



# Monday, 8 Onerahtókha/April 2024

### Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Tonya Perron (Chairperson), Cody Diabo, Jessica Lazare (attended virtually), Ryan Montour, Harry Rice, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Arnold Boyer

**Out:** Nitsénhaienhs Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (Vacation), Lindsay LeBorgne (Vacation)

**Absent:** Ratsénhaienhs Iohahí:io Delisle

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

### Housekeeping

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Ryan Montour
- Cheque Signers Tonya Perron and Arnold Boyer
- Public Relations Items: MCK Friday: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Ross Montour (tentative); Chiefs Uncut: Cody Diabo April 15
- Minute Approvals - February 13, February 19, and February 26, 2024 **Approved by consensus**
- Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) Meeting: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Ross Montour to attend (Virtual meeting - April 10) **Approved**
- Two Land Allotments **Passed by consensus, (Note: Harry Rice abstained from one allotment approval, due to not knowing the individual's identity)**
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Land Management Committee (LMC) and Land Management Meeting; Thursday: CBC Radio interview, Industrial Fuel Spill Crisis Response Team (CRT) meeting; Friday: Lands Working Group meeting, Lands Chiefs Update, Weekly K911 update for Industrial Fuel Spill CRT on Facebook Live, Environment Presentation at McGill University
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Multi-Purpose Building Committee meeting
- **Ryan Montour:** Tuesday-Friday: Out (vacation)
- **Harry Rice:** In-office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: re-orientation
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Food Sovereignty meeting with Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services; Thursday: internal Specific Claims meeting
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: AFNQL virtual meeting; Thursday: Heritage and internal Specific Claims meetings; Friday: Kahnawà:ke-Canada Relations (KCR) meeting
- **Arnold Boyer:** Thursday: Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated and Public Works weekly meetings; Friday: out (Wellness)
- **Tonya Perron:** Wednesday: Strategic Discussion Weekly Planning and Kahnawà:ke Legislative Services (KLS) Working Group meeting; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Commission and KLS Working Group meetings; Friday: KLS Working Group meeting
- **Jessica Lazare:** Wednesday: Multi-Purpose Building design meeting; Thursday: KLC meeting; Friday: Lands Chiefs Update meeting; Saturday: Lower Canada College event

### Agenda Items

#### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawake/Canada Relations Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

*Portfolio Chief Ross Montour.*

To approve the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Kanien'kehá:ka of Kahnawake and Canada Relations: a New Path Forward*, which mandates the establishment of discussions on inter-governmental agreements on governance matters. The Council also mandates the Ohén:ton Í:iente ne Ratitsénhaienhs, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, to sign the MOU on behalf of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke **Passed by consensus**

#### **Record of Discussion: Request for Funding of a Highway Patrol Division of the Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeepers**

*Presence of Lloyd Phillips (Commissioner of Public Safety), Dwayne Zacharie (Chief Peacekeeper), and Robyn Montour (General Manager of Public Safety), Portfolio Chief Ryan Montour.* Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve funding for the hiring, training, outfitting and salaries of (8) eight additional Peacekeepers to develop and implement a Highway Patrol Division. **Approved to proceed to a Memorandum of Understanding regarding an increase in Kahnawà:ke Mohawk Peacekeeper Funding and the creation of a Highway Patrol Division**

### Executive Director Updates:

Onerahtókha Marquis provided updates on the Quarry working group matters, Human Resources, Economic Development administrative relationships, Multi-Purpose Building finances, and bus services.



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Updates:**

**Ross Montour** updated on the Seigneurie of Sault Saint Louis file and the Northvolt court case

**Cody Diabo** updated on the Industrial Spill CRT, and Kahnawà:ke Gaming Commission

**Ryan Montour** updated the Council about Public Safety

**Arnold Boyer** updated on Public Works/Highway 132 repaving

**Stephen McComber** provided details on the preparations for the visit from the Blackfoot Confederacy representatives in May

**Jessica Lazare** updated on the MPB trade show on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Tota Ma's

**Tonya Perron** updated on Justice Services

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **2:17pm**