



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 31 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2022**

**Meeting held virtually**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice

**Out:** Tonya Perron (Wellness), and Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation)

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

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ross Montour
- Cheque signers: Alan John Rice and Kevin Kennedy
- Chiefs Uncut: Alan John Rice
- K1037 'MCK Friday' for February 11: Michael Delisle, Jr. and Ross Montour
- Iroquois Caucus February 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Barton Goodleaf are confirmed to attend
- Minute Acceptance for July 26, September 13 & November 15, 2021. All Approved by Consensus
- Indigenous Homelessness forum on February 17: Barton Goodleaf, Arnold Boyer & Alan John Rice have confirmed their participation
- Wednesday: Weekly COVID-19 Task Force Update
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Consultation meeting; Thursday: Consultation meeting, and Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registrar update meeting; Friday: Infrastructure Canada, Client-Based Services, and Consultation meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: internal meeting on A-30 Service Road; Thursday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Friday: Infrastructure Canada meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: internal meeting on A-30 Service Road; Thursday: Aquaponics-related meeting; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Wellness Action team meeting; Vacation from Friday, February 4, returning on Monday February 14
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Indigenous Rights & Research, and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) working group meetings; Thursday: Consultation, and KLCC monthly meeting; Friday: Justice Sectoral Table internal, Consultation, and Infrastructure Canada meetings
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting, meeting with Senator Mary-Jane McCallum and others, and internal A-30 Service Road meeting; Thursday: Mercier Bridge internal meeting, and Gaming Working Group meeting; Friday: meetings with Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous



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- Relations Marc Miller, and Quebec Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs Ian Lafrenière
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: meeting with Senator Mary-Jane McCallum and others; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, internal Mercier Bridge, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Affairs Marc Miller, Consultation, and Infrastructure Canada meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force communications, and Parole Supervision meetings; Thursday: *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* review, and Peacekeepers Deontology (ethics) meetings; Friday: Mohawk Self Insurance meeting, and
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: meeting with Senator Mary-Jane McCallum and others; Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Friday: Meeting with Canada's Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision: Electronic Gaming Devices**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), and Alexandre Beaupré. Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour. Client/Attorney Privileged Item*

### **Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives**

- Three (3) Land Allotments. All Passed by Consensus

### **Council Updates**

- Ryan Montour updated on the rerouting of the Truck Protest past Kahnawà:ke on Friday, January 28
- Cody Diabo updated on delays on the Asbestos Global Remediation plan; and asbestos related health monitoring of MCK employees
- Barton Goodleaf updated on the Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre Board of Directors; including the relationship with the Kateri Memorial Foundation, as well as other KMHC matters
- Alan John Rice updated on upcoming Community Feedback period for proposed Regulations on the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*; Asbestos-related health monitoring of MCK employees; the Indigenous Rights & Research portfolio and Consultation files; and matters regarding the Royal Victoria Hospital site
- Arnold Boyer updated on meeting with the Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridges, Inc. concerning upcoming bicycle path project proposal; concerns regarding the needs of elders in terms of food security (noting the increase in accessing food bank resources), with upcoming work to explore options to support individuals/families with limited incomes
- Ross Montour updated on impending Education funding formula and work to build relationship between the MCK and the Kahnawà:ke Education Center and



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- Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee to better address the issue; internal Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations strategies for the negotiation framework; and Indigenous Rights & Research portfolio and Consultation files
- Michael Delisle, Jr. reported that, as of Saturday, January 29, Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies has begun producing electricity; media interview regarding the meeting with Quebec's Finance Minister Éric Girard; updated on roundtable meeting with Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact; meeting with Hydro-Québec regarding a potential community project; and current Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund matters
- Harry Rice updated on meetings with Kahnawà:ke Education Center and First Nations Education Council on funding matters (with input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer)
- Jessica Lazare updated on status of the drafting of the Administrative Tribunal Regulations and a related upcoming community engagement strategy
- Ryan Montour updated on emergency food services and hospital visitation during the pandemic; Housing initiatives; Alcoholic Beverages Control Board activities; and Mohawk Self Insurance meetings and developments (with input from Michael Delisle, Jr.)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on developments/challenges in the Kahnawà:ke Governance portfolio; External Government Relations, including upcoming meeting with Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Marc Miller; meeting with new Chateauguay Mayor Éric Allard (with input from Michael Delisle, Jr.); Also, brought forth discussion regarding the relationship between elected and traditional bodies – letters to be sent to Kahnawà:ke Longhouses on this matter; updated on an incident of an alleged violent act by a Mohawk man against a local woman; Father Lajoie issue; meeting with United States Customs & Border Protection; draft letter to Ontario Ministry of Finance (and other issues) regarding urgent Gaming matters
- Discussion on scheduling an internal discussion to review directives on MCK travel requirements and ability to work from MCK offices
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on concerns regarding Ontario Gaming issues. Council directed to 1) prepare to engage legal counsel to consider taking legal action against Ontario, 2) agree to request from Six Nations Grand Chief Mark Hill to directly engage one of Kahnawà:ke's experts on gaming, and 3) approve draft letter to Ontario on this same matter.
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:08pm**