



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 27 Seskéha/August 2012

In: Chiefs Mike Delisle, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Clinton Phillips, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Rhonda Kirby, Lloyd Phillips, Carl Horn, Christine Zachary-Deom, Billy Diabo, Bobby Patton, Gina Deer (all in attendance)

Also attending: Mike O'Brien (Chief of Staff, Office of the Council of Chiefs), Melissa Curotte (Recorder)

Housekeeping

- Acceptance of minutes for the following dates:
 1. June 18, 2012
 2. July 3, 2012
 3. July 6, 2012
 4. July 26, 2012
- Chief Clinton Phillips on vacation from August 30 to September 9. Back in office on Monday, September 10.

Agenda item

Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Rescinding and Replacement of Mohawk Council Resolution #5/1984-1985

Chief & Council revoked the delegated responsibility of the current Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee and appointed an interim Board of Trustees composed of Rheena Skye-Diabo, Franklin Williams and the Principals of the three Kahnawà:ke schools. Appointed Mike Diabo as an advisor to the Board of Trustees. Empowered through Mohawk Council Executive Directive #30/2012-2013 (please see entire MCED, attached). Passed by eleven (11) Chiefs, with Carl Horn objecting.

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PROPOSED BY: Ietsénhaiens Rhonda Kawenanoron Kirby

SECONDED BY: Ratsénhaiens Kenneth Karonhiatic McComber

WHEREAS the Mohawk People (Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non), as part of the Mohawk Nation (Kanien'kehá:ka) and the Iroquois Confederacy (Rotinonhsónnión:we) are, and have always been a sovereign people;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have consistently and historically declared their right to govern their own affairs;

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non have stated their intention to reinstate the structures, philosophies, concepts and principles of Mohawk Traditional Government as embodied by the Great Law of Peace (Kaianere'kó:wa);

WHEREAS the Kanien'kehá:ka Kahnawa'kehró:non abide by the principles of Power, Peace, and Righteousness prescribed in and in accordance with the Kaianere'kó:wa;

WHEREAS these principles have governed, and continue to govern, the direction of the Mohawk Nation since time immemorial;

WHEREAS Mohawk Council Resolution (MCR) No. 5/1983-84 is one of several Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke Resolutions that delegates responsibilities from the Council to the Kahnawá:ke Combined School Committee's (hereafter referred to as the KCSC);

WHEREAS These Resolutions do not establish the KCSC, they do delegate certain duties and responsibilities related to education and the schools within Kahnawá:ke to the KCSC;

WHEREAS The KCSC's internal by-laws and procedures are unclear and confusing;

WHEREAS Many parents have indicated their unhappiness with the actions taken by and the behavior of current KCSC and have petitioned the Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke to address these concerns;

WHEREAS At least one recent decision taken by the KCSC is an example of this and has resulted in significant expenditures of time and resources as well as negative attention for the Kahnawá:ke Education System;

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WHEREAS The aforementioned issues have also resulted in dissension and low morale among staff and teachers in the Kahnawà:ke Education System;

WHEREAS The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke has the legal authority to amend or suspend the authority of the KCSC by passing the appropriate MCED;

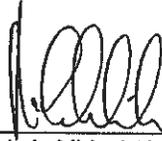
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mohawk Council Resolution # 5/1984-1985 is hereby rescinded and replaced by the present Mohawk Council Executive Directive # 30 /2012-2013.
2. The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke revokes the delegated responsibilities of the current KCSC and appoints and delegates these responsibilities to an "Interim Board of Trustees" composed of Rheena Skye-Diabo, Franklin Williams and the Principals of the three (3) Kahnawà:ke schools with Mike Diabo acting in an advisory capacity;
3. The "Interim Board of Trustees" will initiate a comprehensive consultation with parents, educators and concerned community members regarding the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System;
4. The "Interim Board of Trustees" will proceed with the hiring of the Director of Education;
5. The "Interim Board of Trustees" will oversee the financial management of the programs administered by the Kahnawà:ke Education Center and ensure that existing and future program funding needs are maintained;
6. The newly hired Director will be responsible for:
 - Supporting the "Interim Board of Trustees" with the comprehensive consultation and the administration of funding;
 - Collaborating with the "Interim Board of Trustees" in developing a plan to move forward with the results of the consultation which will include reviewing the existing "Education Blueprint" and amending the constitution;
 - Conducting a review and evaluation of the programs and operations of the Education Center and making recommendations to the "Interim Board of Trustees" for implementation;
7. The "Interim Board of Trustees" and the newly hired Director will meet with the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke Portfolio Chiefs on a monthly basis to report on the progress of the activities indicated above;
8. The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke suspends the utilization of any and all current versions of Kahnawà:ke Education System Constitutions or "Acts" until the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System has been established;
9. All operating policies and procedures currently in use at the Kahnawà:ke Education Center and at the three (3) Kahnawà:ke schools including the current function of the In-School Committees will remain in force until the future direction for the governance of the Kahnawà:ke Education System has been established.

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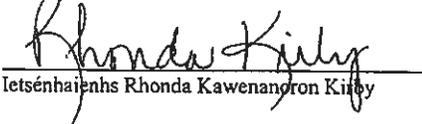
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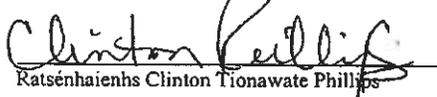


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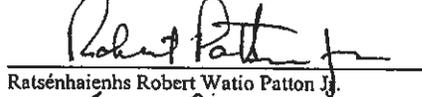
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