



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 11 Enniskó:wa/March 2024**

### **Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Tonya Perron, Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare (joined remotely for PM), Ryan Montour, Stephen McComber, Arnold Boyer and Iohahi:io Delisle

**Out:** Ratitsénhaienhs Ross Montour (Vacation), Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation) and Harry Rice (Leave of Absence)

**Also Present:** Vernon Goodleaf (OCC Project Leader, Chief Political Advisor replacement), Justus Polson-Lahache (Public Relations), Jaime-Lynn Deere (Council Meeting Administrator), Sarah Delisle & Taiawentetie Hemlock (Assistants to the Council of Chiefs)

### **Housekeeping**

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Cheque Signers: Arnold Boyer and Tonya Perron
- Public Relations: Chiefs Uncut – March 18, 2024 (Jessica Lazare), March 25, 2024 (Ross Montour), April 1, 2024 (Ryan Montour)
- Minute Approvals: December 11, 2023, January 8, 22 and 29, 2024 – **Approved**
- Travel Requests (2) – Ryan Montour – Request to attend meeting in Quebec City, Quebec on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 for a meeting on Federal Legislation on Indigenous Policing. Stephen McComber – Request to attend meeting in Ottawa, Ontario with Grocers representatives for a potential project on Container Gardens – **Both Requests Approved**
- Discussion on the frequency of Community meetings and potential for a meeting moderator
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Alcoholic Beverages Control Strategic, out PM (Personal); Thursday: Traces Quebec Discussion, External Government Relations (EGR) Monthly meeting and Crisis Response Team Weekly meeting; Friday: Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk at 3pm
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Housing Evictions and Arrears meeting, Thursday and Friday: Out (Wellness)
- **Jessica Lazare:** Chiefs Uncut filming Wednesday. First Nations Education Council Special General Meeting, Indigenous Rights and Research Presentation of Recommendations; Thursday & Friday: Iroquois Caucus in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory
- **Iohahiio Delisle:** Wednesday: Housing Evictions and Arrears meeting; Thursday EGR; Friday: Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday: Quebec City essential services meeting; Wednesday: JFK Permit Meeting and Housing Evictions and Arrears Meeting; Thursday: Weekly Crisis Response Team meeting; Friday: Kateri Food Basket meeting with representatives from Quebec and Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: Ottawa Meeting with Grocers for Container Gardens – to attend with Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact (KCI) representatives; Friday: Kateri Food Basket and Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussions, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission Monthly Meeting, KLS Working group; Friday: Meeting with Justice Quebec Representatives for Victims of Crime Services, Sugar Shack outing, Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Tuesday: Tawatohnhí'saktha Board meeting; Wednesday: Meeting with Mathieu Boucher of Hydro Quebec. Thursday: Opening at Université of Montreal Conference, Crisis Response Team meeting/EGR. Friday: Saint Patrick's Society Luncheon, Ratitsénhaienhs Kiosk

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### **Agenda Items**

#### **Request For Decision: Financial Resources for Industrial Fuel Spill Crisis Response Team**

*Presence of Suzanne Jackson (MCK Legal), Kyle Delisle (Executive Financial Officer) Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Portfolio Chief Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – Request to formalize a Crisis Response Team, lead by the Public Safety Division, to lead and coordinate all areas of response to the Industrial Fuel Spill, first reported on February 9, 2024. Areas of oversight include environmental health, communications, resource allocations, collaboration with the political sector, and to administer payments. Additionally, to allocate \$500,000 of the Emergency Measures Fund (Totalling \$1.08 million) specific to Industrial Fuel Spill costs.*

**Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Peacekeeper Funding Agreement – Additional Equipment**

*Presence of Dwayne Zacharie (Chief Peacekeepers, Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeepers (KMPK)), Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Portfolio Chief Ryan Montour – The KMPK is requesting approval to enter into a funding agreement with Public Safety Canada to provide funding for the purchase of additional equipment for the Kahnawà:ke Peacekeepers in the amount of \$1,854,733) over the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. Additionally, the request includes the authorization of Portfolio Chief (Ryan Montour) as the signatory of the agreement. **Passed by Consensus***

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Adjustment to payment transfer schedule for the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeepers**

Request to adjust the payment schedule within the Policing Agreement between the KMPK and the Quebec Government. Due to a surplus in the Quebec Government budget, an advance to formalize the transfer of funds for the remaining financial obligations within the 10-year funding agreement (April 2019 to March 2029) will be made by Quebec to the KMPK under the new payment schedule. Additionally, the request includes the authorization of Portfolio Chief (Ryan Montour) as the signatory of the new payment schedule. **Passed by Consensus**

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Request to construct new First Responder Facility in Tioweró:ton for the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeepers**

Request to approve accessing a grant from the Government of Quebec to secure \$1.8 million for the construction of a new First Responder Facility and Communications Tower in Tioweró:ton for the KMPK. The grant would cover the costs of construction of the facility and tower, professional and contractor fees, and salaries and benefits. Engagement with stakeholders to proceed. **Passed by Consensus**

### **Executive Director Update**

Executive Operations Officer Alan John Rice provided the following updates on behalf of the Executive Director - Chiefs Salary Study, Budget requests for 2024-2025 MCK Annual Budget (Peacekeepers, KCI), MCK Election Law, and a report on Asbestos Containing Materials.

### **Ratitsénhaienhs Updates**

**Cody Diabo** updated on recent development on North Creek Project.

**Iohahí:io Delisle** updated on Sports and Recreation rink project, and Economic Development discussions surrounding Northvolt.

**Ryan Montour** updated on JFK permit process for asphalt, housing units being made available to community members, and private issue regarding a community member.

**Stephen McComber** updated on KCI, a seed project, and food distribution.

**Arnold Boyer** updated on the Daily Transportation Department project to enhance School Bus vehicle branding and JCCBI Recreation Path.

**Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer** updated on Montreal Old Port visit and potential opportunity, the Jay Treaty Border Alliance, Amendment to the requirement for blood quantum, the First Women's Indigenous Leadership Conference, and a walkthrough of the Industrial Fuel Spill in Chateauguay and updates on the issue.

Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **2:44pm**.