



# Monday, 24 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), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Gene Diabo (am) & Justus Polson-Lahache (pm) (Public Relations)

### Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque signers: Lindsay LeBorgne & Alan John Rice
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador, Election of Regional Chief and Chiefs Assembly (January 25 & 26); Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend Election; Ross Montour to attend Assembly (proxy)
- Minute Acceptance for January 10, 2022
- Wednesday: Weekly COVID-19 Task Force Update
- Discussion on Iroquois Caucus issues
- **Alan John Rice:** Tuesday & Thursday: Kanien'kéha classes; Wednesday: Improvement of Lake Saint-Louis Shorelines & Transformation of the Lachine Marina into a New Waterfront Park meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact Roundtable meeting; Friday: Meeting with Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding participation in the Regional Impact Assessment.
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: Creation Story class; Tuesday & Thursday: Kanien'kéha class; Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated meeting for proposed bike path.
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Monday: Kanien'kéha class; Wednesday: COVID-19 update; Thursday: Tewaohnhí'saktha Board meeting.
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Creation Story class; Tuesday: Kanien'kéha class, Tewaohnhí'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Webinar on Indigenous Clean Energy Seminar; Thursday: Tewaohnhí'saktha quarterly meeting, Kanien'kéha class, Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations internal meeting; Friday: Meeting with Mayor of Chateauguay (virtual).
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: First Nations Education Council Special Assembly on New K-12 Funding Agreement; Wednesday: Education portfolio meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Technical Drafting Committee meeting for Administrative Tribunal Regulations; Thursday: Alternative Measures Program internal discussion, Pont Gédéon-Ouimet with Ministère de Transports du Québec & Kahnawà:ke, & Legislative Coordinating Committee working group; Friday: Meeting with Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding participation in the Regional Impact Assessment, and Indigenous Rights & Research working group meeting.
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated meeting for proposed bike path.
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawake Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Tewaohnhí'saktha quarterly meeting, Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact Roundtable, & Hydro Quebec community participation meeting; Friday: Meeting with Mayor of Chateauguay (virtual).
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: AFNQL Elections; Improvement of Lake Saint-Louis Shorelines and Transformation of the Lachine Marina into a New Waterfront Park & Education portfolio meetings; Thursday: Pont Gédéon-Ouimet with Ministère de Transports du Québec, & Kahnawà:ke Canada Relations Internal Team Meeting; Friday: Meeting with Impact Assessment Agency of Canada regarding MCK participation in the Regional Impact Assessment, meeting with Mayor of Chateauguay (virtual), & Presentation to US Customs and Border Patrol.
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Creation Story class; Tuesday & Thursday: Kanien'kéha class; Wednesday: Task Force meeting; Friday: Peacekeeper Ethics Committee meeting.
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday & Thursday: Kanien'kéha class; Wednesday: Technical Drafting Committee meeting for Administrative Tribunal Regulations; Thursday: Alternative Measures Program internal discussion, & Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission working group; Friday: Executive Director/Council Relationship Framework walk-through.

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## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Meeting with Chief Mark Hill of the Six Nations of the Grand River; Wednesday: Education Meeting, AFNQL Elections; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations internal meeting; Friday: Meeting with Mayor of Chateaugay (virtual), & Presentation to US Customs and Border Patrol.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive - Client Attorney Privileged Item (Cannabis)**

*Presence of Eric Doucet and Suzanne Jackson. Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron*

#### **Client/Attorney privileged**

#### **Multi-Purpose Building Funding Update**

*Presence of Lisa Phillips, Kimberly Cross, and Kyle Zachary (Team members), Trina C Diabo (Technician), Francis Walsh (Legal), Alexandre Beaupre (Revenue Officer MCK), and Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director).* Update on potential funding to obtain and begin the construction plans for the Multi-Purpose Building to house the Cultural Center, Museum & Theatre for the entire community to benefit and use.

### **Council Updates**

- Cody Diabo updated on meeting of Grand Chiefs of the Iroquois Caucus (IC), the continuation of IC meetings to be held bi-monthly and impending revisions to the IC Terms of Reference
- Tonya Perron updated on various matters surrounding Cannabis, including excise tax issues and relation to Kahnawake-Canada Relations (KCR) discussions.
- Ross Montour updated on Gaming Working Group discussions, redesignation of Royal Victoria hospital, Mohawk Online Board meeting, Montreal Port Authority looking to improve relations with Kahnawà:ke, JFK Quarry, Kahnawake Economic Relief Measures fund, and preliminary discussion on New Port expansion in Valleyfield
- Alan-John Rice updated on Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) meetings, Housing meeting, Office of the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Registry compliance discussions and upcoming community review of regulations, update on KCR
- Jessica Lazare updated on status of the Land-based Political Strategy, and Consultation discussions with the DFO
- Mike Delisle, Jr. updated on information sharing issue regarding the Mercier Bridge environmental studies, ongoing work of the Gaming Working Group, Kahnawake Gaming Commission, Economic Development Portfolio Team, Seigneurie Communications, the Business and Economic Development Fund, discussion with community member on a private business venture, Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations discussions with the Quebec Negotiator Geoffrey Kelley; meeting with Provincial Finance Minister Eric Girard and Minister Ian Lafrenière, and the redesignation of a historical building on Federal Lands in downtown Montreal
- Arnold Boyer updated on Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated proposed Memorial Path project, vandalizing of the St-Francis Xavier Church
- Barton Goodleaf updated on the Tioweró:ton Strategic Plan, JFK Quarry, the City of Longueuil deer cull, ongoing work with the Health Portfolio, and Indigenous Services Canada funding for COVID-19
- Lindsay Leborgne updated on Finance, Administration and Operations Committee matters, Mercier Bridge, and assistance provided to a community member
- Ryan Montour updated on Peacekeepers Ethics Committee regarding complaint procedures against Peacekeepers, Freedom March that occurred in Kahnawà:ke on Saturday, and upcoming developments in the Housing Unit
- Harry Rice updated on upcoming plans for recreational activities, and recent meeting with Indian dignitaries
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on scheduling regular information sharing meetings with traditional bodies, meeting with Huron-Wendat Grand Chief Remi Vincent, improving Indigenous relations with external entities (including the Port Authority and Deloitte), meeting with the Quebec Finance Minister Eric Girard and the Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs Ian Lafrenière, Governance portfolio, Gaming, and concerns regarding application of vaccine mandates within the community
- Additional discussion regarding providing assistance to community members in need
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:26pm**