



## **Mohawk Council Communiqué**

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**Monday, 1 Tsothóhrha/December, 2008**

*The following is a synopsis of the latest Council Meeting*

### **Chief Attendance**

**In** – Chiefs Mike Delisle Jr., Mike Bush, Martin Leborgne, Peter Paul, Peggy Mayo-Standup, Rhonda Kirby, Warren Lahache, John Dee Delormier, Johnny Montour, Kenneth McComber.

**Absent** - Chief Marvin Zacharie (Personal Day).

**Also present** - Melanie Gilbert (Interim OCC Coordinator).

### **Housekeeping**

#### **Travel**

- Chief Warren Lahache will attend the Peacekeeper graduation ceremonies and will speak to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations on Policing, both in Regina, Saskatchewan. Lahache will be out of the office from December 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Martin Leborgne will travel to Kanehsatá:ke to take part in the Tioweró:ton Committee meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Peter Paul will be in Ottawa December 4<sup>th</sup> for a meeting on Education.
- Chiefs Mike Bush & Martin Leborgne were both invited by INAC to view the new Federal Status Card at Akwesásne. No date has been set.

#### **Table Updates**

- Chiefs Johnny Montour and Martin Leborgne updated the table on the most recent Iroquois Caucus meeting which took place in Ottawa last November 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Highlights included a very successful 'meet and greet' with various members of the new Canadian parliament. Eighteen MPs were in attendance, including Justin Trudeau who expressed wishes to visit Kahnawà:ke in the near future, possibly in January 2009. Discussions also took place with various MPs to explain the Caucus' concerns with regards to the Matrimonial Real Property Law. Discussions also took place with MP Mark Lemay and others with regards to passport issues. In particular, the recent insistence from the Société de l'Assurance Automobile de Québec to provide a Canadian passport as identification when acquiring or renewing a Québec driver's permit.
- Chief Warren Lahache updated the table about recent happenings with the AFNQL.
- Chief Kenneth McComber updated the table following his meetings at First Nations Education Council last week.
- Chief John Dee Delormier noted that Casino Plaza Royale has placed ads in Kahnawà:ke post office boxes seeking investors/shareholders to buy into their venture.
- Chief Rhonda Kirby is speaking with representatives regarding the passing of the Olympic Torch through Kahnawà:ke on its cross-country journey to Vancouver, BC.



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### **The following agenda items were discussed:**

#### **Kahnawà:ke Youth Center – Annual Review Engagement**

*Technician present: Marcy Delisle.*

Executive Director of the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center (KYC), Davey Diabo, presented for approval the financial statements of the KYC's Financial Position as of March 31, 2008. Chief and Council signed-off with unanimous approval and conveyed congratulations on the continued good work that the Kahnawà:ke Youth Center provides to the community year after year.

#### **RFD: INAC Flow Through Funding to Kahnawà:ke Education Center**

*In attendance: Ryan Rice, Marylee Armstrong, Mike O'Brien & Alexis Shackleton.*

Executive Director Edward Cross and Louie John Diabo of the Kahnawà:ke Education Center (KEC) presented options regarding funding sources which require further consideration by Chief and Council. The matter will be followed up at an informal Council meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008. As a result, the 'Request For Decision' was rescheduled to the December 8, 2008 official Council meeting.