



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 4 Onerahtókha/April 2016

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Martin Leborgne, Arlene Jacobs, Kenneth McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Christine Zachary-Deom, Gina Deer, Clinton Phillips, Billy Diabo

Out: Carl Horn (Wellness) Rhonda Kirby (Vacation), Bobby Patton (Vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo-Jacobs (Recorder), Dwaine White (Office of the Council of Chiefs General Manager), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

Housekeeping

- Minutes acceptance for February 1, 2016
- Gina Deer: attending proposed *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law* Hearing on Tuesday
- Clinton Phillips: Lands meeting on Monday; out of office April 18-22 (Medical)
- Billy Diabo: Onkwata'karitáhtshera meeting on Thursday
- Kenneth McComber: Finance, Administration & Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday (with Arlene Jacobs and Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer) on Wednesday; Wellness Day on Friday
- Arlene Jacobs: Meeting with Public Works on Thursday (with Billy Diabo)
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: meeting with Microgaming on Monday; Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa board meeting on Tuesday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday
- Joe Norton: meeting with representatives from Education Center on Tuesday; meeting with representatives from former Prime Minister Paul Martin's office on Tuesday
- Discussion of complaint by Kahnawake Education Center against Education Portfolio Chief Rhonda Kirby in regard to comments made on KTV. Response being drafted and will be sent upon completion.

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Land Management Committee By-Laws

Presence of Debbie Morris, Martin Stacey, Jean Guimond (Lands Unit), Eric Doucet (Legal Services). Update of original document, with mandate and by-laws amended for good governance for the Committee, which is reduced to three (3) members (plus alternates) – original committee make-up was considered inefficient, with too many representatives. Passed unanimously. This new Mohawk Council Executive Directive replaces original Mohawk Council Resolution (MCR 68/1996-1997).

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Amended Land Allotment Policy

Presence of Martin Stacey, Debbie Morris, Jean Guimond (Lands Unit), Eric Doucet (Legal Services). Discussion of proposed changes to the Land Allotment Policy. More development needed, at which time final draft document will be re-tabled for passage by Chief & Council.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None submitted

Discussion/Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer reported on various issues regarding Membership and the *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law*, with discussion following
- Gina Deer updated on several issues including a request letter from community member regarding potential casino project, and the planned response to alleged erroneous statements made by a community member. Responses will be sent in both cases
- Update/discussion on results of court decision regarding a non-Member living on the Territory. The Court ruled that the person affected has to abide by conditions, including being restricted to weekend visits only between specified hours
- Arlene Jacobs updated the table on the status of the number of Social Assistance files
- Gina Deer informed the table of the expansion of the parking area planned for the Kahnawà:ke Business Complex
- Update and discussion on upcoming Kahnawà:ke/ Canada Relations meetings scheduled for April 27-28 in Gatineau and in Kahnawà:ke in early May
- Meeting was closed at 2:28pm