



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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# Monday, 22 Tsothohrhkó:wa/January 2024

### Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (chairperson am), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (attended virtually am, chairperson pm), Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare, Iohahí:io Delisle, Ryan Montour, Mike Delisle Jr. (attended virtually), Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Arnold Boyer, Lindsay LeBorgne

**Out:** Ratsénhaienhs Harry Rice (Wellness)

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

#### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Jessica Lazare
- Cheque Signers: Arnold Boyer and Lindsay LeBorgne
- Public Relations Items: MCK Friday – Mike Delisle Jr. (January 26), Chiefs Uncut – Cody Diabo (January 29), Press Scrum – Ross Montour, Stephen McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (January 26)
- Travel to Toronto Stock Exchange – Mike Delisle Jr. and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (January 31) **Approved**
- Vacation Requests: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (February 21-28), Arnold Boyer (February 12-16) **Approved**
- Assembly of First Nations Languages and Learning Forum - Chief Jessica Lazare (Calgary - February 27-29) **Approved**
- Travel Request – Jessica Lazare: Canada House of Commons Standing Committee on Science and Research (SRSR) panel on Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (Ottawa – February 9, 2024) **Approved**
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Internal Preparatory Session for Canadian Pacific Kansas City meeting; Thursday: Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor, and Environment meetings
- **Jessica Lazare:** Tuesday: Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center Board meeting; Wednesday: Legal Services, Multi-Purpose Building Committee and Justice Commission meetings; Thursday: Office of the Council of Chiefs Steering Committee meeting
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Shakotíia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) meeting; Thursday and Friday: Out (Wellness)
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Peacekeepers Services Board meeting; Wednesday: *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* hearing; Thursday: Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor and Connecting Horizons meetings; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC)/Public Security and Kahnawà:ke Labor Office meetings
- **Stephen McComber** Tuesday: out (Wellness); Wednesday: Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) meeting; Friday: Seed Conference Working Group meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Tuesday: Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis (SSSL) Preparatory meeting and meeting with federal representatives; Wednesday: Indigenous Rights and Research (IRR) update meeting, IRR Steering Committee meeting; Thursday: Consultation Committee meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Inc (JCCBI) Recreation Path meeting; Wednesday: Finance, Administration, and Operations Committee (FAO) appeal meeting; Thursday: out (Wellness); Friday: JCCBI monthly and FAO meetings, Movember cheque presentation
- **Lindsay LeBorgne:** Wednesday: FAO appeal meeting; Thursday: out (Wellness); Friday: JCCBI monthly and FAO meetings, Movember cheque presentation
- **Mike Delisle Jr.:** Tuesday: SSSL Preparatory meeting and meeting with federal representatives; Wednesday: Portfolio Transfer meeting; Thursday: Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor meeting, CTV interview with Mutsumi Takahashi; Friday: KGC/Public Security meeting
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Weekly Planning, FAO appeal, and Justice Commission meetings, and *Kahnawà:ke Animal Control Law* hearing; Thursday: Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services internal meeting; Friday: FAO and Justice Commission meetings, Kahnawà:ke Cannabis Control Board orientation
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Tewatohnhi'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Weekly Planning, White/Montour Community session; Thursday: Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) meeting and AFNQL cultural event planning; Friday: lunch event for employees who reached 20 years of service



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### **Agenda Items**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) Funding Proposal to First Nations Adapt Program**

*Presence of Benjamin Green-Stacey (Director of KEPO), Portfolio Chiefs Cody Diabo and Ross Montour.* Request to the Council of Chiefs to support a funding submission to the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada climate change vulnerability assessment program known as the First Nations Adapt Program, to complete a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Kahnawà:ke.

**Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Portfolio Re-Allocation**

*File technician: Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer.* Request to the Council of Chiefs to officially re-allocate the portfolios previously held by Ratsénhaienhs Michael Delisle Jr. (See press release January 23, 2024)

**Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Opening of Sovereign Wealth Fund Investment Accounts**

*Presence of Alexandre Beaupré (Executive Revenue Officer), Branden Morris (Investment Manager), Bear Lazare (Financial Analyst), Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer), Portfolio Chiefs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Michael Delisle Jr., Ross Montour, and Iohahiio Delisle.* Request to the Council of Chiefs to authorize the Revenue and Business Development Unit to open investment accounts with the respective portfolio managers of the Kahnawà:ke Sovereign Wealth Fund.

**Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Ministry of Public Security Quebec Agreement for Probationary Services**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Jo-Ann Stacey (Community Offender Reintegration Officer), Petal McComber (Family Support Worker), Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal Counsel), Robyn Montour (General Manager of Public Safety), Portfolio Chief Ryan Montour.* Request to the Council of Chiefs to authorize Lloyd Phillips, Commissioner of Public Safety, to sign the agreement on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke, concerning the delivery, by the MCK, of probationary services that affect Kahnawà:kehró:non.

**Passed by Consensus (Absent: Harry Rice and Mike Delisle Jr.)**

#### **Executive Director's Updates**

The Executive Director provided updates on the *Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Election Law* Technical Drafting Committee, Community Complaints process development for Environmental or Public Health concerns, and Human Resources updates.

#### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

**Cody Diabo** updated on the Lands Designation Working Group and Land Management

**Jessica Lazare** updated on the Community Meeting guidelines

**Arnold Boyer** provided updates from the Special Olympics Roussillon Representatives meeting

**Iohahiio Delisle** updated on the Social Supports and Development Portfolio

**Ross Montour** updated on the Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations File and IRR unit development sessions

**Stephen McComber** updated on KCI and Sustainable Development

**Mike Delisle Jr.** updated on Economic Development, Gaming, and Regulatory Boards/Commissions & Labor

**Tonya Perron** updated on the Eviction Order Regulations Information Kiosk

**Lindsay LeBorgne** updated on the FAO Committee

**Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer** updated on the Jay Treaty Border Alliance file, the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission of Quebec announcement on Workforce Development funding, and the Kahnawà:ke Cultural Arts Center

Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **4:46pm**