



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2022

Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chair), Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf (attended remotely) and Arnold Boyer.

Out: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation) and Harry Rice (Wellness Day).

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

Housekeeping:

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Alan John Rice
- Chiefs Uncut: May 23rd Alan John Rice, May 30th Tonya Perron
- MCK Friday May 20, Cody Diabo & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Meeting Acceptance: January 31, 2022, March 7, 2022, March 14, 2022
- Iroquois Caucus General Assembly, May 20th - Tonya Perron, Bart Goodleaf and Ross Montour to attend
- Assembly of First Nations – Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) Delegation of Chiefs in Ottawa - May 31 & June 1, 2022, Ross Montour, Mike Delisle to attend.
- Kateri Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament – Finance, Administration and Operations (FAO) Committee to donate funds for golf bag name tags. Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) participation by Harry Rice and AJ Rice, two spots reserved for MCK employees to be determined by email contest.
- Discussion on representation at potential upcoming meeting with Quebec Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs Ian Lafreniere, on Bill 96 discussions.
- Community meeting on Bill 96, Tuesday (May 17) night, Bill 96, Council to issue notice with invitation for all community members to attend. All Council Chiefs to attend.
- Letter received from Eastern Door: Request for non-local journalists working for the Eastern Door to attend MCK/Community meetings. Response to be issued to Eastern Door following internal discussions.
- Land Allotments: 5 requests, all **Passed by Consensus**
- International Leadership Program – invitation from the U.S. Consulate to nominate a candidate for Leadership Program. Deadline to nominate is May 16th, 2022. Council to nominate Alan John Rice to attend the 3-week leadership program, all costs to be covered externally.
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), looking to engage First Nations and other groups, via Iroquois Caucus. Ross Montour and Cody Diabo to follow up with Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office for advice before Council renders a decision on participation.
- Request to opt-in in a Class Action for settlement/compensation for loss of language and culture related to Indian Residential Schools, deadline June 30, 2022. MCK Legal Department to review documents and return to Council with advice on the matter prior to May 24, 2022.
- **Tonya Perron:** Tuesday: Strategic Discussions, meeting with Justice Commission; Wednesday: FAO meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Working Group.
- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center board meeting; Wednesday: Internal Discussion Port Project; Transport Canada; Wednesday: MCK/Transport Canada meeting; Thursday: KLCC Working Group; Friday: Consultation Meeting/Port Neuf Project, Indigenous Block Party.
- **Alan John Rice:** Tuesday: Wednesday: MCK/Transport Canada meeting
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Tuesday: Strategic Discussions; Wednesday, Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations (QKR) Working Group, QKR Economic Development meeting; Friday: Lands meeting on Access to Information re: Tioweró:ton; meeting Regional Chief of Saskatchewan.
- **Cody Diabo:** Tuesday: Language and Culture class; Wednesday: Lands meeting; Thursday: Tobacco Working Group, Language and Culture class, Infrastructure, Transport and Operations Portfolio Coordination meeting, Water Infrastructure meeting with community member/business, Economic Development meeting.
- **Barton Goodleaf:** Tuesday: Language and Culture class; Thursday: Water Infrastructure meeting with community member/business, Lands and Territories meeting.



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- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday: Language and Culture class; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport and Operations Portfolio Coordination meeting, Language and Culture class; Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-weekly coordination meeting.
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Strategic Discussions, Language and Culture class; Wednesday: FAO meeting; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport and Operations Portfolio Coordination meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Tuesday: Strategic discussions; Wednesday: FAO meeting; Thursday: Infrastructure, Transport and Operations Portfolio coordination meeting; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly coordination meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Out of office until May 20 on Wellness and Vacation
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Ile aux Tourtes Bridge, meeting with Transport Canada, QKR Economic Development meeting; Thursday: Consultation meeting, MCK Specific Claims Internal Team meeting, Friday: Lands meeting on Access to Information re: Tioweró:ton.
- **Kahsennehawe Sky-Deer:** Vacation all week

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Economic Relief Measures Fund – Completion

Presence of Erica Delisle, Alexis Shackleton & Kwaronienhawi Jacobs. Portfolio Chiefs: Grand Chief Kahsennéhawe Sky-Deer, Chief Mike Delisle Jr. & Chief Ross Montour. Recommended action to close the Economic Relief Measures Fund following the end of the State of Emergency, the State of Recovery, and a return to a State of Normalcy (see press release dated May 18). **Passed by Consensus.**

Council Updates

- Michael Delisle, Jr. – Updated on meeting with Manon Masse in Quebec City, concerning Bill 96; Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) working to fill a vacancy; meeting with Interim Director of Kahnawà:ke Labor Office and Executive Office; meeting with Regional Assembly of First Nations of Saskatchewan Chief Cameron regarding on-line gaming; interest by Listuguj in possible wind farm/sustainable energy projects; External Governmental Relations portfolio meeting; River Keepers and Hertel Project; and follow-up re: letter from Thompson Group.
- Cody Diabo – Updated on Economic Development portfolio and status of property acquisition; and Asbestos Containing Materials update, including letters to be drafted.
- Arnold Boyer – Updated on participation at Bill 96 marches; wheelchair access to the washrooms at the ball field and a possible pedestrian bridge to the Island. Raised issue of Loto-Quebec gaming advertising campaign.
- Tonya Perron – Updated on working group meeting and agenda items for Tuesday's Community meeting on Bill 96. Confirmed Council's approach to the community meeting will be looking for community direction regarding action and next steps to be taken against Bill 96.
- Closing by Cody Diabo.
- Meeting ended @ 4:34pm.