



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 2, Kenténha/October 2023

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Chairperson), Tonya Perron, Jessica Lazare, Arnold Boyer, Ryan Montour, Lindsay LeBorgne, Ross Montour, and Stephen McComber

Out: Ratsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle (Medical Leave), Michael Delisle Jr. (Medical Leave), Cody Diabo (Vacation), Harry Rice (Wellness)

Also Present: Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), David Lahache (Public Relations), Tricia Diabo (Executive Assistant and Administrative Support Coordinator Office of the Council of Chiefs), and Sarah Delisle & Tyanna Kirby (Assistants to the Council of Chiefs)

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ross Montour
- Cheque Signers this week: Lindsay LeBorgne and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: Chiefs Uncut – Lindsay LeBorgne (October 9); MCK Friday – Ross Montour (October 13) – MCK Press Scrum (October 27)
- Minutes Approval – August 28 – **Deferred**
- Chiefs Time Off - October – Jessica Lazare - October 4 to 9 & 20 (Vacation) - Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – October 30-31 (Vacation) – Stephen McComber – October 6 & 10 (Vacation) – Ryan Montour - October 26 & 27 (Vacation)
- Letter Received - Kahnawà:ke Residential School Memorial Committee – **Deferred** - follow-up required
- Travel Request – Tonya Perron - Indigenous Courts Symposium - November 21-22 (Ottawa) - **Approved**
- Ratitsénhaienhs Community Engagement Kiosks – October 6 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm – all available Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Heritage Portfolio meeting, Vacation (pm only); Thursday & Friday: Vacation
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Gaming Commission meeting; Food Basket/Distribution meeting; Thursday: Peacekeepers Service Board meeting
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Ferme Cap St. Jacques, Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact meetings; Thursday: Three Sisters Garden; Friday: Vacation Day
- **Ross Montour:** Thursday: Consultation meeting; Friday: Adaptation Future 2023 Conference (Montreal)
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussion scheduling, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Working Group meeting; Thursday: Review of Council Package templates, Technical Drafting Committee for Administrative Tribunal Regulations, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Committee monthly meetings; Friday: Wellness Day
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Food Basket/Distribution meeting; Thursday: Public Works weekly, Onkwata'karitáhtshera meetings; Friday: Visit at the Shriners Hospital (Montreal), Jacques-Cartier & Champlain Bridges, Inc. (JCCBI) meeting
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Thursday: Public Works weekly meeting; Friday: JCCBI meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Tawatohnni'saktha Board of Directors meeting; Thursday: Wellness Day; Friday: Visit at the Shriners Hospital (Montreal)



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Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive (MCED): Cultural Arts Center Project

Presence of Trina C Diabo (Technician). Portfolio Chief Jessica Lazare. Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the MCED confirming its support for the allocation of \$6,000 000.00 from the IIF IV to the Multi-Purpose Building Cultural Arts Center project, which includes \$2,923,249.00 from the Community Infrastructures envelope and \$3,076,751.00 from the Economic Development envelope and authorizing Ietsénhaienhs Jessica Teiotsistohkwáthe Lazare, Heritage Portfolio Chief to sign the Specific Agreement between the Government of Québec and The Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke allocating the \$6,000 000.00 to the Multi-Purpose Building Cultural Arts Center from the Indigenous Initiatives Funds IV

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Indigenous Initiatives Fund – Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact

Presence of Lou-Ann Stacey (Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact) and Kaylia Marquis (Executive Strategic & Accountability Officer). Portfolio Chief Stephen McComber. Request to the Council of Chiefs to support and back the Indigenous Initiatives Fund Application submitted by the Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact and to authorize and mandate the fiscal hosts (Tammy Delaronde of Tawatohni'saktha & Derek Montour of Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services) to submit the application and sign any and all documents that result, or may result, from it. **Passed By Consensus**

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directive:

Two (2) Land Allotments – **Passed by Consensus**

Executive Office Updates:

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the Information Management Unit, MCK/Tewa board representatives, Finance, and MCK Staff event.

Ratitsénhaienhs Updates:

Lindsay LeBorgne provided an update on the Finance, Administration, and Operations file

Arnold Boyer provided an update on the R-132 resurfacing project and the Transport/MTQ file

Jessica Lazare provided an update on the Hunting & Harvesting Portfolio

Tonya Perron provided a detailed update on the Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Procurement Entity, the end of the feedback period for the draft dispensary regulations, and the Community Decision Making and Review Process

Stephen McComber updated on the Three Sisters Harvest and filming of a series for the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network

Ross Montour updated on the upcoming Iroquois Caucus and the Blackfoot Confederacy meeting in Calgary

Ryan Montour updated the Housing file, Financial Literacy Course, Public Safety Portfolio, R-207 Traffic and Safety issue, and Kahnawà:ke Labor Office files

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided an extensive update on the Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador Chiefs meeting in Montreal (September 27 & 28), the Cultural Arts Center Event, and the POP Montreal Panel Discussion event

- Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **2:45pm**