



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 11 Onerahtókha/April 2016**

**In:** Ratitsénhahienhs Joe Norton, Martin Leborgne, Arlene Jacobs, Kenneth McComber, Rhonda Kirby, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Christine Zachary-Deom, Gina Deer, Clinton Phillips, Billy Diabo, Carl Horn, Bobby Patton (all present)

**Also Present:** Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Recorder), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

### **Housekeeping**

- Gina Deer: Tewatohnhi'sakta board meeting on Tuesday; Iroquois Caucus in Oneida of the Thames on Wednesday and Thursday (with Joe Norton, Martin Leborgne and Bobby Patton); meeting on potential medical marijuana project on Friday in Bowmanville, Ontario (with Joe Norton, Martin Leborgne and Bobby Patton)
- Rhonda Kirby: Traffic safety issue meeting on Monday; Vacation from Tuesday, April 12 to Tuesday, April 19
- Billy Diabo: meeting with Tioweró:ton caretakers on Friday
- Kenneth McComber: prep meeting re: Hydro Quebec on Wednesday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: speech at Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday; out of the office on Thursday
- Arlene Jacobs: prep meeting and Community Decision Making Process hearing on *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* on Tuesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); governance and political priorities meeting on Wednesday (with Kenneth McComber); Wellness Day on Friday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: *Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations* internal communications strategy meeting on Friday

### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Peacekeeper Services Board Continuous Improvement Audit**

*Presence of Ken Bourque.* Request by Peacekeeper Services Board (PSB) to approve project charter for a PSB continuous improvement project and appoint a steering committee until its completion (Commissioner of Public Safety Ron Skye, Director of Legal Services Mary Lee Armstrong, Portfolio Chief Gina Deer, and Executive Director Alana Goodleaf-Rice). As a result of resignations the current PSB has only two members, with resulting lack of quorum. The vacant seats will not be filled until this project is completed, in order to improve policy and governance tools. A consultant will be hired to work with PSB on this project. Projected completion date: July 2016. Passed unanimously

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

#### **Request for Decision: Approval of Amended Land Allotment Policy**

*Presence of Jean Guimond (Lands Unit) and Eric Doucet (Legal Services).* Re-tabled from April 4, 2016. Replaces MCED #46/2007-2008. Mandate and by-laws amended to the policy, designed for improved assurances of good governance of Committee. Reduction of number of Committee members to three, plus alternates. Passed unanimously

#### **Request for Decision: Step By Step Child re: & Family Care Center, Renewal of Funding Aboriginal Childcare Initiatives Program.**

Formal support for funding renewal. MCK will sign agreement between *Kahnawà:ke* and Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador via Regional Health and Social Services Commission. Passed unanimously

#### **RFD: Reading into the Minutes of Aboriginal and Northern Development Canada Multi-Year Funding Agreement #1112-03-000003 Amendment #12**

Adjustments to various block funding, set funding and flex funding portions of the Multi-Year Funding Agreement with Canada. Passed unanimously

### **Discussion/Updates**

- *Presence of Francis Walsh (Legal Services), Lynn Jacobs, Patrick Ragaz and Dennis Diabo.* Discussion on hearings on Energy East project. MCK sent notice of participation on BAP (Quebec environmental) hearings in Montreal in April 2016. Written brief to be prepared, to be presented by appropriate Council Chief. In regard to National Energy Board hearings: MCK position against project is maintained. MCK will participate in this process due to lack of acceptable alternatives at this time.
- *Presence of Francis Walsh (Legal Services).* Discussion of potential to file the Mercier Bridge Claim with Specific Claims Tribunal. (Note: the Tribunal process is problematic as it provides only monetary compensation. The original claim was rejected in July 2015). The claim would also require seeking a declaratory judgment from the Federal Court to exclude impacting Aboriginal Rights and Title from any settlement and maintain ownership of the land. It will also require additional political actions (i.e. use *Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations* process or make our own declaratory statement). Directive given to proceed.
- Meeting was closed at 4pm