



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 18 Onerahtokha/April 2022

Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Ross Montour (attended virtually, arrived at 10:30am), Michael Delisle, Jr. (attending virtually), Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, and Harry Rice (attended virtually)

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Special Leave), Jessica Lazare (Wellness), Arnold Boyer (Vacation), and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Executive Assistants to the Ratitsénhaienhs Sarah Delisle & Tricia Diabo

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Alan John Rice
- Invitation to urgent meeting called by Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) for this Thursday: Barton Goodleaf will attend
- Council Minutes for November 22, 2021 **Approved**. Minutes for April 4, 2022 **Deferred**
- Chiefs Uncut recording for episode to be issued on April 25: Barton Goodleaf; for May 2 episode: Ryan Montour
- Location for Spring Community Meeting scheduled for May 24 to be relocated. The Moose Lodge has been confirmed as the new location.
- Letter from Chateauguay Mayor Eric Allard requested support from Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke to protect an environmentally-sensitive area from future development. Request will be considered, with internal due diligence to take place beforehand
- Thursday: Meeting with Traditional Bodies (to be confirmed)
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday to Thursday: attending Community Trauma workshops
- **Cody Diabo:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) presentation; Wednesday: Tioweró:ton Committee meetings; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio, and Asbestos Working Group meetings; Friday: KEPO presentation at McGill University
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Wednesday: Tioweró:ton Committee meeting; Thursday: attending AFNQL special meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: COVID-19 internal team update meeting, and Mohawk Self Insurance meeting; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport & Operations Portfolio meeting, and Wellness in the afternoon
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Tioweró:ton Committee; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting with Senator Mary Jane McCallum; Wednesday: Vacation, returning on Monday, May 4
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: External Government Relations team meeting regarding Cannabis, Justice Commission Terms of Reference meeting, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission Working Group, internal review of Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations Justice agreement, and Cannabis Control Board meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Gaming Working Group meeting with Senator Mary Jane McCallum; Wednesday: Consultation; and Tioweró:ton Committee meetings; Thursday: Consultation meetings (x2); Friday: Consultation, and Traditional Lands Use Project meetings

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Removal of Remains of Fr. Leon Lajoie
Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron. As a result of the March 25 & 26, 2022 community vote, request to formally rescind a 1999 Mohawk Council of Kahnawake decision approving the burial of Fr. Leon Lajoie in the territory of Kahnawà:ke, on the grounds of the St. Francis Xavier Mission Church and to affirm its position that the remains be

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removed from the territory of Kahnawà:ke; that the Jesuit Order of Canada initiate and facilitate the exhumation and relocation of the remains, assuming all related costs; and to authorize the Jesuit Order of Canada, and its agents, access to the territory to carry out the exhumation and relocation. (Please note that the Jesuits offered to conduct the exhumation and reburial). **Passed by Consensus**

Council Updates

- Cody Diabo: updated on Quarry Restoration Plan, and Kanawaki Golf Club
- Ryan Montour: updated on *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeeper Law* review; and Housing matters
- Harry Rice: Updated on last week's meeting with Kahnawà:ke Education Center (KEC) regarding serious issues with Quebec's proposed Bill-96 legislation, resulting in MCK issuing statement supporting KEC's statement on this matter
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on status of the Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund; Economic Development Portfolio; Regulatory Boards, Commissions & Labor Portfolio meeting; Gaming matters; and media interviews
- Tonya Perron: updated on Cannabis file; Governance Portfolio (development of *Chiefs Conduct Policy*); status of Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations Justice Agreements; and request for Arnold Boyer to participate in the investigation of the Spanish, Ontario Residential School cemetery investigation (**Approved**) – Harry Rice also expressed interest in participating
- Ross Montour updated on Consultation (Archaeology and Environment matters)
- Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **12:08pm**