



## Mohawk Council Communiqué

# Monday, 23, Seskehkó:wa/September 2024

## Meeting at Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Cody Diabo (Chairperson), Jeremiah Johnson, Iohahí:io Delisle, Paul Rice, Melanie Morrison, Ryan Montour, Jeffrey Diabo, David Diabo, Stephen McComber, Ross Montour, Tonya Perron, Arnold Boyer

**Also Present:** Meagan Ottereyes (Council Meeting Administrator), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Lisa Lahache (Public Relations), and for housekeeping only: Taiawentetie Hemlock (Executive Assistant)

### Housekeeping and Upcoming Meetings

- Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén by Cody Diabo
- Cheque Signers: Tonya Perron and Administrative Signer (name TBD)
- Update on the Skawenni:io Library books donation **Deferred**
- Elders Lodge Land Designation **For future discussion**
- Travel Request – ICE World Gaming Week, Paul Rice (Barcelona, January 2025)  
**Approved**
- Public Relations Items: K1037 radio promotion of political priorities survey on September 24 (Cody Diabo), MCK Friday, October 4 (Paul Rice, Tonya Perron)
- **Jeremiah Johnson:** Wednesday: Housing and Public Safety Portfolio meetings; Thursday: Office of the Kanien'keháka of Kahnawake Registry (OKKR) briefing, Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk, Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations Briefing; Friday: Out (Wellness)
- **Iohahí:io Delisle:** Wednesday: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada(CIRNAC)/Client-Based Services (CBS), Housing, and Alcoholic Beverages Control Board meetings; Thursday: External Governmental Relations (EGR) monthly portfolio and MRC de Roussillon meetings; Friday: Out (Vacation)
- **Paul Rice:** Monday: Gaming meeting; Tuesday: Kahnawake Cultural Arts Center (KCAC) Capital Campaign meeting; Wednesday-Thursday: out (Vacation); Friday: Investment and Revenue Committee (IRC) meeting, KCAC site visit; Saturday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk
- **Melanie Morrison:** Wednesday: Public Safety Portfolio meeting; Thursday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk; Friday: KCAC site visit and Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) bi-weekly meeting; Saturday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk
- **Ryan Montour:** Monday: Focus Group for regulations for selection of Kahnawà:ke Judges; Wednesday: Community Prevention Action Group, Housing, and Community Safety Portfolio meetings; Thursday: OKKR Briefing, EGR monthly, Justice Commission, and Police Services Board meetings; Friday: IRC and Indigenous Military Veterans Advocate meetings
- **Jeffrey Diabo:** Wednesday: Indigenous Rights and Research Steering Committee and Education meetings; Thursday: EGR monthly meeting; Friday: KCAC Site visit, Indigenous Military Veterans Advocate meeting; Saturday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk
- **David Diabo:** Wednesday: Jay Treaty Border Alliance (JTBA) and Public Safety Portfolio meetings; Friday: Indigenous Military Veterans Advocate and JCCBI bi-weekly meetings, MPB site visit
- **Stephen McComber:** Wednesday: Collective Impact meeting; Friday: KCAC site visit
- **Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Indigenous Rights and Research Steering Committee meeting, email signature appointment; Thursday: Northvolt meeting and Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk
- **Tonya Perron:** Monday: Focus Group for regulations for the selection of Kahnawà:ke Judges; Wednesday: out am (Wellness); Thursday: Justice Commission Meeting; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Governance virtual meeting; Saturday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk
- **Arnold Boyer:** Wednesday: all-day Jesuits curia and archives meeting; Thursday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk; Friday: JCCBI bi-weekly, Medical Transport, and Transports Quebec/MCK/JCCBI special meetings
- **Cody Diabo:** Wednesday: Review of Strategic Discussions, JTBA, and CIRNAC/CBS meetings; Thursday: EGR and MRC de Roussillon working group meetings, Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk; Friday: KCAC site visit, Transports Quebec/MCK/JCCBI special meeting; Saturday: Priority Setting Survey engagement kiosk

### Agenda Items

**Record of Decision: Third-Party Investigation**



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*Mary Lee Armstrong (Director of Legal Services) Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo and Jeffrey Diabo*  
**This item is confidential.**

### **Record of Decision: Kahnawake Gaming Commission Budget Request**

*Presence of Damian Whyte (Office and Compliance Manager), Portfolio Chief: Paul Rice*  
Request to the Council of Chiefs to approve \$22,000 for the update and installation of the KGC booth and meeting space for the ICE Gaming Conference in Barcelona, January 2025.  
**Passed by consensus.**

### **Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Appointment of Community Representative to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission**

*Presence of: Kevin Fleischer (Commissioner of Justice) Portfolio Chief: Tonya Perron*  
Request to the Council of Chiefs to appoint Don Patrick Martin to the Kahnawà:ke Justice Commission from September 23, 2024, to September 23, 2027.  
**Passed by Consensus**

### **Record of Decision: Condemn and Demolish Community Building**

*Presence of: Chris Stacey (Executive Infrastructure Officer) Portfolio Chief: Arnold Boyer*  
Request to the Council of Chiefs to declare the Skawenni:io Tsi lewennahnotákhwa – Kahnawà:ke Library and MCK Organizational Development Unit building as condemned and to direct for demolition and to begin work on planning for a new building to replace it.  
**Approved by Consensus**

### **Record of Decision: Decision to move back to Monthly Community Meetings**

*Portfolio Chief: Cody Diabo and Jeffrey Diabo*  
Request the Council of Chiefs to officially declare a return to monthly community meetings, beginning in January 2025, set as the last Wednesday of every month from 6pm-9pm.  
**Approved by Consensus**

### **Record of Decision: Resume Communications**

The Council of Chiefs formally ended the temporary halt on conducting business with the The Eastern Door, effective Thursday, September 19, 2024. This decision is in tandem with work the MCK is collaborating with on a community-led initiative to establish media protocols to apply at community meetings.  
**Approved by Consensus**

### **Executive updates**

*Presence of Onerahtokha Marquis, Executive Director*  
The Executive Director provided operational updates on Public Relations, Executive Directors Committee, and Human Resource matters.

### **Ratitsénhaienhs updates**

Paul Rice updated on Gaming and the Investment Revenue Committee  
Iohahí:io Delisle updated on Economic Development, KCR, the ABC Board, and taxation issues  
Ross Montour updated on the archaeology file  
Jeffrey Diabo updated on Education and Governance  
Melanie Morrison updated on the MPB, Heritage, Public Safety  
Arnold Boyer updated on Transport, Hydro Quebec, and Health/Wellness  
Tonya Perron updated on the FAO Committee, Governance, KLC

### **Adjournment**

Closing by Cody Diabo. Meeting ended at **4:15pm**