



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 25 Onerahtokha/April 2022

Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo (not present after 10:30am due to previous commitment, returned for Updates at 1:30pm), Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice

Out: Lindsay LeBorgne (Special Leave), and Michael Delisle, Jr. (Vacation)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Executive Assistants to the Ratitsénhaienhs Sarah Delisle & Tricia Diabo

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Ryan Montour
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Alan John Rice
- Council Minutes for April 4, 11 & 18, 2022 – Deferred
- Pre-Licensing requirement – Notice to Local Authorities: Tonya Perron requested approval for correspondence concerning Cannabis licensing processes. Agreement to issue a letter to this effect.
- Letter of Support for Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkhwa Language & Cultural Center Funding. Agreement to issue a letter to this effect.
- Thursday: Community meeting at Mohawk Trail Longhouse regarding Bill-96 (Language & Education/other sectors)
- Friday: Community Engagement Kiosk at Golden Age Club (Harry Rice not attending due to scheduling conflict)
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: attending Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Chiefs Assembly; Thursday: Tobacco Working Group, and MCK Wellness Action Team meetings; Friday: participating in Community Clean Up
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Friday: participating in Community Clean Up
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Wednesday: Tawatohni'saktha quarterly meeting; Thursday: Tobacco Working Group meeting; Friday: participating in Community Clean Up
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Education (Bill-96) meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Action Team meeting; Thursday: Heritage Portfolio, Wellness Action Team, and First Nations Education Council meetings; Friday: Lands & Territories Portfolio meeting, and Heritage meeting at Université de Montréal
- **Alan John Rice:** Wednesday: Consultation, and Finance, Operations & Administration (FAO) Committee meetings; Thursday: Social Affairs Portfolio update, MCK Health & Wellness project, and Consultation meetings; Friday: Consultation meeting, and participating in Community Clean Up
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Consultation meeting; Thursday: Heritage Portfolio, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee meetings; Friday: Consultation, and Justice Commission Terms of Reference meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Lands Management meeting; Thursday: Tawatohni'saktha quarterly, and Tobacco Working Group meetings; Friday: Lands & Territories Portfolio meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation (x2) and AFNQL meetings; Thursday: attending AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Friday: Consultation, and Lands & Territories Portfolio meetings
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Scheduling meeting for Strategic Discussions, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission Working Group, FAO Committee, and Iroquois Caucus hiring committee meetings; Thursday: internal Review of Quebec-Kahnawà:ke Relations Justice sectoral table, Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee Working Group, and Tobacco Working Group meetings; Friday: Justice Commission Terms of Reference meeting, and meeting on Cannabis matters with Quebec representatives
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Scheduling meeting for Strategic Discussions, FAO Committee, and AFNQL meetings; Thursday: attending AFNQL Chiefs Assembly; Friday: participating in Community Clean Up



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Agenda Items

Request for Decision: Olthuis Kleer Townsend (OKT), LLP Mandate

*Presence of Eric Doucet & Marylee Armstrong (MCK Legal Services), Nick Kennedy (OKT), Murray Marshall (Mohawk Online). Lead Portfolio Chiefs: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Ross Montour & Michael Delisle, Jr. Request to approve mandate for OKT to represent MCK in certain Gaming-related matters. **Approved by Consensus** (Note: Cody Diabo was not present due to previously scheduled commitment)*

Council Updates

- Alan John Rice updated on last week's internal trauma training and potential Housing programs
- Harry Rice updated on Tioweró:ton Committee (with input from Barton Goodleaf, Ross Montour and Cody Diabo); and Education/Bill 96 (with input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Arnold Boyer and Ross Montour)
- Jessica Lazare updated on her opening remarks at the event at Université de Sherbrooke; and informed the Council of Chiefs that she will be returning to university on a part-time basis to continue her studies;
- Barton Goodleaf updated the Health portfolio; and potential crypto currency initiatives
- Arnold Boyer updated on the Infrastructure, Transport & Operations portfolio meeting; and meetings with Jacques Cartier-Champlain Bridges, Inc. and St. Lawrence Seaway
- Ryan Montour updated on status of internal MCK COVID-19 policies; potential retirement plan options for construction; and; and Housing matters
- Cody Diabo updated on Lands portfolio matters (with input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); potential property acquisition opportunity; and speaking engagement with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office at McGill University;
- Tonya Perron updated on Justice (Victims of Crime research project); upcoming Cannabis Control Board appointments/reappointments; and progress regarding reburial of Fr. Lajoie
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on interview with student; and speaking engagement with Quebec Federation of University Women
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **3:52pm**