



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Tuesday, 5, Seskehkó:wa/September 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare (arrived at 10:30am), Iohahí:io Delisle, Ryan Montour, Harry Rice, Michael Delisle Jr., Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer (attended virtually), Lindsay LeBorgne

Out: Jessica Lazare (8:30-10:30am - Ratiwannahní:rats Orientation)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne, Tonya Perron
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut filming September 5, 2023 (Lindsay LeBorgne), Chiefs Uncut filming September 7, 2023 (Jessica Lazare)
- Community Meeting Agenda Items - September 12, 2023 (at the Knights of Columbus): 207 traffic safety, Bill C-53 Rally September 20th, Land Allotments, Open Discussion, Strategic Plan Update
- Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) requests for speakers by Charleen Schurman: Agreed to distribute requests for representatives among the Ratitsénhaienhs, to ensure as many requests as possible can be accommodated.
- Winter Wonderland: Council of Chiefs agreed to coordinate this year's tree on behalf of the MCK. Sarah Delisle, Cody Diabo, Tonya Perron all volunteered.
- Schedule Request: Employee Resource Group RTX Alliance of Indigenous Nations – Longueuil, QC - October 13, 2023 - Jessica Lazare **(Approved)**
- Invitation Canadian Education Communicators: Montreal Conference – October 27, 2023 – Ross Montour **(Approved)**
- Invitation to tour Shriners Hospital for Children–Canada - October 6, 2023, (10:30am-12:30pm): Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Iohahí:io Delisle, Arnold Boyer, Michael Delisle Jr.
- Day of Action against Bill C-53 Recognition of Metis Self-Government: September 20, 2023 – Ottawa, ON (For future discussion to confirm attendees and to forward invitation to the Community)
- Travel Request: CHPE Converter Station Event and NYC Climate Week (Grand Chief Sky-Deer) **Approved**
- Scheduling Roles and Responsibilities Refresher for Chiefs: Scheduled for September 26, 2023
- OCC Restructuring Project: Winona Polson-Lahache provided updates on the next steps in the project.
- Upcoming vacations: Stephen McComber (September 11-15, September 18, September 29-October 2, October 9-10); Harry Rice (September 12); Michael Delisle Jr. (September 11); Lindsay LeBorgne (September 12-13), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: (September 11)
- **Cody Diabo:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Rail negotiation internal prep meetings; Friday/Saturday: Great Lakes-St Lawrence Legislative Caucus (Quebec City)
- **Jessica Lazare:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration meeting, Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center and Highway 132 discussion; Friday: Draft Relationship Framework agreement
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Thursday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance Entry of Goods Technical Table (Ottawa), Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting; Friday: Wellness (am)
- **Ryan Montour:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration and CPKC Rail negotiation internal prep meetings, Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center and Highway 132 discussion; Friday: Set-up for Tewatohnhá:ren (pm)
- **Harry Rice:** Wednesday: Sports and Recreation/Sports Associations Committee meeting; Thursday/Friday: Vacation
- **Michael Delisle Jr.:** Wednesday: Bereavement (pm); Thursday: MCK and Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday-Friday: Wellness
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration meeting, Wastewater project site visit (Montreal); Friday: weekly Consultation Committee



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- **Tonya Perron:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee Monthly meetings; Friday: Draft Relationship Framework Agreement meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration meeting, Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center and Highway 132 discussion; Friday: Draft Relationship Framework Agreement meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Tuesday & Wednesday: Zero Emission Vehicle Workshop; Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration meeting, Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center and Highway 132 discussion; Friday: Draft Relationship Framework Agreement meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Meeting with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (Ottawa); Wednesday: Opening at Rio Tinto Leadership event, National Gathering for Unmarked Burials event; Thursday: MCK/Tewatohnhí'saktha collaboration meeting, Preparatory meeting for student tour of the Community; Friday: Draft Relationship Framework Agreement meeting; Saturday: Opening at Tewatohnhá:ren event

Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval to Release Funds – Kanawaki Lease
Presence of Erica Delisle (Director of Finance) Bear Lazare. Portfolio Chief Lindsay LeBorgne. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the release of Kanawaki lease revenue held in trust, to offset 2023-2024 Operational Expenditures. **Passed by Consensus**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Recreation Bay Underwater Road Removal Contract (Item Cancelled)

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: JFK Authorization – Client Attorney Privilege
Presence of Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director), Chris Stacey (Executive Infrastructure Officer), Benjamin Green-Stacey (Director of Environment Protection), Veronica Leborgne (Director, Lands Unit). Portfolio Chief Cody Diabo. **This item is Client/Attorney Privileged**

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Windfarm Project –Client Attorney Privilege
Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis (Executive Director), Eric Doucet and Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Alex Beaupre (Executive Revenue Officer), Audrey Leborgne (Business Operations Manager), Erica Delisle, (Director of Financial Services). Portfolio Chief Michael Delisle Jr. **This item is Client/Attorney Privileged**

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates:

- **Cody Diabo:** Updated on the JFK file, McGill Climate Justice for Indigenous Peoples, Leading large group Tour on September 2.
- **Harry Rice:** Updated on the Recreation File and Parks Canada Advisory Committee.
- **Arnold Boyer:** Updated on Infrastructure and Transport Portfolio.
- **Tonya Perron:** Updated on Cannabis File.
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Updated on Hydro Quebec and Housing Files and the External Government Relations Portfolio and Media requests.
- **Jessica Lazare:** Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center update.
- **Ross Montour:** Updated on the UNDRIP file, Archaeology file, and Consultation Committee.
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Updated on the Social Supports file.

Adjournment

- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:34pm**