



Mohawk Council Communiqué

Monday, 5 Kenténha/October 2015

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

Out: Gina Deer (vacation – returning to office on Wednesday)

Also Present: Trina Diabo Jacobs (recorder), Alana Goodleaf-Rice (Executive Director)

House Keeping

- Minutes acceptance for August 31 and September 21, 2015. Passed unanimously
- Land allotment. Passed unanimously
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer: meeting on Tuesday with 'Grass Roots' group regarding Membership/Residency issues (with Arlene Jacobs and Joe Norton); Finance Administration & Operations meeting (with Kenneth McComber and Arlene Jacobs) on Wednesday; preparatory meeting on Thursday regarding upcoming 'Membership' court case; vacation day on Friday
- Kenneth McComber: meeting with Kanien'keháka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Cultural Center on Tuesday regarding upcoming events
- Martin Leborgne: Housing meeting Tuesday; Independent Living Center meeting on Wednesday (with Bobby Patton)
- Bobby Patton: meeting with Kahnawà:ke Legislative Coordinating Commission (KLCC) on Monday
- Rhonda Kirby: Social Policy meeting on Tuesday; vacation days on Wednesday and Thursday; Connecting Horizons meeting on Friday
- Arlene Jacobs: meeting with Public Works on Thursday (with Billy Diabo)
- Christine Zachary-Deom: meeting with KLCC on Wednesday
- Billy Diabo: tentative meetings on lands issues on Monday and Tuesday. Out of office on Friday (wellness)
- Joe Norton: meeting on potential health care project on Wednesday
- Several Chiefs will be attending the day of Action march in Montreal on Friday
- Discussion of response letter from Mike Delisle

Formal Agenda Items

Request for Decision, Submission to Canadian Revenue Agency to confirm Public Body Tax Exemption

Presence of Eric Doucet (MCK Legal Services), Karlie Marquis. Potential revenue saving in regard to tax exemption measures that could be explored by the MCK. Deferred pending more research.

Discussions/Updates

- Kenneth McComber updated the table on meetings with the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer gave an update on her trip to convocation ceremonies in New Hampshire last week.
- Discussion on several internal staffing matters
- Clinton Phillips brought up concerns/complaints from community members regarding the removal of several trees during the erection of the new electronic billboard located at the former traffic circle near the Kahnawake Sports Complex
- Martin Leborgne reported on the recent Iroquois Caucus with additional input from Joe Norton. Update on new direction to move away from individual community issues, tobacco discussions and the decision to hold most future Caucus meetings in Ottawa
- Discussion on wireless Internet services being offered in the community. Concerns regarding lack of information on alleged proliferation of new towers.
- Bobby Patton brought up topic of potential hunting issues in other territories. Follow-up underway to determine exact situation. Community will be informed if necessary
- Meeting was closed at 12:20pm.