



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# **Monday, 20 Ohiarí:ha/June 2022**

## **Meeting at Kahnawà:ke Office Complex**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Alan John Rice, Jessica Lazare, Michael Delisle, Jr., Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Barton Goodleaf (arrived at 9:05am), Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, and Ross Montour (on vacation, but attended the afternoon session beginning with 'Peacekeeper Ethics Board' agenda item)

**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**

- Meeting convened at 8:30am. Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Cheque Signers this week: Tonya Perron & Lindsay LeBorgne
- *Note: Tuesday holiday to commemorate National Indigenous Peoples Day*
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee; Thursday: Iroquois Caucus Coordinator interviews; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Working Group meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Monday: Multi-Purpose Building update meeting; Wednesday: Governance Portfolio, MCK/Hydro-Québec, and Administrative Tribunal Regulations Technical Drafting Committee, Language & Culture Network, and Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkhwa Language & Cultural Center meetings; Thursday: Multi-Purpose Building Capital Campaign meeting; Friday: KLCC Working Group meeting
- **Alan John Rice:** On Vacation from this Wednesday (June 22), returning on July 4
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Kahnawà:ke Youth Center 'Vegas Night' prep meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Action meeting in Chateauguay
- **Michael Delisle, Jr.:** Wednesday: orientation of new staff on A30 returned lands/711 acres; Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting; Friday: participating in Community Picnic event; July 1: attending networking event by invitation of United States Ambassador to Canada David Cohen in Ottawa
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Tobacco Working Group; Thursday: Asset Transfer meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Public Works meeting (to be confirmed); meeting on Indian Day School matters with Union of Ontario Indians; Service Roads inspections (date to be confirmed)

- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services audit meeting; Wednesday: Wellness Action meeting in Chateauguy, and Tobacco Working Group meeting; Vacation Days from this Thursday (June 23) to July 7
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Public Works meeting (to be confirmed); Service Roads inspections (date to be confirmed)
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: out in the afternoon (Personal Day)
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Monday: Multi-Purpose Building update meeting; Tuesday: attending and speaking at National Aboriginal Day event in Montreal; Wednesday: Governance Portfolio, and Language & Culture Network meetings; Thursday: Gaming Working Group, and Multi-Purpose Building Capital Campaign meetings, and Indian Day Schools meeting with Union of Ontario Indians

## **Agenda Items**

**Update: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee Donations Policy**  
*Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis & Erica Delisle. Portfolio Chiefs: Lindsay LeBorgne, Alan John Rice & Tonya Perron.* Update on changes to be proposed to the FAO Donations Policy, which had not been adjusted in 17 years. Changes must be approved by Council of Chiefs at a future duly-convened meeting. As such, a Council Meeting will be scheduled to finalize this item.

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Members to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission**

*Presence of Kevin Fleischer. Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron.* Request to appoint David A. Diabo as a new Voting Member of the Commission in the role of a Community Representative for a term of three (3) years, and to reappoint Ms. Stephanie Cross as a Voting Member of the Commission representing the Judiciary. Please note that Davis Montour will continue as the second voting Community Representative on an interim basis, and that Dwayne Zacharie will continue in a non-voting capacity as the Peacekeeper Liaison. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Rescind Appointment of the Compliance Officer for the Kahnawà:ke Residency Law**

*Presence of Melanie Gilbert & Alexis Shackleton. Lead Portfolio Chief: Alan John Rice.* Request to formally rescind the Appointment of Jaime-Lynn Deere to the position of Compliance Officer of the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*, as she had resigned her position in March 2022. The position will be reposted in Fall 2022. In the meantime, other measures are being taken to ensure the functions of the position are maintained. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Request for Decision: Accept Community Feedback Report Recommendations**

*Melanie Gilbert & Alexis Shackleton. Lead Portfolio Chief: Alan John Rice.* Request to accept the Community feedback report submitted to the Council of Chiefs on June 14, 2022 regarding proposed amendments and new Regulations to the *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law* and the *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law*. A date will be scheduled by the Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission to bring the proposed amendments to the regulations to a duly-convened Council meeting for approval. **Approved by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Member to Peacekeeper Ethics Committee**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips. Lead Portfolio Chief: Ryan Montour.* Request to rescind appointment of Sharon (Suzie) Diabo as a member of the Peacekeeper Ethics Committee (PEC), as she had resigned her position in December 2021. Additionally, request to select and appoint Mark Standup as a new member of the PEC. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Member to Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board**

*Lead Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron.* Request to re-appoint Tara Jacobs as a Member of the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board to a term of three (3) years, effective immediately until June 24, 2025. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Memorandum of Understanding with Canadian Pacific Railway**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Alex Beaupré & Branden Morris. Lead Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo.* **Passed by Consensus.** (Note: this item was Client/Attorney Privileged)

### **Request for Decision: Concordia Partnership for 1420 Sainte-Catherine Street West Building**

*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) & Alex Beaupré. Portfolio Chief: Michael Delisle, Jr., Cody Diabo & Ross Montour.* **Passed by Consensus.** (Note: this item was Client/Attorney Privileged)

### **Ratitsénhaiehs Updates**

- Cody Diabo updated on Asbestos file; Aquaponics and other potential sustainable energy development projects; requested for new MCK business cards – new cards to be issued to all Ratitsénhaiehs
- Alan John Rice updated on community organization funding issues; and impending/escalating Quebec taxation issues
- Michael Delisle, Jr. updated on meetings with Mohawk Internet Technologies partner Mike Tobin; United States Ambassador to Canada David Cohen (with additional input from Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); Tawatohni'saktha; and Hydro-Québec (including upcoming visit by students as an effort to promote better understanding of Kahnawà:ke and its history)
- Lindsay LeBorgne updated on recent FAO Committee donations; internal staffing updates; and attended an event honoring Kahnawà:ke veteran Robert Montour, Sr. for his military service in the Korean War (Ryan Montour also attended this event)
- Arnold Boyer updated on various Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations transportation files/projects; monthly meeting with Jacques Cartier – Champlain Bridges, Inc.; and food donations for Kateri Food Basket or other purposes
- Tonya Perron updated on Justice Portfolio activities; Victims of Crime project; status of proceedings regarding relocation of Father Lajoie; and process update on *Kahnawà:ke Residency Law* (with input from Alan John Rice)

- Following the update on the topic above, discussion on *Kahnawà:ke Emergency Preparedness Law* processes. Amendments adopted by Council of Chiefs during the State of Emergency to go through the Community Decision Making Process as soon as time allows
- Ryan Montour updated on Housing
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on on-going meetings concerning the Multi-Purpose Building project; recent meetings on Jay Treaty; the Education Center's announcement to consider creating a Grade 12 program as a means of addressing the ongoing Bill 96 issue (and the MCK's support of their announcement); and proposed upcoming meetings with Traditional bodies
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:21pm**
- *Note: this is the final regularly-scheduled duly-convened Monday Council Meeting until after Labor Day. However, special Council Meetings will be called as needed to address certain issues during the summer months*