



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 26 Kenténha/October 2015

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

Out: Billy Diabo (wellness), Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer (vacation)

Also Present: Trina Diabo Jacobs (recorder), Dwaine White (Office of the Council of Chiefs General Manager), Winona Polson-Lahache (Project Leader, Office of the Council of Chiefs)

House Keeping

- Joe Norton, Bobby Patton and Martin Leborgne to attend an Assembly of First Nations of Quebec & Labrador (AFNQL) special Chiefs Meeting in Val d'Or on Tuesday to deal with the issue of alleged abuses against native women by certain Sûreté du Québec officers
- Joe Norton, Rhonda Kirby and three technicians to attend Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations meeting on Wednesday (see press release dated October 28 for details)
- Rhonda Kirby: attending Regional Health Survey update meeting and Social Policy meeting on Monday; Tobacco reduction strategy meeting on Thursday
- Christine Zachary-Deom: attending Consultation Committee meeting on Monday; Kahnawake Combined Schools Committee Annual General Assembly on Tuesday; Montreal Energy Policy meeting on Thursday (with Clinton Phillips)
- Kenneth McComber: meeting with Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa on Wednesday
- Gina Deer: meeting with Canadian Gaming Association on Tuesday; appearing on K103 Partyline talkshow and attending First hearing of proposed Kahnawà:ke Tobacco Law on Thursday; court appearance on Friday
- Clinton Phillips: Lands meeting on Tuesday

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Approval of Quebec/Kahnawà:ke Relations Sectorial Table Regarding the Administration of Justice

Presence of Ron Skye, Paul Nicholas and Tonia Williams. Formal approval to move forward to discuss potential changes in Quebec legislation in respect to Kahnawà:ke jurisdiction. Passed unanimously

Request for Decision, Mohawk Council Executive Directive: Medical Facility project

Presence of Dale Montour (consultant), and Paul Rice. Mandate given to create a preliminary working group to explore potential medical facility project. The Working Group will consist of Grand Chief Joe Norton, Economic Development Portfolio Chief Gina Deer (with Martin Leborgne as her alternate), Winona Polson-Lahache, Paul Rice and Jean Pommerville (MCK Legal Services). A larger, more comprehensive working group would be created should the project move past this initial stage. Agreement that a non-disclosure agreement would be signed by both parties should the project proceed. Passed unanimously

Other Mohawk Council Executive Directives

- Land allotments (1)

Discussions/Updates

- Discussion on the allegations of abuses of Native women by certain Sûreté du Québec police officers in the Val d'Or region. As noted above, three chiefs will attend an AFNQL special meeting on Tuesday
- Clinton Phillips brought up the fact that Mohawk Council of Akwesasne still issues replacement Indian Status Cards in certain circumstances. To follow up, Chief Arlene Jacobs will bring the topic to the Membership Department for further discussion.
- Meeting closed at 11:55am