



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 23 Enniska/February 2015

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

Out: Mike Delisle (sick day)

Also Present: Samantha Montour-Cross (recorder), Dwaine White (General Manager, Office of the Council of Chiefs)

House Keeping

- Agenda set for March 10, 2015 Winter Community Meeting: Land allotments; Seigneurie of Sault St. Louis Consultation update; First Nations Regional Health Survey update (presented by Onkwata'karitáhtshera); Election Law update; open discussion
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Attending health conference in Quebec City Monday to Thursday
- Kenneth McComber: CP Rail (Monday) and Hydro Quebec (Friday) prep meetings. CP Rail joint meeting on Wednesday
- Bobby Patton: Attending Iroquois Caucus tobacco working group meeting on Thursday in Tyendinaga
- Gina Deer: Emergency Preparedness meeting on Monday; gaming meeting on Wednesday
- Rhonda Kirby: Step By Step strategy session on Monday; Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative meeting on Friday
- Martin Leborgne: Taking vacation days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Attending Final Reading for Election Law on Thursday (see press release dated February 25 for details)
- Clinton Phillips: Kahnawà:ke/Canada main table meeting on Monday (with Lloyd Phillips); lands meetings on Thursday and Friday
- Lloyd Phillips: Policing initiative meeting on Wednesday
- Mike Delisle: on vacation from Tuesday, February 24 to Tuesday, March 3 inclusive

Agenda

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Decision: Hydro Quebec Line 3 Specific Claim Submission

Presence of Eric Doucet, Francis Walsh (MCK Legal Services), Winona Polson-Lahache. Based on the recommendations, decision made to proceed with the claim against the Federal government. Passed unanimously.

Discussions/Updates

- Martin Leborgne gave a brief update regarding a meeting with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Chiefs Brian David, Joe Lazore and Billy Sunday on February 19. Bobby Patton also attended. Topics: Iroquois Caucus tobacco lawsuit, hunting issues
- Christine Zachary-Deom, Gina Deer: provided an update on Elected Women's conference held from February 17-20 in Quebec City
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: received approval to provide a letter of support to Kahnawake Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services proposed project to promote/foster leadership; updated on February 17 Haudenosaunee language gathering; provided updated on Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotiohkwa Cultural Center strategy session
- Rhonda Kirby informed the table that the Tobacco Strategy health initiative project was accepted; updated on Ministère des Transport du Quebec session held last week to inform local contractors about the bidding process to be used for upcoming Mercier Bridge maintenance and repair contract
- Lloyd Phillips: gained approval from the table to proceed with a letter to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada regarding MCK's concerns regarding certain clauses in Canada's proposed Bill 51 anti-terrorism legislation