



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 25 Enníska/February 2019

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Tonya Perron, Ross Montour, Harry Rice, Mike Delisle Jr., Clinton Phillips, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Gina Deer, Carl Horn, and Frank McComber

Absent: Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby (Vacation), Lindsay LeBorgne (Medical Leave)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Paul Rice (Executive Financial Officer), and Joe Delaronde (Public Relations)

House Keeping

- **Frank McComber** formally welcomed as the newly-elected Ratsénhaienhs
- **Cheque Signers:** Michael Delisle Jr. and Administrative Signer
- **Minute Acceptance:** February 11, 2019
- **Winter Community Meeting** to take place Tuesday. All Ratitsénhaienhs to attend
- **Gina Deer:** Tuesday: meeting with Kanien'kéha Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center regarding funding opportunity; Wednesday: Governance working group, Cannabis, and Lands & Territories meetings; Vacation from Thursday, returning March 11
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Wednesday & Thursday morning: Governance working group; Thursday afternoon: travel to Toronto for Indigenous Technologies Workshop on Friday
- **Harry Rice:** Tuesday: meeting with BMO officials re: Old Montreal historical plaque; Wednesday: half Wellness Day (pm); Thursday: meeting with 'Orange Shirt' proponents of memorial for Residential Schools survivors
- **Tonya Perron & Ross Montour:** Wednesday: Consultation meeting in Quebec City; Thursday: Governance working group; Friday: Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting, Justice portfolio team meeting
- **Mike Delisle, Jr.:** Monday: Kahnawake Shakotíia'takéhnhas Community Services board meeting; Wednesday: Economic Development working group; Caisse Populaire board meeting; Thursday: Labor meeting, Collective Impact; upcoming Vacation March 11 to 22
- **Clinton Phillips:** Wednesday: Nuclear Waste Working Group conference call; Lands & Territories meetings on Wednesday and Thursday; Thursday: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations debriefing
- **Joe Norton:** travel on Thursday afternoon to Toronto for Indigenous Technologies Workshop on Friday; Vacation from March 4-8, returning to the office on March 11

Formal Agenda Items

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Chief Political Advisor Reappointment

Presence of Dwaine White. Formal Reappointment of Winona Polson-Lahache to the position of Chief Political Advisor. Passed unanimously



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Request for Decision: 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages

Presence of Reagan Tarbell (Kanién'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Language & Cultural Center - KORLCC). Request for funding in the amount of \$15,400 by the KORLCC for initiatives/activities related to the United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization International Year of Indigenous Languages. Passed unanimously

Request for Decision: Housing Restructuring

Presence of Davis Montour & Kevin Kennedy. Decision requested for the MCK to approve changes to the Housing Department. It will be designated as a Unit, separate from the current Client-Based Services structure. Also, additional funds to be made available for repairs to Social Housing facilities. (See *Press Release dated February 26 for details*)

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Discussions/Updates

- Discussion regarding Consultation issues
- Update on situation regarding Kanesatake Lawsuit (Client/Attorney Privileged)
- Discussion on Education matters
- Update on recent Iroquois Caucus meetings, including *Indian Act S-3* amendments, and status of 'Hunters/Gatherers' lawsuit
- Update on recent National Indigenous Cannabis & Hemp Conference in Ottawa
- Update on last week's Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations meetings in Ottawa
- Meeting concluded at **3:57pm**