



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 27 Enniska/February 2023 **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour, Michael Delisle, Jr. (attended remotely), Lindsay LeBorgne, Ryan Montour, Arnold Boyer, Harry Rice, and Stephen McComber

Out: Iohahi:io Delisle (Wellness)

Also Present: Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Joe Delaronde (Public Relations), and Assistants to the Council of Chiefs Tyanna Kirby (morning) & Sarah Delisle (afternoon)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by the Ratitsénhaienhs
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne & Tonya Perron
- Chiefs Uncut for airdates March 6 (Ryan Montour) and March 13 (Arnold Boyer)
- MCK Friday for March 3 (Iohahi:io Delisle) and March 17 (Tonya Perron & Cody Diabo)
- Next Press Scrum will take place on March 24
- Minute Approval - November 28, 2022. **Passed by Consensus**
- Indigenous Self Government Conference in Vancouver on April 11-12, hosted by Pacific Business Law Institute. No confirmed attendees
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: CP Rail (internal), and Transport Canada meetings; Friday: Consultation Committee meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Capital Campaign meeting, and attending Oral History event; Thursday: Legislative Portfolio Working Group meeting; Friday: Consultation Committee, and Bill-21 Working Group meetings
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Gaming meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade funding meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers Public Relations meeting
- **Harry Rice:** North American Indigenous Games meeting with Deloitte; Friday: Education, and Office of the Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact meeting (date to be confirmed)
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation Committee meeting; Thursday: Transport Canada; Friday: Consultation Committee meeting, and meeting with personnel at U.S. Consulate
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions, and Sunflower Project meetings; Thursday: Legislative Portfolio Working Group, Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, and administrative work on job description; Friday: meeting with Jesuits of Canada regarding complaints settlement matters, Cannabis, and Legislative Portfolio Working Group meetings; Vacation from March 6 to 10
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: weekly meeting with Public Works, and meeting regarding Hydro poles (to be confirmed); Friday: Wellness Day
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: Sunflower Project meeting; Thursday: weekly meeting with Public Works
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission meeting. Please note that meetings with Quebec Indigenous Affairs Minister Ian Lafrenière and Quebec representative Geoff Kelley are tentative/to be confirmed
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: weekly review of Strategic Discussions; Governance Project update; virtual meeting with Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador, and attending Oral History Project presentation; Thursday: Deloitte/North American Indigenous Games meeting; Friday: Mohawk Online meeting, and meeting with personnel at U.S. Consulate

Agenda Items

Discussion: Response to Mohawk Nation at Kahnawà:ke Position Statement on Kahnawà:ke Governance Project

Review and discussion of Position Statement received week of February 20. **Decision: Response letter to be drafted and distributed to Council of Chiefs for approval**

Request for Decision & Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Indigenous Initiatives Fund IV – Special Agreement

Presence of Mary-Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) and Trina C. Diabo. Portfolio Lead: Michael Delisle, Jr. Request to enter into a special agreement to activate the Indigenous Initiatives Fund (formerly the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund) as a funding mechanism to facilitate flow of funds to Kahnawà:ke for the purposes of Economic Development and Community Infrastructure, and to authorize Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle, Jr. and Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis to sign on behalf of the MCK.. **Decision: Passed by Consensus** (with Cody Diabo abstaining for Conflict of Interest)



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Request for Decision & Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Special Funding Agreement – Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center

Presence of Mary-Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) and Trina C. Diabo. Portfolio Lead: Jessica Lazare. Request for Council of Chiefs to endorse a special funding agreement between the MCK and Quebec's Minister Responsible for the Relations with First Nations & the Inuit (the Quebec government) for \$4M for the construction of the Cultural Arts Center, and to authorize Executive Infrastructure Officer Chris Stacey to sign on behalf of the MCK. **Decision: Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Green & Inclusive Building Program Funding Application

Presence of Mary-Lee Armstrong (Director, MCK Legal Services) and Trina C. Diabo. Portfolio Lead: Jessica Lazare. Request to make an application to the Green & Inclusive Building Program to assist in costs related to ensuring zero emission standards for Cultural Arts Center Project, in the amount of \$43 million. Further, request to authorize Executive Infrastructure Officer Chris Stacey and Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis to sign the application and any resultant agreements on behalf of the MCK. **Decision: Passed by Consensus**

Discussion: Letter from Community Member

Letter by community member requesting for MCK to become involved in a project. The person will be directed to contact the appropriate authorities in this matter.

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directive

One (1) Land Allotment. Passed by Consensus

Executive Director Update

Onerahtókha Marquis updated on Budget/Finance scheduling; Executive Directors Committee, including request by employee to be allowed to use work time for coaching responsibilities; Cost of Living adjustments; and upcoming fund related to Residential Schools – strategic session to be scheduled to further discuss this matter

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates

- Cody Diabo updated on St. Lawrence Seaway consultation matter
- Jessica Lazare updated on Executive Office/Council of Chiefs Portfolio relationships/participation
- Harry Rice updated on Education matters
- Arnold Boyer updated on Kahnawà:ke Respite Plan/potential 'respite center'
- Tonya Perron updated on Cannabis Control Board appointments/training; Justice Commission; Victims of Crime funding criteria; meeting with Jesuits of Canada regarding complaint settlement matters; and progress of Administrative Tribunal Regulations in Community Decision Making & Review Process
- Harry Rice provided further updates on North American Indigenous Games, and issues relating to changes in U.S. Social Security processes (*see press release dated February 28, 2023 for details*)
- Ross Montour updated on meetings with Federal representatives on various matters, including Fiscal Relations, Justice, Gaming, Child & Family Services, and other matters; as well as Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis and other land matters; and the Environment Portfolio team meeting
- Ryan Montour updated on Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade funding; and Housing strategies/operations
- Stephen McComber updated on recent Food Sovereignty meetings, and potential meeting on historical matters
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated on potential funding partnerships; follow-up on meeting with Federal Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino; Human Resources matters; Falcon Industries, and Gaming/Economic Development
- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **5:10pm**