



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 2 Kentenhkó:wa/November 2015

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

Out: Billy Diabo (medical leave, to return on December 4, 2015), Christine Zachary-Deom (wellness).

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)

House Keeping

- Minute Acceptance for September 28 and October 19, 2015. Passed unanimously
- Fall Community Meeting: meeting will be delayed one week – rescheduled to Tuesday, November 17
- Explanation and discussion of Community Portrait Data Collection project. It was determined that the project should actually be addressed by Onkwata'karitáhtshera (the health committee consisting of participants of the relevant organizations). They will be notified immediately.
- Gina Deer: Tewatohnhi'sakta meeting on Tuesday (with Martin Leborgne); medical facility working group meeting on Wednesday (with Joe Norton); meeting with Mt. Kaaikop group on Thursday
- Martin Leborgne: off Thursday and Friday
- Bobby Patton: attending First Nations Education Council meeting in Montreal on Wednesday; off Thursday and Friday
- Kenneth McComber: Finance, Administration & Operations Committee meeting on Wednesday (with Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer and Arlene Jacobs)
- Rhonda Kirby: Kahnawake Shakotii'a'takehnhas Community Services suicide prevention workshop; meeting regarding elders' snow removal, Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee terms of reference meeting on Friday
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: Kahnawà:ke/Canada Relations preparatory meeting on Monday (with Clinton Phillips); attending Dreams Take Flight early Wednesday morning and late Wednesday night (with Gina Deer); Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitíóhkwa Cultural Center election on Thursday
- Clinton Phillips: attending Remembrance Day parade on Saturday (with Kenneth McComber)
- Joe Norton: Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador special meeting with Premier Philippe Couillard (see press release dated November 2 for details); off Friday

Formal Agenda Items

None submitted

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

- **Request for Decision: Appointment of Winona Polson-Lahache to the position of Chief Political Advisor**
Appointment for three year period to run concurrently with the Council term. Winona Polson-Lahache will replace Mike O'Brien, who chose not to reapply for the position. There will be a two-month transition period. Passed unanimously (see press release dated November 2 for details)

Discussions/Updates

- Discussion on Kahnawà:ke's role in a proposed joint project between Kahnawà:ke and Lachine commemorating Montreal's 375th Anniversary. There are issues that still need to be addressed before any partnership can be formalized
- Discussion of Petition/Complaint signed by 165 community members asking MCK to remove Martin Leborgne from the Tioweró:ton portfolio. While Chief & Council decided that removal was not warranted, Chief Leborgne announced that he will relinquish his role on the Tioweró:ton file effective immediately (see press release date November 3 for details). Lands Portfolio Chiefs Clinton Phillips and Carl Horn will maintain the file until Chief Billy Diabo returns from medical Leave on December 4, 2015
- Meeting closed at 12:12pm