



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 1 Enniska/February 2016

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Rhonda Kirby (Chair), Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Arlene Jacobs, Christine Zachary-Deom, Bobby Patton, Clinton Phillips

Out: Joe Norton (Conference), Gina Deer (Conference), Carl Horn (Wellness), Billy Diabo (Medical Leave)

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 December 14, 2016 and January 11, 2016. Both passed unanimously
- Bobby Patton: Algonquin Land Claim prep session on Wednesday; Algonquin Land Claim meeting in Ottawa on Thursday; Vacation February 10 to 17
- Kenneth McComber: Kanien'kéha Onkwawén:na Raotitiohkwa Cultural Center (KOR) meeting, and Finance, Administration & Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Arlene Jacobs)
- Clinton Phillips: meeting with Akwesasne Environment Portfolio Chief Troy Thompson on Wednesday; Quarry committee meeting on Friday; late arrival for next Monday's Council meeting (Medical appointment)
- Arlene Jacobs: Finance, Administration & Operations meeting with Caisse Populaire Kahnawake on Tuesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); Wellness day on Friday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: KOR board meeting on Tuesday; Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission meeting on Thursday
- Martin Leborgne: Medical appointment on Thursday; information sharing meeting on Seven Nations historical file on Friday (tentative)
- Rhonda Kirby: attending Labor meeting in Quebec City on Thursday

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Authorization for Paul Rice to Sign Letter of Engagement Regarding Valuation of Continent 8
Presence of Paul Rice (Executive Financial Officer). Paul Rice authorized to sign documents on behalf of MCK regarding valuation process of Continent 8. Passed unanimously.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

None

Discussion/Updates

- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer updated the table on Membership issues, including the most recent Membership Law Hearing and Residency contravention notices
- Christine Zachary-Deom provided an update on the Consultation Committee
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed the table on the progress of an initiative to have social clubs and restaurants participate in non-smoking days in the community. Also requested a status report on the new animal protection facility (dog pound)
- Kenneth McComber described a project to create a water taxi service to access the North Wall/Flat Rocks area this summer
- Bobby Patton brought an issue to the table regarding policy of preference to qualified local contractors
- Clinton Phillips brought the issue of the proposed community gas bar to the table. Kevin Kennedy attended the discussion and provided an update on the progress of the project – studies and information gathering not yet completed
- Martin Leborgne gave a brief update on last week's Iroquois Caucus, with input from Bobby Patton
- Arlene Jacobs informed the table on damages done to local school buses
- Rhonda Kirby presented updates on last week's meeting with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and indicated that there is a commitment to continue dialogue on four main issues (see press release dated February 1, 2016 for details). Also provided status reports on education, the status of the Fair Wage Agreement, update on safety issues regarding Highway 132 at Petro T, Kahnawà:ke representation on Ononto:kon Treatment Center board of directors, letter of support for Connecting Horizons initiatives.
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer asked for clarity regarding confidentiality issues. A strategic discussion will be scheduled to deal specifically with the matter.
- Meeting was closed at 1:13pm