



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 14 Enniska/February 2022

Meeting held virtually

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice (afternoon only)

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation), and Jessica Lazare (Wellness)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ryan Montour
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Alan John Rice
- Chiefs Uncut recording for episodes to be aired on February 21 (Ross Montour) & 28 (Cody Diabo):
- K1037 'MCK Friday' on February 25: Tonya Perron
- Approval of Council Minutes for September 7, 2021
- Border Crossing & Jay Treaty Border Alliance meeting on Wednesday: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Ross Montour will attend
- Discussion on Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Resort Entertainment Project
- Wednesday: weekly COVID-19 Update meeting
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Consultation, and Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee meetings; Thursday: Consultation with Transport Canada, and Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Homelessness presentation; Friday: Consultation, and Archaeology meetings; upcoming Vacation Day on Friday, February 25
- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday & Wednesday: Assembly of First Nations Water Symposium; Thursday: Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting; Friday: internal A-30 Service Road meeting
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Tuesday: COVID-19 Task Force transition meeting; Wednesday: COVID-19 Task Force meeting; Friday: internal A-30 Service Road meeting; upcoming Vacation Days on Friday, February 25 & Monday, February 28, and Vacation from April 5 to 12
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: CP Rail prep, and potential Energy project meetings; Thursday: Lands & Environment funding discussion; Friday: internal A-30 Service Road meeting; upcoming Vacation from February 28 to March 2 and March 3 (morning only)
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, Gaming Jurisdiction and Mercier Bridge Special Committee meetings; Upcoming vacation from April 20 to May 2
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Wednesday: Consultation meeting; Thursday: Lands & Environment funding discussion, Mercier Bridge Special Committee, Gaming Working Group, Gaming Jurisdiction meetings, and meeting with Kahnawà:ke Education Center & Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee; Friday: Consultation Committee meeting, and using Personal Time in the afternoon; upcoming Vacation March 21, 22 & 23
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: COVID-19 Task Force transition meeting; Wednesday: Consultation, and COVID-19 Task Force meetings; Friday: Community Healing meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, and FAO Committee meetings; Thursday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations technical drafting committee, and internal Victims of Crime meetings; Friday: Crime Victims Assistance Center and Justice Services meeting, Executive Director and Council Relationship Framework drafting, and meeting on community decision on Fr. Lajoie issue; upcoming Vacation from February 28 to March 4
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Tuesday: Press Conference with Six Nations of Grand River Chief Mark Hill, COVID-19 Task Force transition, and recording of cable TV program on topic of Leadership and Culture; Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions; Thursday: Gaming Working Group and Gaming Jurisdiction meetings, and meeting with Kahnawà:ke Education Center & Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee; Friday: meeting on community decision on Fr. Lajoie issue; upcoming Personal Day on Friday, February 25, with upcoming Vacation from March 21 to 28 and March 31



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- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: First Nations Education Council Annual General Assembly, and CP Rail prep meeting; Thursday meeting with Kahnawà:ke

Education Center & Kahnawà:ke Combined Schools Committee; Friday: Community Healing meeting

- **Jessica Lazare:** (***Please note that this section is being included for information purposes, as letsénhaienhs Lazare was not in attendance at the meeting*). Thursday: internal prep meeting for Justice item, Consultation meeting with Transport Canada, Mercier Bridge Special Committee meeting, and Multi-Purpose Building internal discussion; Friday: Consultation Committee, and Crime Victims Assistance Center and Justice Services meetings
- **Lindsay Leborgne:** (***Same as above, as Ratsénhaienhs LeBorgne was not in attendance but indicated he would attend the following*): Wednesday: FAO Committee meeting

Agenda Item

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Aboriginal Initiatives Fund (AIF) – Ile aux Tourtes Bridge

Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services). Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour.

Request to approval for this MCED that allows the MCK to enter into a funding agreement in order to be reimbursed \$53,430.00 for Consultation Committee activities related to the Ile-aux-Tourtes Bridge project. The Consultation Committee has been working on this file since 2019. Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour and General Manager of the Office of the Council of Chiefs Dwaine White are hereby authorized to ensure specific clauses are rectified and approved to sign the agreement on behalf of the MCK.

Passed by Consensus

Discussion: Removal of Non-Member from the Territory

Presence of Mary Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services), Alexis Shackleton, and Melanie Gilbert. This item Client/Attorney Privileged

Council Updates

- Cody Diabo update on the CP Rail file; Lands Portfolio updating of Terms of Reference; and Asbestos file
- Alan John Rice updated on Community Social Affairs Portfolio meetings with Tawatohni'saktha regarding Income Stability project; Community Social Affairs Fixed Income project (which resulted in a discussion on social housing matters); and potential KKL Regulation amendment
- Tonya Perron updated on the ongoing development of the Relationship Framework between the Executive Director and the Council of Chiefs; development of Internal Complaints policy; and work to fill the position of Iroquois Caucus Coordinator
- Ross Montour updated on the work to develop the 'mapping document' for the Indigenous Rights & Research Portfolio
- Barton Goodleaf updated on recent meeting with Onkwata'karitáhtshera ('One Health') Committee (with Arnold Boyer)
- Cody Diabo updated on a situation regarding the relationship between Quebec game wardens and the Tioweró:ton caretakers
- Harry Rice updated on upcoming Community healing meeting (with input from Ryan Montour)
- Arnold Boyer updated on advocacy activities related to persons with disabilities and elders
- Ryan Montour updated on potential detox center within the community; and meetings with local Contractors regarding Mohawk Self Insurance
- Tonya Perron updated on activities of the Cannabis Control Board;
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on introductory meeting between the MCK and Mohawk Trail Longhouse; meeting with a group of community members; and Letter of Mutual Cooperation on Gaming to be signed by Six Nations of Grand River (elected) Chief Mark Hill and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer on Tuesday (*see press released dated February 15 for details*)
- Brief discussion on Ratsénhaienhs returning to their offices to work
- (*Please note that this section is being included for information purposes, as this update took place after the meeting concluded*) Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on Specific Claims meeting with Canada concerning the Mercier Bridge claim; and K1037 'MCK Friday' appearance in which Gaming matters and the 'municipalization of Kahnawà:ke' speculations were discussed
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:07pm**