



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 28, Seskéha/August 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Michael Delisle Jr., Jessica Lazare, Lindsay LeBorgne, Cody Diabo, Ryan Montour, Ross Montour (attended virtually), Harry Rice, and Iohahí:io Delisle

Out: Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Vacation), Arnold Boyer (Vacation), Stephen McComber (Vacation)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque Signers this week: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer & Lindsay LeBorgne
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut – Iohahí:io Delisle (September 4, 2023) - MCK Friday: on hiatus until September 15, 2023
- Items for Summer Community Meeting: Agenda Items – upcoming *Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Election Law engagement* amendments, Federal Bill 53 regarding recognition of Metis, other agenda items to be confirmed
- Ratitsénhaienhs Community Engagement (kiosks) – Dates – Friday, September 15, 1:30 to 4:30pm, Friday, September 22, 10am to 1pm
- Minute Approval: for the month of July 2023 – **Approved by Consensus**
- Invitation: Environment Funders Canada - Chief Cody Diabo – to be confirmed at the next Council meeting (September 5, 2023)
- Invitation: Shriners Hospital for Children-Canada to meet with delegation of Ratitsénhaienhs – tentative date - Friday, September 22, 2023
- Invitation: Ottawa to attend reception of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland - September 7, 2023 - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend
- Invitation: Québec Reception - New York Climate Week – September 8, 2023 - Sky-Deer – **Item Deferred**
- Invitation: Champlain Hudson Power Express Converter Station Ground-breaking Event – September 19, 2023 - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer to attend
- New Commissioner for Indigenous Relations, City of Montreal (Laureanne Fontaine) - First Meeting with Grand Chief – date to be confirmed
- Permission for Land Acknowledgement Tribute Signage - TD Bank Building, Toronto – Jessica Lazare to follow-up
- Travel Time Request - Chief Harry Rice – requesting time for travel from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Kahnawà:ke for transport of a cultural artifact (Heritage File) – **Approved**
- Letter of Support from MCK to Hydro-Québec – Les Jardins Wind Farm Project - Michael Delisle Jr. – Letter of support for the project to be drafted and sent to Hydro-Québec – **Approved**– one (1) abstention (Cody Diabo)
- Letter from Kateri Memorial Foundation – Gaming Portfolio to follow-up
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Consultation (Milles-îles River Wildlife Preserve), and Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation (CMHC) debrief meetings; Thursday: Weekly Consultation Committee meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: meeting with Saputo; Wednesday: Vacation Day (AM only), Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center Committee meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center and AFNQL LGBTQIA+ meetings; Friday: Vacation Day(s)
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) emergency Board of Directors meetings; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Business Coalition meeting, and Deloitte engagement session; Thursday: Consultation Committee meeting; Friday: Investment & Revenue Committee meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Social Supports & Development Portfolio meeting; Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Peacekeeper Law* review, and CMHC debrief meetings
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Tuesday: meeting with Hydro-Québec; Wednesday: Gaming Commission meeting; Friday: Investment & Revenue Committee meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Tuesday: Social Supports & Development Portfolio meeting; Wednesday: Public Works weekly meeting
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: Social Supports & Development Portfolio meeting; Wednesday: Recreation Planning (Kahnawà:ke Youth Center), CMHC debrief, and Residential Schools Survivors & Descendants engagement session meetings; Thursday: Office of The Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry staff, and Delson Project meetings
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation (Milles-îles River Wildlife Preserve); Thursday: weekly Consultation Committee meeting; Friday: Investment & Revenue Committee meeting



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- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: meeting with Hydro-Québec, and follow-up planning session with Tawatohnni'saktha; Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Business Coalition, and CMHC debrief meetings; Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Strategic Planning Session (Quebec City); Friday: Investment & Revenue Committee meeting

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Federal Band Transfer

Presence of Melanie Gilbert (General Manager, Office of The Kahnawà:ke Kanien'kehá:ka Registry). Portfolio Chief Harry Rice. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the transfer of an individual to the federal list of the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke. It was noted that the individual has already met all the criteria and been recognized as a Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke in accordance with the *Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawà:ke Law*. **Passed by Consensus**

Additional Mohawk Council Executive Directives

One (1) Land Allotments. - **Passed by Consensus**

- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at 11:11am