Friday: Aquaponics meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Meetings weekly planning session, Grand Chief's Update, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, and Cannabis Control Board training session; Friday: Community Review Board meeting

- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: Language meeting; Wednesday: Administrative Tribunal regulations Technical Drafting meeting; Friday: Community Review Board, and Mercier Bridge meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: meeting with Governor General and others in Ottawa (see press release dated Monday, November 8); Wednesday: recording Chiefs Uncut, Strategic Meetings weekly planning meeting; Grand Chief's Update, Mohawk OnLine, KERM Fund meetings; Friday: External Government Relations portfolio meeting, and out for the afternoon; Vacation from November 15-22, returning on Tuesday, November 23

Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Delson Industrial Project/Wetlands

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Brittany Diabo, and Nelly Marcoux.

Portfolio Chiefs: Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour & Alan John Rice. Request for Decision regarding MCK legal options regarding a development project in Delson which would impact wetlands tributary to the Turtle River. It was decided not to pursue legal action at this time as the associated risks are too significant. The MCK will instead pursue political actions to pursue protecting the wetlands against development projects.

Agreed by Consensus

Council Updates

- Michael Delisle, Jr. Updated on Gaming meeting with Canadian Senator Mary Jane McCallum, as well as separate discussions with federal Justice Minister David Lametti, in regard to impacts of the implementation of Canada's Bill C-218 on Kahnawà:ke (with input from Ross Montour & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); Economic Development strategies and initiatives, including recent Summit hosted by Tewatohnhi'saktha; Hydro-Québec/Hertel project; Kahnawà:ke Tourism; Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies; and the provision of letters requested by community members concerning loans
- Harry Rice provided updates on Community Social Affairs portfolio internal work assignments; Parc Jean Drapeau project; and Boucherville Elementary School speaking engagement
- Cody Diabo updated on progress of exploring the potential purchase of heritage property in Montreal; Asbestos Civil Investigation communications planning; Kanawaki lease renewal; and recent two-day Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact 'Food Sovereignty' event
- Alan John Rice reported on Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) policy updates; Community Social Affairs portfolio; Consultation files; and commented on success of Economic Development Summit
- Ross Montour updated on Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador meeting, which included a discussion on the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People and an acknowledgement of the late Edward J. Cross; Hydro-Québec/Hertel project; Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations status report, including Environment matters and options to open discussions with Indigenous Affairs

Minister Marc Miller; Consultation files; External Government Relations portfolio; brief report on 'Urban Boulevard' project

- Tonya Perron commented positively on community engagement 'Kiosk' event; reported on Justice portfolio and revising various portfolio mandates; explained rationale for FAO decision on MCK Holiday schedule
- Arnold Boyer updated on recent meeting on Mercier Bridge matters; Health and Community Social Affairs portfolios; and site visit to JFK Quarry
- Jessica Lazare updated on recent speaking engagement Lasalle Comprehensive High School with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer; Tourism strategic planning; and provided input on political strategies for External Government Relations portfolio and Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis;
- Ryan Montour updated on developments regarding Mohawk Self Insurance; Housing arrears issues; Public Safety portfolio; and brought forth discussion on COVID-19/pandemic matters
- Lindsay LeBorgne provided updates on recent community engagement Kiosk and Economic Development Summit; FAO meeting and all formal decisions from the last meeting; Health portfolio; K1037 'MCK Friday' appearance; and Remembrance Day activities
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on upcoming invitation to meet with incoming Mayor of Chateauguay Eric Allard; meeting with Brian King (investigator into the allegations against Fr. Lajoie); Tourism strategic planning; Governance portfolio activities; upcoming meeting regarding Hydro-Québec/Hertel project; K1037 'MCK Friday' appearance; Remembrance Day activities at the Legion, including discussions with federal Ministers Miller and Lametti; and upcoming meeting with Quebec Native Affairs Minister Ian Lafrenière
- Closing by all 12 Ratitsénhaienhs. Meeting ended at **4:28pm**