



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 20 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2017**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby (Chairperson), Christine Zachary-Deom, Billy Diabo, Gina Deer, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Carl Horn, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Arlene Jacobs and Bobby Patton

**Out:** Joe Norton (attending meeting in Toronto), and Clinton Phillips (Vacation)

**Also Present:** Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Council Meeting Administrator), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), and Joe Delaronde (Political Press Attaché)

### **House Keeping**

- Cheque signers for the week: Arlene Jacobs & Kenneth McComber
- Fall Community Meeting will take place on Tuesday, with most of Chief & Council expected to be in attendance
- **Arlene Jacobs:** Transport meeting with Quebec representatives on Monday; Public Works meeting on Thursday; Wellness Day on Friday
- **Billy Diabo:** Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project meeting on Tuesday; meeting with Homeland Security representatives on Thursday; half day of Wellness on Friday afternoon
- **Rhonda Kirby:** Transport meeting with Quebec representatives on Monday; meeting on Education on Tuesday; Collective Impact meeting on Wednesday; Vacation Days on Thursday and Friday
- **Gina Deer:** meeting on Cannabis file on Monday; Mohawk Online meeting on Tuesday; Vacation Days on Thursday, Friday and next Monday
- **Christine Zachary-Deom:** Consultation meeting on Tuesday; Wellness Days on Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday, and Friday morning; meeting with Greenpeace representatives on Friday afternoon.
- **Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer:** Community Decision Making Process Procedural Manual working group meeting on Wednesday; Community Language planning session on Thursday; prep meeting with legal services on Friday
- **Bobby Patton & Martin Leborgne:** meeting at Client Based Services on Wednesday to discuss Christmas dinner event

### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision: Letter of Support for Language Nest**

*Presence of Samantha Montour-Cross.* The Language Nest is requesting a Letter of Support from Chief & Council for their application for funding from Aboriginal Language Initiatives (Heritage Canada). Passed unanimously.

#### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Kahnawà:ke Trades Certification Program**

*Presence of Mike O'Brien, Louis Stacey & Oliver Montour (Kahnawà:ke Labor Office).* Request for new Executive Directive that will bring into force the *Kahnawà:ke Trades Certification Program* to provide one comprehensive process that will enable Kahnawà:ke workers to attain competency certificates by eliminating boards and committees with a streamlined administrative process. This new Executive Directive replaces the former *Kahnawà:ke Labor Competency Program* (MCED #72/2014-2015) and the *Kahnawà:ke Trades Qualifications Program* (MCED #51/2015-2016). Passed unanimously

#### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Cannabis Control Law**

*Presence of Cannabis Working Group.* Request for Chief & Council to pass Resolution to provide legislation and clear direction and support for the creation of a Drafting Committee for regulations. The Mandate, Purpose and Scope of the proposed law is as follows: **1)** ensure the health and safety of the community, first and foremost; **2)** create a framework within which the production, distribution, sale, possession, and use of cannabis within the Territory will be strictly regulated; **3)** establish a licensing process for the production, sale, and distribution of cannabis in the Territory; **4)** harmonize the licensing process for the production of cannabis within the Territory with the production licensing process overseen by Health Canada; **5)** Establish criteria for the eligibility of distribution and licenses;

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6) Establish a regulatory body to be appointed by Chief & Council mandated to regulate all aspects of the cannabis industry in the Territory in strict accordance with the requirements of the law and; 7) Ensure that the community receives tangible socio-economic benefits from the proceeds received from any cannabis industry operating within the Territory. A Technical Drafting Committee will be directed to draft the proposed law prior to July 2018 with the aid of various subject-matter experts, which may be consulted from time to time. Passed, with Carl Horn objecting

### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives**

N/A

### **Discussions/Updates**

- Update/discussion on Ste. Catherine Industrial Port Zone, brought forth by Rhonda Kirby
- Discussion on progress of Electronic Gaming Devices file by Gina Deer and Paul Rice
- Further update on Cannabis file by Gina Deer and Paul Rice. More information to be issued to the community early next week regarding next steps
- Discussion on upcoming Business Coalition meeting
- Brief discussion on private casino project proposal
- Rhonda Kirby updated the table on the progress on the Women's Meetings
- Billy Diabo gave further explanation of his upcoming meetings on Border Crossing with representatives from Homeland Security
- Discussion on Education funding
- Discussion on drug testing for certain MCK employees, including Chief & Council. Most of the discussion was to clarify the legal issues that surround drug testing.
- Meeting closed at 12:27