



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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### **Monday, 16 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2015**

**In:** Ratitsénhaienhs Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby, Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, Clinton Phillips, Martin Leborgne, Kenneth McComber, Arlene Jacobs, Bobby Patton, Gina Deer

**Out:** Billy Diabo (medical leave, to return on December 4, 2015), Carl Horn (Peacekeeper graduation ceremonies in Regina, Saskatchewan), Christine Zachary-Deom (consultation meeting)

**Also Present:** Trina Diabo Jacobs (recorder), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director), Dwaine White (Office of the Council of Chiefs General Manager), Winona Polson-Lahache (Chief Political Advisor, Office of the Council of Chiefs)

#### **Housekeeping**

- The final Council meeting before the Christmas/New Year break will be held on December 14
- Chiefs attending Fall Community Meeting on Tuesday
- Arlene Jacobs: Transportation meeting on Tuesday; Petroleum/Tobacco/Alcohol overview meeting on Wednesday
- Clinton Phillips: attending Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) Special Chiefs' Assembly in Odanak on Wednesday and Thursday
- Martin Leborgne: attending Housing conference in Odanak on Tuesday and Wednesday; Social Development Users Committee meeting on Thursday
- Kenneth McComber: attending Veterans function at St. Willibrord school in Chateauguay on Monday; Telecommunications meeting on Tuesday; meeting with CP Railway on Wednesday; out Friday (Wellness)
- Gina Deer: meeting with Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies, Peacekeeper Services Board on Monday
- Rhonda Kirby: meeting with Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee on Monday; Kahnawake Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services meeting on Wednesday; Commerce and Trade meeting on Thursday
- Bobby Patton: attending meeting in Pembroke, Ontario regarding Algonquin land claim on Wednesday and Thursday. On Vacation from Tuesday, November 24 to Monday, November 30. Back in the office on Tuesday, December 1.
- Joe Norton: attending AFNQL Special Chiefs' Assembly in Odanak on Wednesday and Thursday

#### **Formal Agenda Items**

##### **Discussion on Education**

Preparatory meeting for Tuesday evening's Fall Community Meeting. Formal discussion on recent announcement by Kahnawake Education Center regarding funding shortfalls/Issues.

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

- **Request for Decision, Iroquois Village Project**  
*Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services).* Approval of creation of non-profit corporation in order to receive funding available in regard to an 'Iroquois Village' attraction to be located in Montreal during the city's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The funds will be used to move the attraction to Kahnawà:ke once the events are completed. The funding will include monies for a feasibility study. Passed unanimously.

#### **Discussions/Updates**

- Membership discussion on Action Item. Notice to be issued/published (see press release dated November 18, 2015 for details)
- Discussion of community member issue regarding land ownership dispute. Lands Unit personnel in to answer questions. Unanimous agreement to uphold previous decisions in regard to this file
- Update by Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission regarding the proposed *Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law*.
- Meeting closed at 3:30pm