



Monday, 18 Enniskó:wa/March 2024

Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Arnold Boyer, Tonya Perron, Stephen McComber, Ryan Montour, Iohahí:io Delisle, Jessica Lazare, Ross Montour (PM only) and Cody Diabo.

Out: Ratitsénhaienhs Ross Montour (Attended Press Conference in AM), Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation) and Harry Rice (Leave of Absence)

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

Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Introduction of Iris Montour - New Office of the Council of Chiefs Project Lead
- Cheque Signers: Arnold Boyer and Tonya Perron
- Public Relations: Chiefs Uncut – March 18 (Jessica Lazare); March 25 (Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer), April 2 (Ryan Montour); K1037 MCK Friday – March 22 (Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Ross Montour). Media black-out due to upcoming MCK Elections expected to kick-off at some point following April 3, 2024: Public Relations to monitor media coverage and recommend media blackout date as needed. Political Press Attaché appointed as lead spokesperson, with Grand Chief where necessary
- Speaking Engagement: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer - Request to speak at Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Redress Moosehide Campaign (John Abbott College – April 16). **Confirmed**
- Speaking Engagement: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – Request to speak to group of educators regarding culture and challenges of First Nations people (Lower Canada College – April 13). **Jessica Lazare to attend**
- Invitation: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – CN and CHC Foundation Request to attend CN and CHC event at Bell Centre to honor Indigenous People and hockey players, along with several other First Nations dignitaries (Montreal – March 30). **Confirmed**
- Invitation: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer – International Skating Union World Figure Skating Championship, request to attend the Opening Ceremonies of the International Skating Union World Figure Skating Championships (Montreal – March 20). **Confirmed**
- Invitation: Request to attend Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador meeting with Minister of Justice (Honourable Arif Virani) to discuss the Assembly of First Nations distribution protocol - Tonya Perron to attend virtually and an Office of the Council of Chiefs technician (in-person). **Confirmed**
- Request for support: community member requesting support for letter responding to recent negative coverage from a University publication. Ietsénhaienhs Jessica Lazare to work with community member. **Confirmed**
- Iroquois Caucus General Assembly (March 27 & 28): Request to attend the Iroquois Caucus in Onedia. Tonya Perron, Iohahí:io Delisle to attend in-person, Chief Political Advisor to attend remotely for Gaming Discussion **Confirmed**
- Request to attend Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador session on Child Compensation Settlement Agreement: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Tonya Perron to attend virtually for Chiefs Assembly and OCC Technician to attend for overview of settlement claims procedures. **Confirmed**
- Request for support letter (Indian Day Schools): Tonya Perron – Request to have MCK provide a support letter for the Waldon Case related to Indian Day Schools. **Confirmed**
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: Internal Transport and Finance, Administration and Operations (FAO) Committee meetings; Thursday: Wellness (am), Public Works Weekly meeting; Friday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges, Incorporated meeting. Out of office March 25-29 (Vacation)
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Weekly Planning, Justice Internal and FAO meetings; Thursday: medical appointment, Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services Working Group; Friday: Grand Chief's Office (GCO) and Justice Commission meetings
- **Stephen McComber:** Thursday: Mascouche Quarry Visit, Kahnawà:ke Collective Impact; Friday: Meeting with Quebec Food Bank Network
- **Ryan Montour:** Wednesday: Internal Transport, Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission (KGC) re: security, and Kahnawà:ke Shakotia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) Board meetings; Thursday: Mascouche Quarry visit, Crisis Response Team meeting; Friday: Meeting with Quebec Food Bank Network
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Wednesday: Speaking panel Bill C-92 at Concordia University; KSCS Board meeting; Thursday: Mascouche Quarry visit



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- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Internal Strategic Planning for Justice; Thursday and Friday: Experts Committee on the Potential Law for First Nations Languages (travel). Out of office March 25-29 (vacation)
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Internal Transport, Geoffrey Kelley and Samuel Fiset, and KGC meetings; Thursday: Flex time until 10am, Gaming Working Group meeting
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussion Requests, Capital Cabinet meeting, appointment; Thursday: Gaming Working Group meeting, Caisse de Depot et Placement du Quebec discussion; Friday: GCO, K1037 Partyline Talkshow and Grand Chiefs Update

Agenda Items

Request For Decision: 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Presentation

*Presence of Erica Delisle (Director of Financial Services), Bear Lazare (Finance Manager), Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director), Executive Team (Executive Financial Officer, Executive Administrative Officer, Executive Infrastructure Officer, Executive Operations Officer, Executive Strategic and Accountability Officer), Portfolio Chief Lindsay LeBorgne (Arnold Boyer & Tonya Perron) – Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke 2024/2025 Core Operating Budget, totaling \$100.1 million, including \$25.2 million for the Multi-Purpose Building. To approve External Organization (Kahnawà:ke Fire Brigade, Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language and Cultural Center, Kahnawà:ke Skawenni:io Tsi lewennahnotakhwa Library, and Tawatohni'saktha) funding requests totalling \$2.89 million; to appropriate the 2024-2025 operating surplus of \$12.8 million to the Operational Reserve. In addition, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at the 10-month review, The Finance Unit is recommending that: Due to a projected surplus of approximately \$18.3 million that \$3.4 million surplus be appropriated to the Operational Reserve, earmarked for future pension costs, and \$14.9 million of the remaining surplus be appropriated to the Operational Reserve; further recommendations and detailed breakdowns will be presented to the community via press conference scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024. **Passed by Consensus***

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Impact Assessment Agency of Canada Contribution Agreement – Signing Approval

*Presence of Onerahtókha Marquis (Executive Director) and Nathalie Murray (Office of the Council of Chiefs Project Coordinator), Portfolio Chief Ross Montour - Request from the Office of the Council of Chiefs to authorize Executive Director Onerahtókha Marquis as signatory for the application and any resulting Contribution Agreement on behalf of the MCK with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for the Indigenous Capacity and Support Program. The application for funding proposes for a \$149,125 financial contribution toward the MCK's Indigenous Rights and Research Development Project. **Passed by Consensus***

Closing by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer. Meeting ended at **2:00pm**