



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 16 Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2016

In: Ratitsénhahienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Carl Horn, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Martin Leborgne, Christine Zachary-Deom, Clinton Phillips, Arlene Jacobs, Bobby Patton, Gina Deer, Kenneth McComber, Billy Diabo (all in attendance)

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

- Minute acceptance for February 29 and March 21, 2016. Passed unanimously
- Bobby Patton: Attending funeral for Listuguj Police Chief on Tuesday and Wednesday, using Wellness Days
- Martin Leborgne: Meeting on Housing issues on Tuesday
- Billy Diabo: Meeting with Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Project on Tuesday; out for part of Wednesday morning for Medical
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: attending Membership Law Hearing on Tuesday (with Arlene Jacobs); participating in Education Visioning workshop on Tuesday and Wednesday (with Rhonda Kirby); appearing on K103 Talkshow on Thursday to promote Blue Light Project (Tobacco Reduction initiative); Wellness Day on Friday
- Rhonda Kirby: attending Champlain Bridge meeting (with Christine Zachary-Deom and Arlene Jacobs); Kahnawà:ke/Quebec Relations Central Table meeting in Quebec City (with Joe Norton)
- Christine Zachary-Deom: Justice Commission meeting on Thursday
- Clinton Phillips: Environment Protection meeting on Tuesday afternoon; Land Management Committee meeting on Thursday; tree-planting ceremony at MCK Language and Culture Center on Saturday
- Arlene Jacobs: Membership Law working group meeting on Thursday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer); Wellness Day on Friday
- Joe Norton: attending court case on Tuesday, and prep meeting for upcoming Truth & Reconciliation conference in Toronto; meeting with members of Kahnawà:ke business community on Thursday
- Request for Letter of Support for a local business. Deferred, as more information is needed in order to make decision. Bobby Patton and Martin Leborgne to follow up.

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: 2016 Household Survey Presence of Allison Jacobs (Tewatohnhi'sáktha). Request for support by Chief & Council for a major survey initiative to determine information on employment situation within the community (i.e. types of career, current employment situation, employer, etc.). MCK support will allow Tewatohnhi'sáktha to apply for funding from the Aboriginal Initiatives Fund to cover 50% of the survey costs. Passed unanimously.

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

Request for Decision: Designation of Authorized Signer for Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the MCK and Hydro Quebec.

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services) and Lanny Jacobs. MCK has been working towards the formal return of certain lands currently held by Hydro Quebec back to Kahnawà:ke. The MOU is not a final agreement but, rather, a step towards returning these lands on behalf of the community. Kenneth McComber authorized to sign MOU on behalf of MCK. Passed unanimously.

Discussion/Updates

- Rhonda Kirby informed the table that the Regional Health Survey has been completed, with over 600 community members participating. She also provided an update on the pending Cooperation Agreement with Quebec in regard to works to take place on Route 207. MCK will handle both Technical and Construction aspects on the 207 Rehabilitation works. MCK will only handle the Construction aspects of the new 207/Highway 30 intersection. A Mohawk Council Executive Directive is forthcoming, with Council Chiefs expressing their initial support
- Martin Leborgne asked for clarification on whether there have been any changes to the land regime at Tioweró:ton. No changes at this time
- MCK Executive Financial Officer Paul Rice presented an update on financial matters
- Kenneth McComber provided a brief update on the St. Lawrence Seaway Water Taxi project. More information/planning needed before formal decision is made to proceed
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer provided an update on potential major funding for language programs. Formal announcement is imminent.
- Update and discussion on the Kanawaki Golf Club lease agreement
- Meeting was closed at 3:40pm