



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 15 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2021

Meeting held at the Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, and Harry Rice

Out: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation), and Arnold Boyer (Vacation)

Also Present: Tricia Diabo (Recorder), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen shared by Ratitsénhaienhs
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Alan John Rice
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador 'Chiefs Assembly' on Tuesday: Ross Montour & Ryan Montour to participate, with Ryan Montour holding proxy vote
- Wednesday: Public Safety/Public Health COVID-19 strategy session
- Chiefs Uncut this week: Michael Delisle, Jr.
- Chiefs Uncut for week of November 29th: Lindsay LeBorgne
- MCK Friday: Ryan Montour & Alan John Rice
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Political Strategy, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations technical drafting committee meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) working group meeting; Friday: Justice & Youth planning session; Vacation December 6 to 10, returning December 13
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussions weekly planning session, Administrative Tribunal Regulations technical drafting committee; Thursday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee, and KLCC working group meetings, and Cannabis Control Board training; Friday: Cannabis discussion panel, Legislative portfolio team meeting, and Justice & Youth planning session; Vacation from December 20 to January 7, returning on January 10
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting; *Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry* community review, and Housing portfolio brainstorming meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Parks Canada archaeological findings event at St. Jean-sur-Richelieu; Wednesday: COVID-19 Mental Wellness working group meeting; Friday: Tioweró:ton strategic planning meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Gaming Working group meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission; Thursday: Specific Claims Team meeting; Friday: Economic Development portfolio mandate, and informal Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations meetings; next Thursday, November 25th: Wellness Day
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: Food Security meeting (to be confirmed); Friday: Tioweró:ton strategic planning meeting; and media briefing; Vacation December 10 to January 7, returning January 10
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board of Directors meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Time in the morning, Health portfolio update in the afternoon; Friday: Tioweró:ton strategic planning meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Parks Canada archaeological findings event in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, and participating in AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Wednesday: Environment meetings; Thursday: Specific Claims working group, and Archaeology meetings; Friday: Vacation Day

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- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: participating in Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs Assembly; Thursday or Friday (to be confirmed): Housing Communications strategic planning
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: State of Recovery Renewal

Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety). Portfolio Chief: Ryan Montour. Due to the ongoing pandemic, request to extend the COVID-19 State of Recovery period for an additional 30-day period from November 19 to December 18, 2021 (see press release dated November 16 for details). **Passed by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Asbestos Civil Investigation Report

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of MCK Legal Services), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Justus Polson-Lahache (Interim Director of Public Relations), and Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Cody Diabo, Lindsay LeBorgne & Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. **Client/Attorney Privileged item**

Request for Decision: MCK Governance Project Phase 3 Project Charter

Presence of Taiiaike Alfred & Winona Polson-Lahache. Portfolio Chiefs: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron & Jessica Lazare. Following the Council of Chiefs acceptance of the report of the community engagement phase (phase 2) of the MCK Governance Project, request to approve the Project Charter for MCK Governance Project (phase 3) funds to be set aside from the Operational Reserve for this purpose. **Approved by Consensus**

Request for Decision: Confirmation of Contract Services

Presence of Council of Chiefs. **Confidential matter**

Discussion: Human Resources Matter

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of MCK Legal Services) and Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services). **Client/Attorney Privileged Item**

Council Updates

- Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on Administrative/Operational matters of the organization
- *Please note that all Updates below were received via email*
- Tonya Perron updated on continuing efforts to secure a legally-trained person to sit on the Community Review Board and various issues related to this position (with input from Alan John Rice); potential banking issues for commercial cannabis; draft of document regarding Executive Director/Council of Chiefs Relationship Framework
- Alan John Rice provided updates on Housing initiatives; Finance, Administration & Operations Committee review, and possible updating of policies regarding donations
- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos Working Group's goal of finalizing Global Strategic Plan; potential 'green energy' project; and the Aquaponics project
- Barton Goodleaf updated on recent trip to Listuguj where he respected the hunting protocols in place; chaired Health portfolio meeting for the first time
- Ryan Montour updated on Remembrance Day activities; Housing Unit initiatives; and Community Engagement re: Fr. Lajoie (with additional input from Michael Delisle, Jr.)
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on Quebec - Kahnawà:ke Relations matters; Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund meeting; reported on several Gaming matters, including potential new Gaming opportunities, Gaming/Licensing issues and overall Gaming landscape; updated on External Government Relations portfolio matters; and Housing Services meeting
- Closing by Jessica Lazare. Meeting ended at **4:25pm**