



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 9 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2022

Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour (attended remotely), Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne (attended Update portion of the meeting in the afternoon), Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf, Arnold Boyer, and Harry Rice (attended remotely)

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 Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Alan John Rice
- Council Minutes for January 17 & 24, 2022: Approved by Consensus. January 31, 2022 Minutes Deferred
- Council Meeting summer break: the final Council Meeting is scheduled for June 20, returning on September 6, 2022. Meetings will be duly convened between this period as necessary
- Assembly of First Nations 43rd Annual General Assembly, July 5-7 in Vancouver: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend
- Hydro-Québec Partnership Presentation at Indigenous Clean Energy Conference, June 1 & 2 in Ottawa: Cody Diabo & Michel Delisle, Jr. to attend
- Reception and Taioro Performance invitation by Consulate of New Zealand on May 30 in Ottawa: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Jessica, Ross Montour & Alan John Rice will attend
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Regional Engagement Session on Housing, phase one of the session to be held virtually on May 25: Ryan Montour, Alan John Rice & Arnold Boyer scheduled to attend
- Letter to Government of Canada re: Lawful Sale of Cannabis in Kahnawà:ke. Letter approved for submission.
- Notice to Local Authorities regarding 'The Cannabis Shop' Application to Health Canada for *License for Standard Processing* pursuant to Cannabis regulations. A letter to be issued in response
- Notice brought forth by Cody Diabo: Council of Chiefs invited to an upcoming Site Visit to Aquaponics facility, with date to be determined
- Special Public Meeting regarding Bill 96 on May 9, 2022
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Scheduling meeting for Strategic Discussions; Thursday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee Working Group; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio Team, and Governance Portfolio meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: Bill 96 media event in Quebec City; Thursday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Consultation, and Language & Culture Network meetings, and Université de Sherbrooke presentation; Friday: Governance Portfolio meeting
- **Alan John Rice:** Tuesday: Bill 96 media event in Quebec City; Thursday: Consultation meeting; Friday: Community Healing, and Client-Based Services meetings
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Bill 96 meeting; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, Kahnawà:ke Labor Office, and 'Hertel Project' meetings; Friday: External Governance Portfolio team meetings, media meeting/interview regarding Champlain Hudson Power Express project
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Bill 96 media event in Quebec City; Thursday: Asbestos Working Group update, and 'River Turbine' project meetings; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio Team meeting
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Tuesday: Bill 96 media event in Quebec City; Thursday: 'River Turbine' project, and Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre meetings
- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday: attending event highlighting Special Needs Awareness; Thursday: meeting with St. Lawrence Seaway regarding bridge to Tekakwitha Island
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: attending event highlighting Special Needs Awareness; Thursday: Labor Working group meeting; Friday: Community Healing meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Monday: Bill 96 prep meeting held remotely between 9:30 to 10:15am (excused from Council meeting during this time); Wednesday: Asbestos Working Group update meeting; Thursday: Out of the Office until Tuesday, May 24, using combination of Bereavement and Wellness/Personal time to tend to personal matters



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- **Ross Montour:** Monday: Bill 96 meeting; Tuesday: meeting regarding reburial of ancestral remains from Fort Chambly area; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, and Peel Street Project meetings; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio Team meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Bill 96, and meeting with Québec Solidaire Party leader Manon Massé; Tuesday: Bill 96 media event in Quebec City; Wednesday: Scheduling meeting for Strategic Discussions; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, and Language & Culture Network meetings, and meeting with Quebec Liberal's Dominique Anglade; Friday: External Government Relations Portfolio Team, and Governance Portfolio meetings

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Ile-aux-Tourtes Bridge Project Funding Agreement with SAA

Presence of Brittany Diabo. Lead Portfolio Chief: Ross Montour. Request to sign an Agreement with the Secrétariat aux Affaires Autochtones (Quebec) for Aboriginal Initiative Funds for the purposes of past and present consultations regarding the Ile aux Tourtes Bridge project. Dwaine White is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the MCK. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amendments to the Constitution of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission

Presence of Kevin Fleischer & Kateri Cree (Kahnawà:ke Justice Services). Portfolio Chiefs: Tonya Perron & Jessica Lazare. Request to approve and bring into force the amendments to the *Constitution of the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission*. The amendment include changes to the composition of the Commission to increase community representatives, and changes to the eligibility criteria to provide more flexibility for eligibility. **Passed by Consensus**

Update: MCK Legal Services – Client/Attorney Privileged Item

Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Services) and Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director). Lead Portfolio Chief: Not applicable.

Council Updates

- Arnold Boyer updated on the proposed Memorial Path project and planning for community engagement, with background info provided for the benefit of the most recently-elected Ratitsénhaienhs; and infrastructure matters
- Tonya Perron updated on Finance, Administration & Operations Committee matters; and on-going updating of regulations and policies of the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission on regulatory revisions processes
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on meetings regarding Bill 96; crypto currency; and the winding down of the Kahnawà:ke Economic Relief Measures Fund
- Alan John Rice updated on potential Housing programs, Consultation file developments, and the Community Healing Plan
- Harry Rice acknowledged the work being done on Bill 96; updated on Heritage Portfolio activities including upcoming meetings on repatriation matters (with input from Ross Montour); request for Council of Chiefs participation on upcoming Family Picnic event in June
- Ross Montour updated on recent Impact Assessment conference held in Vancouver
- Ryan Montour updated on University of Toronto survey on policing services; and Mohawk Self Insurance developments
- Cody Diabo updated on potential 'green energy' project that will be deferred to the Economic Development Portfolio
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on return to State of Normalcy; Community Meeting format; Tewatohnhi'saktha relationship; EGD Facilities and Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission; and the meetings with Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante, Manon Massé, Quebec Liberal Party's Greg Kelley and the AFNQL's Ghislain Picard
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer initiated a discussion on the issue of Bill 96. It was identified that the MCK will be supporting the community meeting called for Monday evening at the Knights of Columbus. All Council members to attend.
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:19pm**