



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 25 Tsothohrkó:wa/January 2016**

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

**Out:** Clinton Phillips (Medical appointment), 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**

- Meeting began with Chief & Council observing a Moment of Silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy at La Loche First Nation in Saskatchewan
- Joe Norton: attending Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador Chiefs' Meeting in Wendake on Tuesday and Wednesday; meeting with Quebec premier Philippe Couillard (with Rhonda Kirby) on Wednesday; attending Iroquois Caucus in Ottawa on Thursday
- Gina Deer: Vacation days from Wednesday to Friday; attending International Gaming Exposition (with Joe Norton) in London, England on Saturday (event begins on Monday, February 1)
- Bobby Patton: attending Iroquois Caucus meetings in Ottawa on Wednesday and Thursday (with Martin Leborgne)
- Kenneth McComber: meeting with Library committee on Wednesday; meeting at McGill University regarding Indigenous Inclusion program on Thursday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: attending Hearing for proposed amendments to *Kahnawà:ke Membership Law* on Tuesday (with Arlene Jacobs); informed table that she will be taking Vacation from March 9-16
- Request for Support: Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer informed the table of an initiative that would see various establishments in Kahnawà:ke be approached to participate in 'smoke free' days on an occasional basis. She proposed a six-month pilot project, in which she will first consult stakeholders, then conduct a survey in March. Project Charter was presented and received unanimous support

### **Formal Agenda Items**

#### **Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Amendments to Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) Mandate**

*Presence of Leslie Skye, Kim Beauvais, Kevin Fleischer, Jean Pommerville and Joe Delaronde.* Proposed changes to KLCC Mandate to increase community representation to two Commissioners from the current one (with one Alternate); to create an additional Organizational Representative Commissioner; and to simplify quorum requirements to hold meetings. Passed unanimously, with proviso for Organizational Representative Commissioner to be revisited within the next few months on recommendation from Chief & Council. Passed unanimously.

### **Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives**

#### **Request for Decision: Land Allotment**

Passed unanimously

### **Discussion/Updates**

- Joe Norton and Kenneth McComber provided update on the Destinations tourism project
- Gina Deer informed the table that progress is on-going with the Mohawk Online enterprise and that formal announcements should be forthcoming in the near future
- Gina Deer informed the table that Jimmy Jacco, Larry Beaton and Ryan Cross have been selected as the successful applicants for the position of Investigator with the Kahnawake Peacekeepers; also informed Chief & Council that the internal assessment document on the Peacekeeper Services Board has been completed
- Bobby Patton and Gina Deer updated on upcoming and on-going meetings with the Kahnawake Tobacco Association in regard to the proposed *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law*
- Meeting was closed at 12 noon