



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 17 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2022

Meeting held virtually

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

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Alan John Rice
- Discussion on MCK Remote Work & Virtual Meeting Directives
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador, Election of Regional Chief and Assembly (January 25 & 26): Participants to be confirmed
- Discussion/update on letter from community member
- Minute Acceptance for January 10, 2022 - Deferred
- Wednesday: Weekly COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting; Thursday: Consultation meeting with Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO); Friday: Client-Based Services, and Consultation meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Mercier Bridge meeting
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Tuesday: Personal Time for medical appointment, and attending event at Cabot Square; Wednesday: Economic Development Portfolio; and potential Economic Development project meeting; Thursday: Aquaponics update, and JFK Quarry internal meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: personal Time in the afternoon; Wednesday: Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Aquaponics update, and JFK Quarry internal meetings; Friday: Asbestos file meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: JFK Quarry internal meeting; Friday: Outdoor activities update meeting (to be confirmed)
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Political Strategy meetings; Thursday: Consultation meeting with Federal DFO, and Justice workplan meetings; Friday: Legislative Portfolio, and Consultation meetings
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Monday: Mercier Bridge meeting; Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting

- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Mercier Bridge meeting; Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Revenue Working group, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, Economic Development Portfolio meeting; Thursday: introductory meeting with Provincial Minister of Finance, Economic Development potential project, and Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures (KERM) Fund meetings; Friday: BEDF meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Archaeology, and Economic Portfolio meetings; Thursday: meeting with CEO of Montreal Port Authority, Mohawk Online Board of Directors, Consultation meeting with Federal DFO, JFK internal, and KERM Fund meetings; Friday: prep for upcoming meeting with U.S. Customs, and Consultation meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: meeting with MCK Inspectors, COVID-19 Task Force, and *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* review meetings; Thursday: Housing proposal meeting; Friday: Alcoholic Beverages Control Board meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussions scheduling, and FAO Committee meetings; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative working group, Justice Workplan, Legislative Portfolio, and Cannabis meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Strategic Discussions scheduling, 'Rencontre Kahnawà:ke', and Hyrdo Hertel meetings; Thursday: Mohawk Online Board of Directors meeting, introductory meeting with Provincial Minister of Finance, meeting with CEO of Montreal Port Authority, and KERM Fund meeting; Friday: prep for upcoming meeting with U.S. Customs; BEDF, Deloitte, Grand Chief updating session, and Iroquois Caucus Grand Chiefs meetings (to be confirmed)

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Resolution: Extension of State of Emergency

Presence of Lloyd Phillips. Portfolio Chief: Ryan Montour. In response to the continuing effects of the COVID-19 "fifth wave" on Kahnawà'kehró:non and on health and safety services in Kahnawà:ke, Commissioner of Public Safety Lloyd Phillips recommended an extension of the current State of Emergency for a further 30-day period, to expire on February 20, 2022. The State of Emergency can be renewed on a monthly basis. (Details included in press release dated Monday, January 17th). **Passed, with Cody Diabo and Lindsay LeBorgne objecting**

Council Updates

- Cody Diabo updated on the Asbestos file
- Onerahtókha
- Marquis provided updates on financial matters (with assistance from Alex Beaupré); also updated on developments regarding Multi-Use Building project, which will be added to the upcoming Strategic Session schedule; and updated on the Kahnawà:ke Business Complex
- Discussion with Lloyd Phillips (with presence of Justus Polson-Lahache) on pandemic matters, including concerns/requests submitted by community

members. It was noted that the new Recovery Plan is going to be prepared to provide an efficient path forward once the State of Emergency is concluded

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on upcoming Strategic Sessions
- Alan John Rice updated on upcoming Strategic Session on the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*
- Cody Diabo provided brief update on the Aquaponics project, including funding that has been approved for project development costs
- Ross Montour updated on taxation matters, Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio and the development of a Consultation Unit
- Jessica Lazare updated on the 'Rights of Nature' project
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:39pm**