



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 22 Enníska/February 2016

In: Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Arlene Jacobs, Christine Zachary-Deom, Gina Deer, Carl Horn, Clinton Phillips, Bobby Patton

Out: Billy Diabo (Medical Leave)

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

Housekeeping

- Winter Community Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, March 15
- Kenneth McComber: guest on K103 Talkshow on Tuesday to discuss proposed Water Taxi project
- Christine Zachary-Deom: meeting on Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations Justice file on Thursday; Vacation next Wednesday through Friday, March 2 to 4
- Clinton Phillips: meetings on Friday re: JFK Quarry and Recreation Bay project
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: meeting re: relocation of Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission offices (Friday); Finance, Administration & Operations Committee budget review meeting (with Kenneth McComber and Arlene Jacobs) on Friday; Vacation from March 9 to 16
- Arlene Jacobs: K103 Talkshow on Monday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); Quebec Kahnawà:ke Relations strategy session on Friday (with Rhonda Kirby); Vacation from February 29 to March 11
- Gina Deer: Peacekeepers assessment meeting on Monday; meeting on gaming on Wednesday; update meeting on Mt. Kaaikop situation on Thursday; Vacation from February 29 to March 4
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting with Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee on Tuesday (with Bobby Patton); Wellness day on Wednesday
- Joe Norton: Medical appointment on Tuesday morning; Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations meetings in Ottawa on Wednesday and Thursday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Clinton Phillips); K103 Talkshow on Friday
- Request for Decision: Clarification needed by Housing Department in regard to decision-making processes in certain instances. *Presence of Alexis Shackleton, Rosemary Lahache and Iris Jacobs.* It was unanimously agreed that, in certain and specific circumstances, Chief & Council will be responsible to make decisions on Housing matters. Please note that, in the past, the Chief holding the Housing Portfolio had the authority to make the same decisions. Passed unanimously

Formal Agenda Items

Discussion: Finance, Administration & Operations (FAO) Committee Terms of Reference

Explanation and discussions on proposed changes/updates to the FAO Committee's Terms of Reference. Document will be submitted for formal approval at next Council Meeting.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Land Allotment

Passed unanimously, with one abstention for conflict of interest (Martin Leborgne)

Discussion/Updates

- Martin Leborgne provided update on constitution of MCK's Safety Committee, which will be brought formally to Chief & Council for input
- Christine Zachary-Deom brought to the table an invitation from Quebec Minister of Culture and Communications Helene David to attend an event in Quebec City to take place on Monday, March 7th. It was agreed that the event was worthy of MCK's participation; consideration to send a relevant staff member, as Chiefs not available due to budget sessions.
- Discussion on potential addendum to MCK Language and Culture policy, brought forth by Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer
- Discussion on renewal of relationship with Microgaming, a company that previously donated substantial monies to Kahnawà:ke's language programs, brought forth by Joe Norton. Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer will meet with appropriate representatives for follow-up
- Update by Clinton Phillips on Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador meetings last week on Matrimonial Real Property issues, which included participation of Federal Ministers of Indigenous Affairs and Justice
- Arlene Jacobs brought up complaints regarding alleged Native community located near Beauharnois. Certain businesses complained to MCK that members of the aforementioned community are pressuring their businesses to accept their self-issued 'status' cards for tax exemption. Community will be made aware of the issue and businesses reminded that only Kahnawà:ke maintains certain off-reserve tax exemptions in this area.
- Arlene Jacobs updated Chief & Council that safety concerns regarding vehicles in front area of Kateri School and Youth Center are being addressed
- Meeting was closed at 12 noon