



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 14 Enniskó:wa/March 2022

Meeting held virtually

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne (left meeting at 10:30am for Medical Appointment), Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf (afternoon session only due to Medical Appointment), Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice

Also Present: Kiera Beauvais (Recorder), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Alan John Rice
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Approval of Council Minutes for October 12, 2021
- Montreal Canadiens Hockey Project for First Nations, March 26: Jessica Lazare to attend
- Visit by New Zealand High Commissioner on March 14. (*See press release dated Monday, March 14*)
- Direction given regarding Montreal Port Authority Funding.
- Tuesday & Wednesday: Council of Chiefs Portfolio Review, all Ratitsénhaienhs in attendance
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Finance, Administrations & Operations (FAO) Committee meeting; Thursday: Chateauguay Social Housing event, and Financial Security meeting; Friday: Consultation meetings (X2)
- **Arnold Boyer:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Wednesday & Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Health & Social Services meetings; Friday: internal Mercier Bridge meeting
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Wednesday: Food Security, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Asbestos Working group, and internal Tioweró:ton meetings; Friday: Asbestos meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Tuesday: internal Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Justice Sectoral Table, and Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center board of directors meetings; Wednesday: Food Security meeting; Thursday: internal QKR Justice Sectoral Table, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, and Language & Culture Network meetings; Friday: Indigenous Rights & Research Working Group, Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission, internal Mercier Bridge, and Consultation meetings
- **Harry Rice:** Thursday: internal Tioweró:ton meeting; Friday: Parc Jean-Drapeau meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO Committee budget review meeting; Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridges Inc., and internal Mercier Bridge meetings
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: potential Economic Development project meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission, and Economic Development Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, potential Economic Development project meetings; Friday: internal draft QKR Terms of Reference, potential Economic Development project, Jacques Cartier - Champlain Bridges Inc. and internal Mercier Bridge meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Wednesday: Economic Development Portfolio and Consultation meetings; Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting, and Vacation Time in the afternoon; Friday: Vacation Days, returning on Thursday, March 24
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Public Safety meeting; Thursday: Mohawk Self Insurance Terms of Reference meeting; Friday: Homelessness meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Tuesday: internal QKR Justice Sectoral Table meeting; Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, and FAO Committee meeting; Thursday: internal QKR Justice Sectoral Table, Chateauguay Social Housing event meeting, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission, and Iroquois Caucus meetings
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: visit by New Zealand High Commissioner; Wednesday: weekly scheduling meeting for Strategic Sessions, and Multi-Purpose Building Capital Campaign meeting; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, Performance Appraisal for Executive Director; Grand Chief update, and meeting with Roussillon representatives; Friday: recording of Quarterly Review on KTV



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Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Department of Indigenous Services Canada Ten Year Funding Agreement

Presence of Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services), Erica Delisle, and Onerahtókha Marquis. Lead Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. This is a request to approve the signing of a new ten-year Contribution Funding Agreement with the Department of Indigenous Services Canada, #2122-QC-000001 (70). This block funding agreement for the MCK for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$39,683,650, with an additional \$9,654,224 in fixed funding for Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiatákéhnhas Community Services. The ten-year agreement will take effect on April 1, 2022, and expire on March 31, 2032, and will be signed by the ten Ratitsénhaienhs in attendance for this item. **Approved by Consensus** (Note: *Lindsay LeBorgne had left the meeting and was not able to participate in the decision, and Barton Goodleaf was not present*)

Request for Decision: Kahnawà:ke Office Complex Commercial Use

Presence of Alexandre Beaupré, Branden Montour & Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chiefs: Lindsay LeBorgne, Alan John Rice, Tonya Perron, Michael Delisle, Jr., Barton Goodleaf, and Cody Diabo. Request to formalize a decision to direct the Executive Office to begin leasing Kahnawà:ke Office Complex space to commercial tenants. It had been earlier designated for use by various MCK operations. For clarity, this does not include the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language & Cultural Center at this time. Alex Beaupré is authorized to sign lease agreements on behalf of the Council of Chiefs. **Approved by Consensus** (Note: *Lindsay LeBorgne was not in attendance for this item, and Barton Goodleaf was not present*)

Request for Decision: Approval of 2022/2023 Budget

Presence of Erica Delisle & Onerahtókha Marquis. Portfolio Chief: Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to approve the fiscal year 2022-2023 MCK Operational Budget forecast, totaling \$63 million. The budget forecasts a projected surplus of \$2.54 million due to several factors. Erica Delisle, Director of Financial Services, is authorized to modify and finalize the final 2022-2023 Operational Budget. Internal Secondary Requests are deferred to a later date. A ten-month review will take place in early 2023. It is important to note that during the fiscal year 2021-2022, the MCK incurred a surplus of \$8 million, which will be applied to the Operational Reserve. **IMPORTANT:** a press conference will be held on March 29 to present highlights/details. **Approved by Consensus** (Note: *Lindsay LeBorgne was not present, and Barton Goodleaf returned from Medical Appointment and therefore was in attendance for this item*)

Council Update

- Michael Delisle, Jr. (with input from Ross Montour and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer) updated on Gaming issues between Kahnawà:ke and Ontario regulations
- Ross Montour updated on an upcoming Impact Assessment conference in Vancouver and asked for approval for a bursary request letter to be presented at the event. Approved by Consensus
- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis regulations issues with both Quebec and Canada; the status of Brian King's final report on the investigation on the allegations of abuse against the late Fr. Lajoie
- Jessica Lazare updated on Infrastructure Canada funding applications coming from Kahnawà:ke on behalf of the MCK: letsénhaienhs Lazare will schedule a formal strategic discussion on the matter
- Ryan Montour updated on a proposed Detox Center to be located on the Territory
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:58pm**